

## THE ROLE OF COMMUNICATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL STRATEGIES



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Romania's Radon Communication Strategy and Research Support



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#### DUPA FUMAT, RADONUL ESTE A DOUA CA DE IMBOLNAVIRE DE CANCER PULM

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Deoarece radonul este un gaz natural inodor si incolor, poate fi depistat doar cu ajutorul unor detectori speciali. Pentru a afla concentratia medie de radon din locuinte, detectorii trebuie plasati în camerele cu cel mai mare grad de ocupare, pentru minimum 3 luni.

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### DEVELOPING A COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

#### A COMMUNICATION STRATEGY is a document that presents:

- · the strategic goals and objectives of a program, and
- the activities and approaches how to achieve these strategic goals and objectives within the defined time frame.

**COMMUNICATION ⇒** science-based discipline

PERCEPTIONS MATTERRS 
Pshycho-social issues/ measurements



#### NATIONAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Ensure effective communication between the Government and other stakeholders and involve them in setting priorities and allocating resources

Facilitate provision of information to all target groups (e.g. experts, general public, etc.) and other stakeholders about the strategy

Contribute to the creation and nurture the partnerships between the national/regional/local authorities and civil society

Facilitate national and regional cooperation between various stakeholders and increase knowledge of the role and activities of the different institutions





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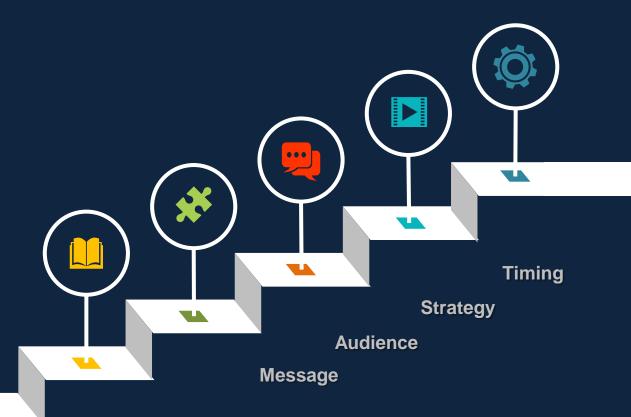


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- aims to gain a deeper understanding of the CHALLENGE within a specific CONTEXT and of the social and behavioral drivers that facilitate or act as barriers to uptake of desired behavior(s).
- is a SITUATION ANALYSIS based on available country-level research data and evidence and includes:





- Learning about THOSE AFFECTED and their perceived needs
- Understanding social and cultural norms that may affect the challenge
- Identifying communication resources and existing capacity
- Identifying constraints and facilitators for individual and collective change. If existing data is not available, it may be necessary to conduct additional formative research.

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#### LITERATURE REVIEW

- Peer reviewed articles
- Grey literature
- Other radon campaigns





#### **STUDIES**

- Awareness and risk perception survey
- Focus groups
- Media (national &international) content analysis

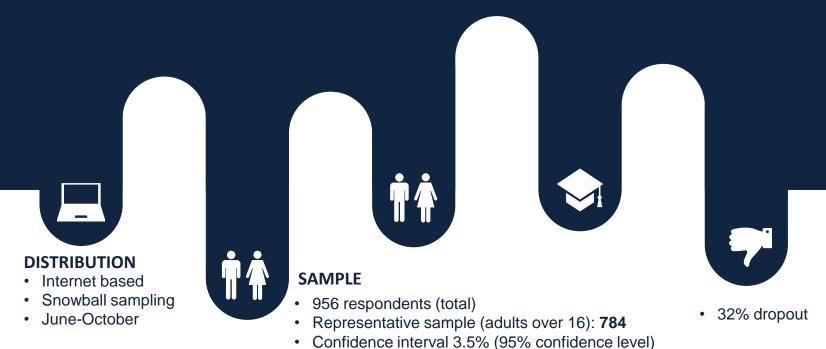




#### OTHER DATA - ROMANIA

- Statistics (health)
- Other studies (attitudes and behaviors)
- Other campaigns

#### AWARENESS AND RP SURVEY





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#### DESIGN STRATEGY

- Incorporates what has been learned during the INQUIRE step
- uses the information gathered to develop a strategic plan for reaching program objectives.

