



## EIC Working Group – Early Career Implementation Professionals (ECIP)

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### *What is the purpose of this Working Group?*

The ECIP Working Group brings together Early Career Implementation Professionals (ECIPs) across Europe from various fields and disciplines to enable joint exploration and improvement of the factors and conditions characterising the work with and in European implementation science or practice in the early years of one's professional career.

The ECIP Working Group will provide a safe space for mutual exchange, shared learning and problem solving, and network building. The main objectives of the ECIP Working Group are:

- to connect European implementation researchers and practitioners in the early stages of their career to each other, and to senior professionals in the field to learn from their experience and career paths
- to establish a space for exchange of knowledge and experience and for seeking advice on career challenges and opportunities
- to provide opportunities for sharing own work and ideas, and for further developing these ideas together
- to create a space for joint learning and problem solving

### *How is the Working Group organised?*

The network will meet bi-monthly for network member meetings. Members of the network will be notified about the member meetings in advance via the network mailing list. The format of those meetings will differ according to the needs and ideas of the members, and can include short presentations, meet the expert sessions, group discussions, problem-solving sessions etc.

### *Who can join the Working Group?*

Everyone who describes themselves as an Early Career Professional in the field of implementation research and practice, and related fields, is welcome to join this network. We welcome active member participation to develop a dynamic, productive and enthusiastic network.

By engaging in regular formal and informal exchanges, ECIP members will have improved opportunities to understand their own role as early career professionals, contribute to developing implementation as a distinct field of work, present and develop implementation work and projects, and to build their professional network.

### *What activities will the Working Group engage in?*

Next to organising and facilitating regular member meetings, the ECIP Working Group will

- prepare a special session at the biennial European Implementation Event (EIE), focused on a topic of particular relevance to European early career implementation professionals.
- once a year, prepare a joint contribution to the EIC blog using creative audio, video or written formats.
- encourage the development of joint publications among its members with the EIC as potential secondary affiliation