

# CONSCIOUS II project newsletter #5

## Newsletter Introduction: Reflecting on an Exciting Six Months

Welcome to our latest newsletter, where we reflect on what has undoubtedly been one of the most dynamic periods of the CONSCIOUS II project to date.

- Over the past six months, we successfully conducted the entire [pilot course](#), which required the completion of all [chapters](#), project materials, and the development of our [training platform](#). The Course opening session gave navigation all over the project materials, pilot course and the platform; the [videorecording](#) is freely available to all.
- We collected and evaluated feedback from participants of the pilot course. Based on this feedback, we planned another run of the course.
- We redesigned the [project websites](#) and have included a module section where you can find all the material for a given chapter in one place.
- We hosted two successful [multiplier events](#) and engaged in intensive dissemination efforts at [several national and international conferences](#).
- All project partners convened for a [Transnational meeting in Lisbon](#), Portugal. Likewise, the members of the Advisory Board met to discuss the possible future direction and sustainability of the CONSCIOUS II project
- There was also an interim evaluation of the project by the ERASMUS+National Agency (Dum zahraniční spolupráce) with very positive feedback emphasising the thoroughness and clarity of the materials.

See below for details and what's to come!

## The CONSCIOUS II Pilot Course Engaged Over 250 Participants in Innovative Online Learning

The CONSCIOUS II pilot course ran from 16 January to 2 April, 2024, with sessions held every Tuesday from 18:00 to 19:30. This course used an collaborative online international learning format that included hands-on activities in breakout rooms, interactive lectures with practical examples, and interviews with experts followed by discussions.

We were thrilled that more than **250 participants** enrolled in the course, of which more than 100 received a certificate. The course records are being compiled to serve as additional teaching materials and a future teacher's guide. **Feedback from participants was mostly positive** regarding the content, format, scope and methodology of the course. For the trainers, the pilot course was an **exciting experience**, enhanced by the large number of participants, the international setting and the online format.

**CONSCIOUS II**  
Cognitive Development of Basic Clinical Trials

**Who is the target population?**  
- Ph.D. students in medicine, pharmacy, health sciences  
- early-career researchers  
- investigators/trainees 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  
- 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:**  
- Registration needed? Yes, will start in September 2023. End date for registration is November 30, 2023.  
- How to register? Registrations will be available on the project website.  
- Is the pilot teaching a lecture? Or is it interactive? Pilot teaching is going to be interactive - blended classrooms.  
- Can I get a certificate? Yes, for attending more than 80% of the online sessions.  
- Is there a fee? No, all materials and pilot lessons are free of charge.

**PILOT TEACHING PROGRAMME 2024**

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## Events, news:

### CONSCIOUS II Multiplier Event in Lisbon: Fostering Research Culture in Clinical Pharmacology Services.

On February 7th, 2024, the CONSCIOUS II partner – **University NOVA de Lisboa**, in collaboration with the **Clinical Pharmacology Section of the Portuguese Society of Pharmacology**, organized a meeting titled [Fostering Research Culture in Clinical Pharmacology Services](#) at NOVA Medical School in Lisbon, Portugal. The events target audience included Clinical Pharmacologists, Clinical Researchers, PhD Students, and Early Career Researchers in the Medical, Science, and Pharmacy domains. By fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange, this initiative aimed to propel advancements in clinical pharmacology research and practice.

A significant highlight of the gathering was the session dedicated to the Cooperation Partnership for Education: Clinical Trialists of the Future.





## [CONSCIOUS II Multiplier Event in Paris](#) as part of the **Teacher Training Seminar on Active Learning Techniques**

On 4 April 2024 another Multiplier event took place, this time in Paris and hosted by Univesité Paris Cité. The Multiplier event was part of the Teacher Training Seminar on Active Learning Techniques. The topic of the project thus perfectly complemented the focus of the seminar.

