

# Possible Contributions of Qualimetrics Intervention-Research Methodology to Action Research

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The objective of this paper is to present the possible contribution of an innovative method referred to as qualimetrics intervention-research because it helps measuring the impact of action-research processes, not only from a qualitative point of view, but also from quantitative and financial ones. It brings to light the necessary requirements or conditions to obtain the creation of generic contingency in the field of action-research through a “Contradictory inter-subjectivity” principle. These concepts are illustrated with reference to an experiment conducted in a construction site on behalf of the ministry of public works. The objective was to design innovative methods to reconcile quality-safety and environmental standards with budget constraints.

**Key words:** evaluation of action-research processes, qualimetrics intervention-research, generic contingency, contradictory inter-subjectivity, socio-economic theory

## Introduction

This paper is aimed at drawing the attention of Action-Researchers on the need to conceptualise the results of action research processes. Indeed, one can observe the extreme variety of the methodologies which claim their kinship with the action-research approach stream. We cannot but side with Olav Eikeland when he posits in his seminal book chapter in Reason and Bradbury’s Handbook on AR (2001) that “the *really*, but tacitly privileged