

## Crossing Borders – Changing Boundaries

### The 2020 European Implementation Event - #EIE2020

Implementation – the uptake, translation and integration of evidence within the daily routines of human services – is, per definition, a discipline that crosses borders. Its ambition is to support individuals and organisations in crossing the borders between science and practice and in closing the gaps between what they know and what they do.

As such, implementation is an **applied** discipline that has one foot planted within science, and the other within the field of educational, social and health care practice. It draws on **multiple disciplines** and perspectives including sociology, psychology, organisational theory, social and political science. It is **interprofessional** – providing a language and instrument to be used and shared by the many professions involved in delivering human services to children, families and communities. And, in aiming to give voice to both providers, and their clients, patients, students and others who are the end-users of services, implementation is also **democratic** and offers opportunities for greater equity in society.

As this ‘hybrid’ discipline, implementation has great potential for helping communities and societies change boundaries – towards more evidence-based policy development; stronger evidence-based organizational cultures, and greater, population-wide reach of effective human services.

In entering the next decade of developing and growing the field of implementation, this may be more important than ever. In a rather divisive societal climate, efforts to solve conflicts between individuals, groups and communities and to establish broad solutions to society’s challenges are increasingly met by heated and ideological rhetoric. This calls for expertise and disciplines that help soften rather than deepen divides and assigns implementation a crucial role in society.

The EIE2020 will present and discuss knowledge and ideas on how to effectively cross borders through implementation science and practice and thereby change boundaries.

#### **Borders may exist between**

- Science and practice
- Human services sectors
- Professions
- Research disciplines and methods
- Groups in society
- Countries and communities

This is **not an exhaustive list** - other borders may be relevant to consider as part of this event.

We invite you, working within implementation science or practice – be it as a researcher, organizational leader, intermediary, policy developer, consultant or in any other role – to submit abstracts for

- Symposia, oral presentation and posters – these formats are part of our **“Riding the Knowledge Wave”** track
- Panel debates – these will form our **“The Panel Club”** track



- Joined problem solving sessions – these will be part of a track called **“Yes, we can!”**

and to discuss your knowledge and experience with colleagues from around the world.

Besides meeting specific formal requirements, outlined in our ‘submission templates’, presenters should address in their submission,

- which particular border(s) their work will help / has helped to cross, and
- how this will change / has changed which boundary/ies.

Particularly welcome are submissions from multi-national, inter-disciplinary teams representing a cross-border / boundary-changing approach or culture. This includes submissions focused on how to change the boundaries of the field of implementation science and practice itself, thereby providing direction for how to develop it in the decade ahead.

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