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Short description of the institution/project

The listening foundation stimulates projects that deal with attentive listening, e.g. listening communities at school and kindergarten, listening in adult education, professional listening as an important business skill etc.

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Promotion of listening in listening clubs at school

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Listening communities, a special form of encouraging attentive listening, exist in Germany's primary schools for seven years now. Since one does not assume any longer that children have varying listening experiences, the listening community focuses on a more professional approach of hearing and listening. Teachers discovered that after only six months of consequent support of listening children were able to:

- better understand (selective information),
- better communicate,
- better observe various forms of noise in the environment,
- improve their social behaviours,
- better concentrate,
- protect themselves from unwanted noise.

The workshop elaborates on the work in listening communities, discusses available information materials and aims at collecting ideas from participants with respect to improving health in the listening context.