It takes two to tango revisited –

a qualitative study on the integration and
participation of people with SCI from an
insider perspective

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The project is inspired by a study on integration and disability called „It takes two to tango …“

Social integration and participation are considered as major goals in SCI rehabilitation. However, nobody really knows how to get there or how to measure it! (Clinical) Research often stops where processes of integration or exclusion start to unfold. It is unclear what people with SCI themselves understand by integration and participation.
Main Study Objectives I:

● to reconstruct the concepts of integration and participation from the experiences of people living with SCI;

● to come to definitions of integration and participation rooted in people’s life worlds;

● to identify perceived determinants of integration and participation (over the course of living with SCI);

● to learn about strategies people apply in order to reach satisfactory levels of integration and participation.
Main Study Objectives II:

- to compare these issues with regard to (amongst others)
  - different European countries.
Study Design

- Qualitative survey with guided narrative interviews.
- Population: Adults with SCI living in the community.
- Currently, the interview guide is being pre-tested with 15 persons (quota with respect to gender, para-/tetraplegia).
- Up to now, extremely positive response in Switzerland.
Future Challenges

- Sampling in different European countries?

- Funding for European study?
  Idea: Parallel to the pilot in Switzerland a grant for an expanded study will be submitted to the EU.

- Data management and analyses!
Further information, ideas, critique?

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Any questions?