



9th European Training School of Riseup-PPD

(Cost Action CA18138, University of Sofia)

Training School in Cost-Effectiveness Analysis in Health

Sofia, Bulgaria

Hybrid

18-20 September 2023

A. GENERAL INFO

The main goal of Riseup-PPD COST Action is to establish a Pan-European multidisciplinary network of researchers dedicated to the understanding of Peripartum Depression Disorder (PPD), from its prevention and assessment to its treatment and global impact. <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18138>

WHAT ARE TRAINING SCHOOLS?

Since COST's priority is enhancing research collaboration where ideas and people can grow without borders, Training Schools aim to facilitate capacity building on a topic relevant to the theme of the respective COST Action through the delivery of intensive training on a new or emerging subject.

Training Schools Grants provide support for intensive training on a new or emerging subject of PhD students and Young Researchers and Innovators from participating Inclusiveness Target Countries* (ITC).

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Participants will be expected to attend and participate at the Training School during the three days and will be given the opportunity to present and discuss their work, and network with other Young Researchers and Innovators, the TS trainers and the members of the Riseup-PPD Cost Action. The Training School will occur in a hybrid format (in-person in Bulgaria and online).

Training School Dates: 18-20 September 2023

Host institutions: University of Sofia

Materials: *As the TS is taking place both in location and online, it is advised to have a Computer with a stable and fast internet connection. Additional free software may be needed, which will be communicated closer to the date of the Training School.*

B. ELIGIBILITY

PARTICIPANTS

Training Schools Grants are open to all participants, but priority will be given for PhD students and Young Researchers and Innovators with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Send an application with a letter of motivation explaining how this training will benefit your research project and your scientific career (max. 3500 characters with spaces), stating whether you would like to attend the Training School in person or online, as well as your CV (make sure to add the quartiles to your relevant publications) to riseup-ppd_ca18138@fpce.uc.pt and tuvalmr@gmail.com by 15

June, 2023. Applications will be forwarded to the Training School Committee, which will evaluate all submitted applications in the context of their compatibility and relevance with the topic of the Action.

C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Being a PhD Student (10 points);
2. Being a Young Researcher and Innovator (10 points);
3. Being affiliated to an Inclusiveness Target Country¹ (ITC) (10 points);
4. Being an active member of Riseup-PPD² (3 points) and being currently conducting research/work within the Action topics (7 points);
5. Relevance of the candidates' research and background assessed considering the following (max. 10+10 points)³:
 1. Journal quartile (Q) of publications in Peripartum Depression Disorder and other Riseup-PPD-relevant publications;
 2. Q of publications outside the Action's scope.

D. FUNDING

SUPPORT FOR SELECTED TRAINEES

The candidates will be ranked according to the evaluation criteria. The top **10 candidates will be selected to be reimbursed** for their expenses according to the COST rules (pp. 82-88; [COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.3.pdf](#)). Ten (10) additional candidates may attend in-person without reimbursement of expenses.

For this training school, the amount to be reimbursed to each eligible trainee must respect the following considerations:

1. Each trainee must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu> and must provide there their bank details;

¹ COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs) are: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, The Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Researchers from Outermost regions are now also considered ITC: French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (France), Azores and Madeira (Portugal), Canary Islands (Spain).

² An active member is defined as a Riseup-PPD member (regardless of their status as MC member, leader, etc.) that has demonstrated significant contributions to the Action by participating in its activities and engaging with members including, but not limited to, Slack, group meetings, general meetings, etc.

³ Points to be attributed for each type of publication will be given in proportion to the total Q points of those publications against the highest scored participant. Publications will be given the following points: in Q1 4 points, in Q2 3 points, in Q3 2 points, and in Q4 1 point. In other words, we will sum the Q of all publications for each type (relevant/outside the scope), and attribute 10 points to the participant with the highest Q sum. Other participants will be given points by considering their sums in proportion to the highest score (e.g., if the highest score for relevant publications was 20 and the highest score for publications outside the scope was 15 and a given participant scored 10 on the first type and 3.75 on the second type, his/her score would be 5 + 2.5 for a total of 7.5 total points).

To be eligible for reimbursement, trainees must be a researcher or innovator affiliated with:

1. A legal entity in a COST Full Members / COST Cooperating Members;
2. A legal entity in a Near-Neighbour Country (NNC);
3. European RTD Organisations.

Trainees from the following are not eligible for reimbursement:

1. COST Partner Members;
2. IPC Institutions;
3. IO, EU Commission, Bodies, Offices and Agencies;
4. Other trainees not specifically mentioned as being eligible.

E. IMPORTANT DATES

Opening date for applications is **May 15th, 2023**.

The deadline for applications is **June 15th, 2023**.

You will be informed of the outcome of the application by **July 1st, 2023**.

If accepted, you will be expected to attend the training school in its entirety.

F. LOCATION

University of Sofia

St. Kliment Ohridski, bul. Tsar Osvoboditel 15, 1504, Sofia, Bulgaria

Coordinates: 42.69376216835745, 23.33492453885058

<https://goo.gl/maps/fNcSqmie74rJeArZ9>

PROGRAMME

Description of the Action and leading Working Group

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WG1 aims to synthesize current knowledge concerning diagnosis criteria and strategies for prevention and treatment of PPD, including knowledge about well-established interventions and new lines of research, its cost-effectiveness and organizational impact.

WG1.4 – It's the subgroups working on cost-effectiveness and HTA. WG1.4 main goals are: to review and discuss the state-of-the-art concerning the socioeconomic impact of PPD and the existing knowledge on the cost-effectiveness of prevention, screening and PPD treatment; and to articulate with the remaining subgroups in the proposal of specific guidelines for PPD screening/diagnosis, prevention and treatment, based on the current evidence.