This step includes information from the situation analysis, communication objectives, audience segmentation, program approaches, a workplan, and a plan for monitoring and evaluation.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

MAP THE STAKEHOLDERS



#### STEPS TOWARDS NRCS

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- Bring together all the relevant players to participate in the strategy development process.
- 2. Agree on the scope of the program and discuss any limitations imposed by the budget, political situation, timeframe, etc.







#### GROUPS IN POPULATION AT RISK

- Young adults
- Children
- Low income groups









- Local decision makers
- Building professionals
- Medical professionals
- Researchers and Academics
- Others (opened list)







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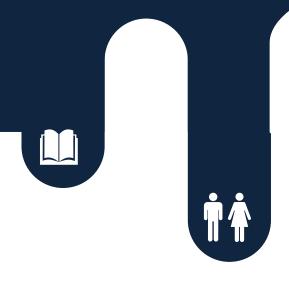
#### Develop the program's communication products

#### COMBINE ART AND SCIENCE

- the creative and artistic vision needed to move audiences and inspire them to change;
- mass media and print materials, participatory processes, trainings and more;
- TEST the ideas and designs with intended audiences to ensure that messages are clear and actionable;



#### DEVELOP RISK MESSAGES



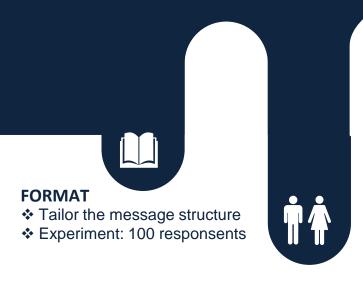
#### **CRITERIA**

- ❖Gain Attention
- ❖ Reliable, verifiable information
- Calls to Action
- Communicates a benefit (personal&colective)

Coherent and understandable Creates trust

Should cater to the HEAD, HEART, and ... POCKET

#### DEVELOP RISK MESSAGES



#### **FOCUS GRUPS**

- **\$** 5/8-10
- Test the message/format for general population and risk groups

#### THE STRUCTURE:

- Health risk
- Hazard
- Find out if at risk
- Protect Health (take measures to)
- Provide the benefit

#### WHAT DIDN'T WORK:

"Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas"

replaced with

"Radon is a natural gas wich comes from the decay of uranium from soil"



#### 3 levels of communication

#### FIRST LEVEL

Rule of 3: all risk communication messaging in threes: 27/9/3

Key messages expressed in 27 words, 9 seconds, 3 messages





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#### MOBILIZE AND MONITOR



#### Implement the program and monitor its progress

- distribute the products and conduct activities as described by the strategic plan;
- monitor activities to make sure distribution and roll-out proceed as planned and potential problems are identified and addressed as quickly as possible.





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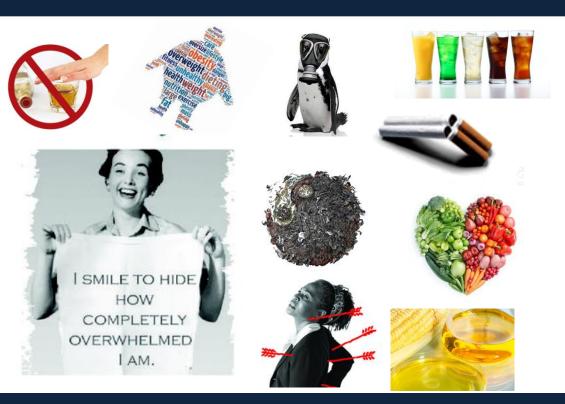


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## SOMETIMES IS TRICKY TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU OUGHT



#### **RADON**



- A gas for which we have no sense.
- The signs of exposure are delayed
- Difficult to assess if you are protected

#### WHEN PLANING THE STRATEGY

- Don't let your current situation define your vision. Articulate
  a shared vision first, then ask yourself why there is a
  difference between where you want to go and where you
  are now.
- In developing the shared vision, the SHARED is more important than the vision itself.
- Put all the formative research to work! Use the findings to design a targeted program and materials that demonstrate a clear understanding of the issues and audiences.
- Don't assume you know your audience. Engage stakeholders from the outset and invest in pre-testing to ensure your program resonates with your audience.
- COMMUNICATION IS A PROCESS, NOT A PRODUCT.





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- Imbunătătind ventilației casei cu aer proaspat.
- Izolarea fundatiilor, eventual a peretilor;
- Instalarea unui sistem de colectare a radonului în subsol sau sub podea;
- introducerea unor tevi sub cladire pentru captarea si dirijarea radonului in aer liber;

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