



**Table A.1 Research choices**

Topic	Choice and motivation
<b>The problem</b>	Choice of a problem definition: why have you defined the problem like this?
<b>Research aim</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> basic <input type="checkbox"/> applied <input type="checkbox"/> action-orientated <input type="checkbox"/> evaluation (→A2, A3)
<b>Level of analysis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> micro <input type="checkbox"/> meso <input type="checkbox"/> macro <input type="checkbox"/> meta <input type="checkbox"/> a particular combination
<b>Theories</b>	If available, make a choice from at least <b>three</b> related approaches.
<b>Methods</b>	Specify your choice for one or a combination of methods, e.g. by stating the strengths and weaknesses of each method.
<b>Stakeholder perspective</b>	Whose perspective do you want to take into account in this research project? Make your choice of a particular actor (manager, trade union, government) clear. Be selective.
<b>Sources</b>	What kind of sources did you search for in particular: <input type="checkbox"/> primary, <input type="checkbox"/> secondary, or <input type="checkbox"/> tertiary? What are the strengths and weaknesses of these sources? (→A8)
<b>Audience</b>	To whom are you addressing your research? Is your audience the same as your stakeholder? Or do you consider the research project valuable for others as well?