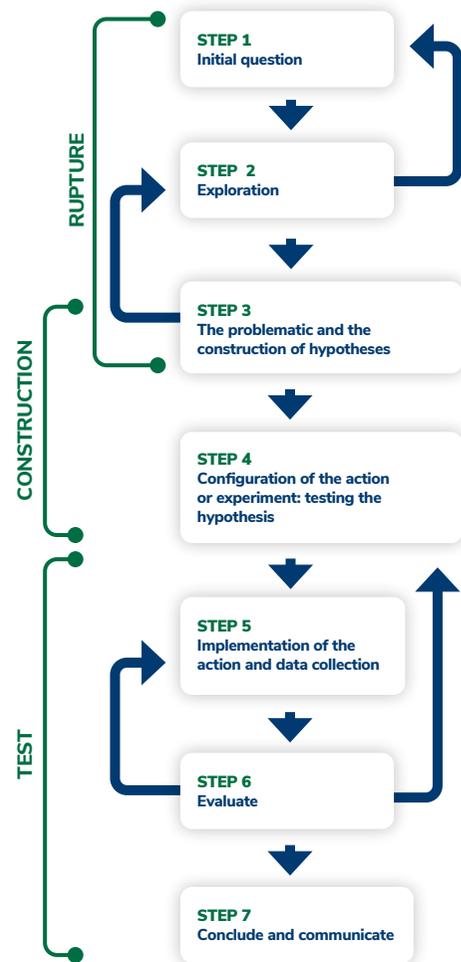


THE PROCESS OF ACTION RESEARCH

When conducting research, it is particularly important to conceptualise things before collecting data and to anticipate the different stages through which to proceed. Van Campenhout, Marquet & Quivy (2017) propose to describe the social science research process in 7 steps. The diagram below indicates that feedback loops are possible and even welcome between the stages. The research process is not always linear and sometimes requires backtracking.



THE PROJECT FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

The action research project can be viewed from the framing document at a glance. This document borrows the codes of project methodology to enable you to configure the action-research project and to find your way through the different stages of the process, each of which is essential for conducting action-research. This document also enables you to visualise the tools in the pre-training kit that you can use as the process unfolds. This document is not set in stone; it can and should be modified throughout the action-research process based on the experience of the process that the group of researchers-actors experiences.



Start/end of the project	Project team	Name / Identity of the project
Context: background and initial question : Object or theme on which the group wishes to act: What would you like to better understand and/or change?		Target Audiences: On whom do we want to act, who will it serve?
Issue: What problem does the project address? what transformations does it aim at?		Hypotheses : What are the hypotheses for action (of the «research» or «project» type) that will or «project» type that will allow us to respond to the problem?
Objectives: What are the concrete actions to be implemented to achieve each of the hypotheses?		Evaluation device: What are the means of to test the hypotheses? To evaluate the process experienced by the researcher-actors?
Expected effects: What are the expected effects (for the group and the project) of the implementation of the action-research?		
Constraints: What are the constraints to which the group is subject to?		Identified Risks: How the group prevent/overcome the risks inherent in the project?
Resources and Skills: What are the resources and and skills needed to carry out the the project?		Products and Deliverables: What will be the outputs of the action research? of the action-research?