

Workshop 6: *Let's do it.* Developing a joint, international, PCNE project.

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This is a workshop for researchers who are longing for an active engagement in a joint, international research project. Participants attending this workshop are expected to contribute fresh ideas and past experiences in designing the study at the very conference, and, most importantly, to have the motivation and means to develop the project in practice just after the conference.

Introduction:

Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe (PCNE) is an organisation devoted to the practice and research of pharmaceutical care in Europe. People involved in this organisation have long been pursuing to disseminate and study this advanced practice, embracing numerous multi-centred projects, namely the OMA project (elderly), the TOM project (asthma) and the BPCS project (self-reported implementation of pharmaceutical care). This workshop wants to continue this successful story, taking advantage of the participants' expertise and PCNE platform to frame a new joint, international research project and to bring the project into practice.

Aim:

To create a joint, international research project, ready to be undertaken right after the conference is finished.

Learning objectives:

- To understand and be able to argue the research priorities of the working group;
- To understand and be able to undertake the various steps of developing a research proposal;
- To be able to assess the project feasibility prior to its initiation.

Activities in the workshop:

Prior to the conference, participants will receive a short survey to identify three research areas of most interest. Subsequently, basic background literature on the selected areas will be provided. The selected research areas will set the scene for the first day of the conference to reach consensus on the top priority and the main research question to be used thereafter. Participants will be divided in subgroups and given concrete tasks to be developed throughout the conference. Throughout the workshop experienced researchers will be invited to discuss and scrutinise the research proposal. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a well-designed and defined research proposal with clear objectives, tasks and deliverables for each step of the project and a feasible timetable. Moreover, they will have a clear idea on the activities to be undertaken after the conference is finished. Thus, our invitation to the workshop is extending beyond the conference as an invitation to a tighter collaboration to foster the development of pharmaceutical care in Europe.