# **PhD Project**

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The aim of this research is to investigate the possibility to develop a secondary textual-data based protocol in order to use textual material such as interviews, national strategic plans and other official documents to classify a health policy as “integrated and people centred”. According to WHO resolution A69/39 “An integrated people-centred approach is crucial to the development of health systems that can respond to emerging and varied health challenges, including urbanization, the global tendency towards unhealthy lifestyles, ageing populations, the dual disease burden of communicable and non communicable diseases, multi morbidities, rising health care costs, disease outbreaks and other health-care crises.”[[1]](#footnote-1)

But how can we determine if an health policy is integrated and people centred? In this study I try to develop a mixed methods based protocol to analyse textual material and evaluate his relevance with WHO Framework on integrated, people-centred health services.

I examine two different health policies, one implemented at international level by WHO (Stop TB Partnership Program) and one implemented at regional level by Regione Lombardia (Health System Reform).

Each case has been studied by applying two different mixed methods designs (Concurrent Triangulation, Concurrent Nested, Sequential Explanatory, Sequential Exploratory)

1. Framework on integrated, people-centred health services <http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA69/A69_39-en.pdf?ua=1&ua=1> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)