

# Research Tools: Overview



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## Overview

There are a variety of research approaches that can be used to uncover insights, and to investigate and verify opportunities. The quality and quantity of <u>evidence</u> collected should enhance your confidence in the identified opportunity.

# EBNLeb Uncovering Insights An insight is a profound and unique piece of knowledge that unlocks opportunities.

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### **Research Methods**

This section offers a variety of research tools that can be instrumental in discovering insights and gathering evidence related to a specific Need Statement. 'Exploiting insights' is one of the eight principles of Innovation Management (ISO 56002: 2019). Insights in this context can relate to knowledge about needs and expectations and relevant trends and the market landscape.

A triangulated approach to research and evidence gathering is recommended, for example, a combination of observation research, interviews and a literature review.

Some recommended research methods include:



- <u>Semi-structured interviews:</u> These can provide a deeper understanding of issues related to current solutions, processes, and systems, and help identify ideal outcomes.
- <u>Observation</u>: This method is valuable for uncovering unarticulated needs and gaining unique insights.
- <u>Surveys</u>: Surveys can be used to efficiently collect quantitative and qualitative data from a larger audience.
- Literature Review: Reviewing existing literature can provide context, support findings, and identify gaps in current knowledge.

Note: Don't forget to add research to your Need Statement as '<u>evidence</u>'. This can be done when you add or edit a Need Statement.