



**FOSTREN TRAINING
SCHOOL.
MADRID, SPAIN.
3-5TH JUNE 2024.**

IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE OR ROCKET SCIENCE?

How to transfer knowledge to practice to reduce use of coercion in mental health settings.



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



HISTORY OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL

The Training School is hosted by FOSTREN, which is a European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Action that aims to establish a sustainable, multidisciplinary network of researchers and practitioners focused on reducing the degree to which mental health services use coercion in hospital and community mental health services. You can familiarise yourself with the work of FOSTREN [here](#).



WG4: IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

The focus of is on processes which underpin effective implementation. Knowledge on best practices and how they can be embedded and sustained however robust, is of little use if it is not adopted by mental health services across Europe. After conducting a systematic review of existing evidence in this area, (which you can read [here](#)), we have been working on understanding models tailored to the specific context of coercion in mental health care in hospitals and the community in order to make recommendations for an overall implementation model and/or approach which takes into consideration different contexts (e.g. high vs. low resource services).

FOSTREN TRAINING SCHOOL 2024

The Training School is an educational event in which eligible early-career researchers (see below) will meet and contribute to important work on reducing coercion in mental health settings using implementation approaches. Over the three days you will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with leading international researchers and network with fellow colleagues in this field. The program will combine lectures with participative interactive sessions, and you will also present a poster of your own work (this could be a research idea, planned research or project you are currently undertaking).

The primary focus of the training school will be on exploring the differences and synergies between implementation science and improvement methodologies and cover topics such as: understanding models theories and frameworks that underpin this area of investigation, models relevant to coercion and mental health, examining barriers and facilitators to embedding evidence into practice, and exploring key factors that influence successful publishing in this area. The training school will be held at Hospital La Paz Institute for Health Research (IdiPAZ) in Madrid and the official language will be English.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- (1) actively engaged in research related to prevent and reduction of restrictive practices/coercion within mental health.
- (2) an early stage researcher (pre or post-doc researchers, PhD students, or researchers within 8 years of completing a PhD)
- (3) otherwise affiliated with an organization whose remit is closely related to this field of research within either a COST Full Member or Co-operating Member Country (see [here](#)).

FOSTREN sponsors a number of places for this event, but FOSTREN members can make known to the committee if they can fund the trip externally (e.g. via their institution or self-funding). Self-funding would mean paying for travel, accommodation and subsistence (the training school itself is free of charge). If selected for FOSTREN sponsorship by the scientific committee, the applicant will be eligible to have travel, accommodation and subsistence costs reimbursed through the FOSTREN Action according to COST rules. COST funding is only able to reimburse after the event, so those selected for funding will need to cover the upfront costs for travel, accommodation and subsistence. Successful candidates will receive information on how to pay and reclaim refunds via email.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for this exciting opportunity you are required to submit:

- (1) An expression of interest letter which includes a brief resume of your career/formal qualifications to date, your interest in this subject area, and your motivation to attend the training school (your letter should also include your name, contact details, and should be no more than two pages).
- (2) A project poster abstract (max 250 words) describing in detail the purpose of your project in terms of an introduction, design and method and (expected) outcomes.

All applications should be submitted to wp4trainingschool@gmail.com by 23:59 [BST] on **31st January 2024**.

The scientific committee will evaluate only fully completed applications using the following criteria:

- Clarity of familiarity and/or engagement with subject area
- Quality of the statement of motivation
- Scientific quality and relevance of the poster project abstract
- COST principles of excellence and inclusiveness (see [here](#))

Participants will be notified of selection results by **16th February 2023**.

Please note:

Because of the timelines involved, late submissions will not be considered and the decisions of the scientific committee are final.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Madrid! All important information about hotels, social events etc. will follow after participants are enrolled.

If you have any question, do not hesitate to contact us by emailing: wp4trainingschool@gmail.com.

Best wishes,



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