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Factors Influencing the Experience of Empowerment in Flemish (Proxy) Budget Holders: A Regression Analysis

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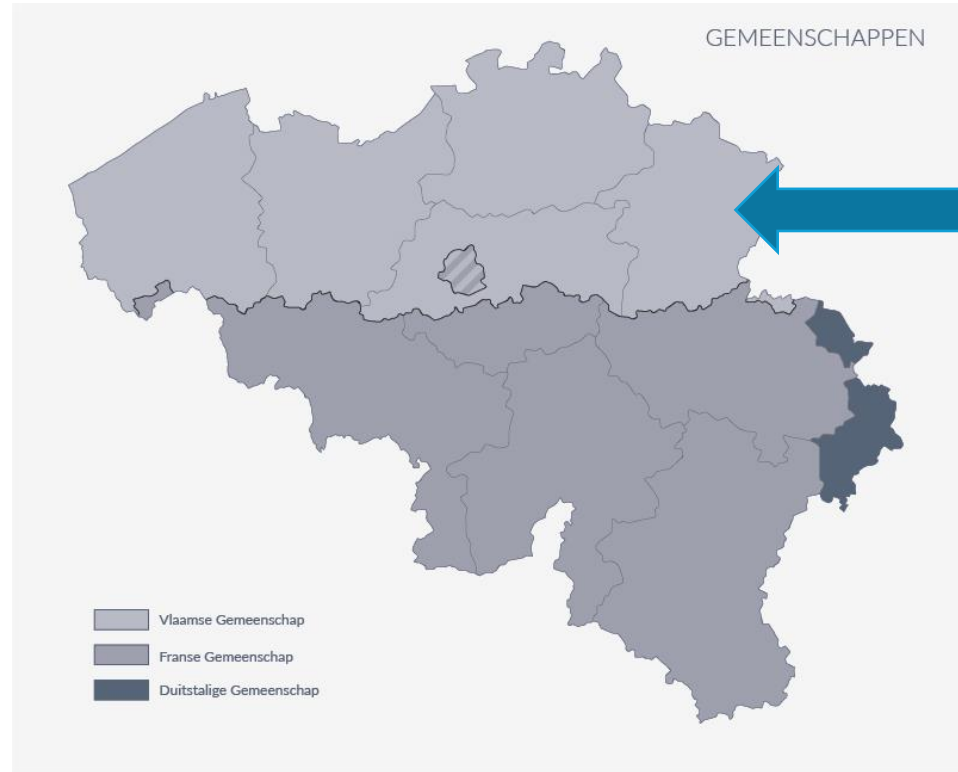
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Context: Flanders



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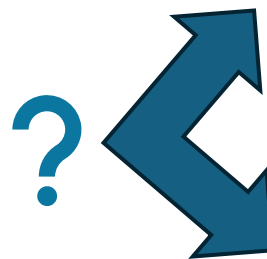
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Financing of disability care and support (Pattyn et al. 2021, Health Policy)

Demand-side, budget holders



Supply-side, professionals and organizations



Conceptual framework (Pattyn et al. 2023, The Patient)

Contextual factors

- Financial climate
- Rules and regulations
- Access to information

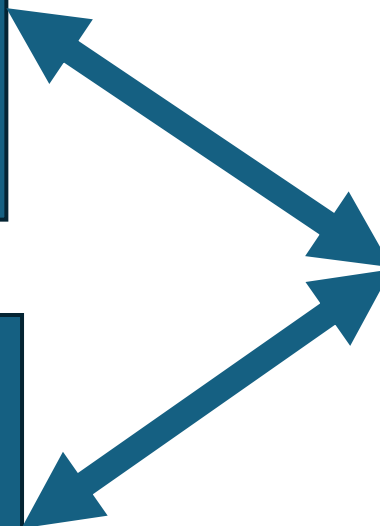
Personal factors

- Respondent type
- Disability type
- (In)formal care network
- Education and knowledge of the care and wellbeing sector

Empowerment – PE scale

(Pattyn et al. 2024, Disability and Rehabilitation)

- Meaning
- Competence
- Impact
- Self-determination

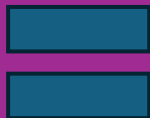



Method: survey research


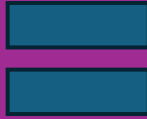

- Recruitment:
 - Convenience sampling
 - Multiple recruitment sources
- Respondents:
 - 224 (proxy) budget holders
- Analysis:
 - Factor analysis
 - Hierarchical linear regression analysis



Results: associations of all PE scores

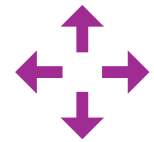
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| Financial transparency | Knowledge of the care and wellbeing sector |
| Administrative complexity | Cash- and combination users |
| Advisory organizations use | Proxy respondents |
| Educational level | |
| Private financial resources | |
| Disability type | |
| Presence of an (in)formal care network | |

Results: differences in associations

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|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Total PE score | | Budget sufficiency Self-managers | Information accessibility |
| Impact + Self-determination score | | Budget sufficiency Self-managers | Information accessibility |
| Meaning + Competence score | Budget sufficiency | Information accessibility | Self-managers |

Conclusion: recommendations

- Provision of easily understandable information
 - Clear and transparent communication about the existing types of services
 - Allow flexibility in using the budget
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- Future research: association between budget height and empowerment





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