

Special Session – #EIE2023

Learning from each other how to build capacity for implementation science and practice in European countries

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Background

Capacity building for implementation science and practice plays a crucial role in advancing evidence-based decision making and transforming policies and practices in Europe. With the rapid growth of implementation science as a field and its increasing relevance across various sectors, it becomes imperative to strengthen the capacity of researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and other stakeholders to effectively translate and apply evidence into real-world settings.

Key discussion points

This interactive session invites active participation from all attendees to share insights and contribute to the discussion on the following key topics:

1) How to build capacity in implementation science and practice:

- Explore various levels of capacity building, from individual organizations to national and European infrastructure.
- Identify successful strategies and existing infrastructures that have effectively enhanced implementation science and practice capacity.
- Discuss the role of national implementation networks in building capacity and their contribution to advancing the field.

2) Barriers and facilitators to establishing the infrastructure for implementation science/practice:

- Delve into the challenges and opportunities encountered in creating national networks for implementation.
- Identify potential partners and funding sources for establishing infrastructure in implementation science and practice.
- Share experiences and lessons learned in overcoming barriers and leveraging facilitators in infrastructure development.

By actively engaging in these discussions, participants will collectively explore innovative solutions and share practical experiences in building capacity and establishing a conducive infrastructure for implementation science and practice. The session aims to foster a vibrant exchange of ideas, harness collective expertise, and drive meaningful progress in advancing implementation science and its practical application across various sectors.

Join us to learn from each other's experiences, leverage collective knowledge, and contribute to the growth and impact of implementation science in European countries. Together, we can pave the way

for evidence-based decision making, transformative policies, and improved practices that benefit individuals and communities.

Highlights

This special session is specifically designed for individuals involved in the development of infrastructures and the capacity building efforts in implementation science and practice on a broader scale.