

RQ+ 4 CO-PRO

Research Quality Plus for Co-Production

RQ+ 4 Co-Pro is an approach to defining and evaluating the quality of co-production. It allows tailoring to context, values, and purpose. It can support planning, management and learning across the lifecycle of a co-production project, program or organization.

The RQ+ 4 Co-Pro Framework

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Contextual Factors



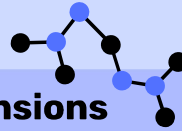
1. Knowledge Use Environment

2. Research Environment

3. Capacities for Co-Production

2.

Quality Dimensions & Sub-Dimensions



1. Rigour

- 1.1 Design
- 1.2 Methodological Integrity

2. Legitimacy

- 2.1 Inclusion of Local Knowledge & Ways of Knowing
- 2.2 Trust, Power & Mutually Beneficial Partnerships
- 2.3 Intersectionality
- 2.4 Attention to Potential Negative Consequences

3. Positioning for Use

- 3.1 Relevance
- 3.2 Openness & Actionability

3.

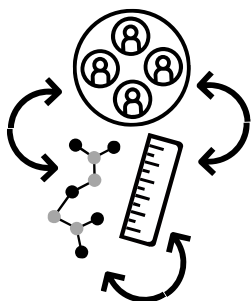
Empirical & Systematic Appraisal



Characterization of each contextual factor, dimension and sub-dimension is done using tailored rubrics. These rubrics combine quantitative and qualitative measures and draw on empirical evidence.

Quality ratings are made on an 8-point scale showing four levels of performance (or progress), and contextual factors are placed on a 4-point rubric indicating a categorical assessment. This is just one example. Scales should be designed to fit a purpose.

A Dynamic Approach



Before

Priority-Setting & Design

During

Management & Development

After

Reporting Results, Evaluation & Teaching