

CONSCIOUS II project newsletter #3

The CONSCIOUS II project has entered its second half!

The CONSCIOUS II project entered its second half in May 2023. And it is only thanks to the enthusiasm, positive energy, and cooperation of all partners that we are succeeding in achieving our goals and creating an innovative curriculum for the clinical trialists of the future. The project results can be imagined as a pyramid, with the 12 chapters of the curriculum as its foundation, the online training platform as a bridge between the chapters, and the imaginary top in the form of pilot training. And it is the plan for the pilot teaching that is one of the highlights of this newsletter summarising the project's progress over the last 6 months.

Please feel free to accept our invitation and let us take you through the current status of the project now.

- **Interested in getting a brief overview of the chapters?** Look at the [outlines](#) currently available for the entire curriculum or listen to the [interviews](#) with the consortium members.
- **Would you like to get an idea of the nature of the study materials?** Look at the chapters already finalized – Clinical Trial Designs, Trial Methodology Research, Quality and regulatory affairs and sources of regulatory information, Early phase trials, Paediatric clinical trials, Data management and statistical analysis. Please also pay attention to the specification of the time required for each part; we believe that this information will be more than welcome among users.
- **Interested in the training platform?** Visit the [websites](#) and log in as a guest or ask one of the following persons for generating credentials:
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- **Would you like to get a general idea of the project?** Feel free to check out the [videos](#), [flyer](#), published [letter](#), [poster](#), or [project website](#).

Pilot teaching

Pilot teaching is a unique concept incorporated into the CONSCIOUS II project – it is unique in its focus, content, scope, format, and lecturers. In other words, we plan 12 professionally-oriented online blended-classroom lessons at the international and inter-university level where Ph.D. students, early-career researchers, more or less experienced clinical trialists, and teachers of the theory of clinical trials can meet in one place at one time.

What place and what time?

Every Tuesday from 6 PM to 7.30 (CET) online on Zoom.

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What is the pilot teaching about?
The pilot teaching is an integral part of the CONSCIOUS II project.
The pilot teaching overarches and connects all project results and provides a space to validate the knowledge gained and develop key competencies to design, conduct, manage, evaluate, and publish investigator-initiated trials.

Who is the target population?
- Ph.D. students in medicine, pharmacy, health sciences
- early-career researchers
- investigators/sponsors planning an academic clinical trial
- teachers and lecturers of the theory of the clinical trial
- persons starting to work in clinical trials

Why should I apply for pilot lessons?
- you can acquire a better understanding of the topics, and researchers.
- you can work with international students, teachers, and researchers.
- you can learn how to work in virtual teams.
- you can improve your language skills.

Schedule and topics of the pilot teaching:
- January 9, 2024 Course opening
- January 16, 2024 Clinical Trial Designs
- January 23, 2024 Early Phase Trials
- January 30, 2024 Paediatric Clinical Trials
- February 6, 2024 Quality and regulatory affairs
- February 13, 2024 Trial Management
- February 20, 2024 Data management and statistical analysis
- February 27, 2024 Pharmacovigilance and study medication
- March 5, 2024 Trial Methodology
- March 12, 2024 Medical Devices
- March 19, 2024 Leadership for PIs
- March 26, 2024 Open research and scientific publishing
- April 2, 2024 Teaching the teachers

Practical info:
Is registration needed?
Yes, will start in September 2023. End date for registration is November 30, 2023.
How to register?
Registration will be available on the project websites.
Is the pilot teaching a lecture? Or is it interactive?
Pilot teaching is going to be interactive - blended classroom.
Can I get a certificate?
Yes, for attending more than 60% of the online sessions.
Is there a fee?
No, all materials and pilot lessons are free of charge.
Where to find more info?
www.conscious2.eu or contact representatives of the partners.

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Events, news:

Dissemination of the CONSCIOUS II project at the national levels

- Partners from Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal, successfully submitted an abstract entitled "*Training clinical trial teams of the future: open online conscious programs*" and presented the scope and content of the follow-up CONSCIOUS and CONSCIOUS II projects at the 53rd Meeting of the Portuguese Pharmacological Society, 41st Meeting of Clinical Pharmacology and 22nd Meeting of Toxicology held in early February in Portugal.
- Partners from Masaryk University, Czech Republic, published an article entitled "Building key competencies in clinical research: CONSCIOUS curriculum projects" in the Czech journal Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacy. The authors analyze the extent and method of education in the organization and theory of clinical trials at medical and pharmacy faculties in the Czech Republic and present the CONSCIOUS and CONSCIOUS II projects as a tool for improving the current situation. The [article is written in Czech](#), the abstract in English is available here.

The CONSCIOUS II project at the ORPHEUS conference

The CONSCIOUS II project was presented to the participants of this year's ORPHEUS conference. The conference was held in Leuven, Belgium, from April 13 to 15, 2023, and its main topic was "Putting the i's and o's in doctoral training; International, Intersectoral, Interdisciplinary, and Open Science". The conference profile thus dovetailed perfectly with the main ideas of the CONSCIOUS II project. Feel free to take a look at the [preview of the poster](#) presented at the conference and [the abstract](#).

CONSCIOUS II Consortium members met in Paris

All CONSCIOUS II project partners met again at the **Transnational Project Meeting No 4** held in **Paris on May 10 and 11, 2023**. Due to the high engagement and enthusiasm of all partners, we managed to open and discuss many topics that will enable the successful implementation of the project.

In addition to completing the internal review of the remaining chapters and discussing the customization of the training platform, we were able to plan a pilot training and design strategies to promote the project results further.



Together we will meet again in Hungary in October 2023 at TPM

5, and you can join us this time, as the Multiplier event will take place at the same time - more information to come soon.



CONSCIOUS II Steering Committee met on May 2, 2023, for the first time and on June 15, 2023, for the second time to discuss some essential points regarding the consortium establishment. Moreover, all the partners met again online on June 26, 2023, to polish the pilot teaching to perfection and to discuss the upcoming multiplier events.

[CONSCIOUS II project at the CZECRIN Annual Scientific Conference](#)

Excellent presentation of Katerina Nebeska on the CONSCIOUS II, where she showcased impressive project results and invited to the upcoming pilot course for clinical trialists of the future!

Abstract can be found in [here](#) (only in Czech).



Upcoming events and activities in the CONSCIOUS II project:

- **Multiplier event in October 2023 in Pécs** and Transnational Project Meeting 5;
 - finalizing the last chapters of the curriculum: *Pharmacovigilance and study medication, and Medical Devices; and the chapters of the interprofessional curriculum*
 - interviews with authors of resting chapters;
 - Advisory Board meeting;
 - dissemination and promotion of the project at international conferences;
 - establishing collaboration with national stakeholders in the area of academic clinical trials and applied research.
- **AND THE PILOT COURSE FROM JANUARY 2024! Join us!**



**Are you interested in the CONSCIOUS II project? Would you like to know more about the topics of each session?
Would you like to be kept informed about the news?**

Contact us using [the contact form](#) or the following link: <http://bitly.ws/sxzk>.



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