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Objectives

Main objectives of this training school are:

- To give a vision about health technology assessment concept;
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- To have an understanding on the importance of health economics to the field of peripartum depression.

Target Audience

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SCIENTIFIC AND LOCAL ORGANISERS

Local Organiser: Camellia Hancheva

Organizing Committee

Riseup-PPD's Working Group 1.4 (Cost Effectiveness and HTA)

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SCHEDULE AND TRAINERS

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Time	What
9.15 – 10.15	Gülcan Tecirli Introduction of Health Technology Assessment I
10.15 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30– 11.30	Gülcan Tecirli Introduction of Health Technology Assessment II
11.30– 13.00	Susanne Uusitalo Ethics consideration of Health Technology Assessment
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.30 – 15.45	Mehtap Çakmak Barsbay Introduction of Health Economics I
15.45 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00 – 17.00	Mehtap Çakmak Barsbay Introduction of Health Economics II
17.00	<i>End of session</i>

19th September 2023

Time	What
9.00 – 11.00	Mehtap Çakmak Barsbay, Nurettin Öner Introduction of Health Economic Modelling: Markov Modelling
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 13.00	Nurettin Öner Markov Modelling Exercise I
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.30 – 15.30	Nurettin Öner Markov Modelling Exercise II
15.30 – 15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.45 – 17.00	Nurettin Öner Markov Modelling Exercise III
17.00	<i>End of session</i>

20th September 2023

Time	What
09.00 – 11.30	Mehtap Çakmak Barsbay, Nurettin Öner Wrap-up Session
11.30 – 11.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.45 – 13.00	Annette Bauer Perinatal Mental Health Economics Overview
13:00	<i>End of session</i>

Trainers of the Training School in Cost-Effectiveness Analysis in Health

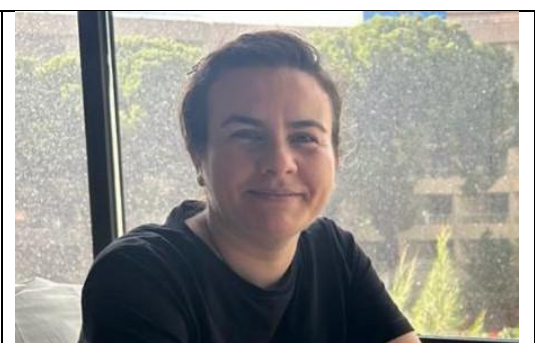
Annette Bauer is an Assistant Professorial Research Fellow in the Care Policy and Evaluation Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her expertise is the economic evaluation and analysis of mental health and social care policies, programme, and interventions. This includes the use of theory-driven approaches, mixed-methods, and decision modelling. She led several economic research projects in the perinatal mental health area over the last 10 years in the UK and in low- and middle-income countries, some of which had major impact on change in policy, research and practice. In addition to the research in the maternal and family mental health fields, Annette conducts economic evaluations of social care interventions that follow principles of co-production and community-capacity building, funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and NIHR School for Social Care Research (SSCR). In the past, Annette worked part-time as an economist for the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, leading the economic work for six social care guidelines. Her work has been published in high-impact academic journals, such as Lancet Psychiatry, Journal of Affective Disorder, and Psychological Medicine, and presents at national and international conferences and events.



Nurettin Oner, MHA, PhD, graduated from the Department of Healthcare Management at Ankara University in Türkiye. Dr. Oner teaches Accounting, Finance, and Health Economics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in United States. Dr. Oner also teaches Health Policy at public and private universities in Türkiye. Dr. Oner works on developing predictive models for hospitals' financial/non-financial performance and financial distress using machine learning algorithms. He also studies Natural Language Processing projects in Healthcare, Accounting, and Finance. He has been involved in research projects such as his work at National Health Technology Assessment Projects as a health economist and a research designer. He is currently working for MoH in Türkiye. He is also a researcher in Research Innovation and Sustainable Pan-European Network in Peripartum Depression Disorder and Perinatal Mental Health and Birth-Related Trauma: Maximizing best practice and optimal outcomes projects supported by COST.



Gülcan Tecirli has been working at the Ministry of Health in Health Technology Assessment Department for 8 years, and has midwifery diploma from vocational health school and bachelor and master degree in economics. She is still PhD student at Ankara University in Health Management Department. She has involved in three Cost Actions (EVBRES, PPDRISE-UP & DEVOTION) as management committee member and she is the leader of PPDRISE-UP WG 1 subgroup 4. She is focusing on health economic evaluation and her PhD thesis is on the health inequalities with an econometric analysis.



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Susanne Uusitalo, PhD, MA earned her doctoral degree in philosophy 2015 and is currently a senior researcher at the Department of Philosophy at the University of Turku, Finland. She is the Head of Finnish unit of the International Chair in Bioethics and Leader of the RISEUP-PPD Working group 4: Ethical standards and procedures for clinical research in PPD. She works with ethics in academia and society, she is for instance a member of the Finnish national ethical committee ETENE, a member of the Finnish national committee on medical research ethics TUKIJA and an ethics expert at the Council for Choice in Health Care in Finland. Her interests lie in bioethics and research ethics.



Mehtap ÇAKMAK BARSBAY is a Professor (Associate) of Healthcare Management and Strategy at Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University (Türkiye), Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of Healthcare Management. She has M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Public Administration from Hacettepe University (Türkiye). She teaches Health Economics and Comparative Health Policies at the university. She is also PhD supervisor of thesis on burden of PPD and EU perinatal mental health policies. She involves in CA18138 Rise-up PPD Project and CA18211 Perinatal Mental Health Birth-related Trauma. Her research interests focus on health economics and public health policies.