## [CONSCIOUS II Project Presented at EACPT Congress in Rotterdam, Netherlands](#)

On June 11, 2024, Viktória Nagy and Stéphanie Mouly introduced the CONSCIOUS II project at the [EACPT congress in Rotterdam](#), under the Section of Teaching of Clinical Pharmacology. Their presentation, "Building a Teaching Program to Harmonize and Optimize Clinical Trial Practice at the European Level: The CONSCIOUS Curriculum Project" highlighted efforts to standardize and improve clinical trial education across Europe. Stéphanie provided a general overview of the project, followed by Viktoria's detailed introduction of the interdisciplinary part of the CONSCIOUS II project.



## [CONSCIOUS II Project Presented at 1st Joint Conference of Pharmacological Societies in Ostrava, Czech Republic](#)

On June 13, the CONSCIOUS II project was presented at the **1st Joint Conference of Pharmacological Societies in Ostrava, Czech Republic**, attended by the Czech and Slovak pharmacological societies. Jitka Rychlickova delivered an insightful presentation, detailing the project's objectives and outputs available on the project website and training platform. She shared valuable feedback from the pilot course, highlighting participant evaluations and the positive impact of the program.



**Upcoming events and activities in the CONSCIOUS II project:**

### **Registration for the CONSCIOUS II Autumn Course Extended**

**CONSCIOUS II**  
Curriculum Development of Human Clinical Trials

**Autumn Course in Clinical Trials**

PhD students – early-career researchers – lecturers – experts in CT

<p><b>Organisational info</b></p> <p>September 11, 2024, 9:00-15:00 September 12, 2024, 11:00-17:00</p> <p>St. Anne's University Hospital Brno Brno, Czech Republic</p> <p>This course is free. Travel and accommodation expenses may be covered via Erasmus+ short mobility. Alternatively, seize the chance to participate in the CZECRIN Annual Research Conference, see the info below. Check your local availability of funding for one or the other option.</p>	<p><b>Preliminary course programme</b></p> <p>Clinical Trial Designs Trial Management Quality and Regulatory Affairs Pharmacovigilance and Study Medication Paediatric Clinical Trials Leadership for PIs</p> <p>The P2P course will be based on <b>team-based learning</b>. Practical skills will be developed by <b>hands-on activities</b> and <b>discussion</b> of individual topics. Six topics from the CONSCIOUS II curriculum will be covered. The certificate of participation will be issued.</p>
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We are excited to announce that [registration for the CONSCIOUS II Autumn course has been extended!](#) This face-to-face intensive course will be **held in Brno, Czech Republic, on September 11 and 12, 2024**, offering over 12 hours of engaging and informative content spread across two days.

Participants will have the opportunity to dive into a range of topics, including: *Clinical trial designs, Trial management, Quality and regulatory affairs, Pharmacovigilance and study medication, Pediatric clinical trials, Leadership for Principal Investigators.*

The course features team-based learning with hands-on activities to enhance understanding and practical skills. Attendees who complete the full 2-day program will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Don't miss this chance to broaden your knowledge and connect with fellow professionals in the field. [Register today](#) to secure your spot and take part in this transformative learning experience!



## Invitation to CONSCIOUS II Project Multiplier Event at CZECRIN Annual Research Conference in Brno

We are excited to invite you to the [CONSCIOUS II project Multiplier event](#), which will take place on September 12, 2024, in Brno as part of the [CZECRIN Annual Research Conference](#). This event is a unique opportunity to engage with key topics shaping the future of clinical research.

The main conference topics include:

- Advances in Education in Clinical Trials
- Patient-Centered Clinical Research
- New Approaches in Clinical Study Preparation and Operation
- Clinical Research for and with Medical Students as Future Investigators
- Innovations & IT Tools Accelerating Patient-Centric Trials



Join us to explore these crucial areas, share insights, and network with professionals dedicated to advancing clinical research. Don't miss this chance to be part of a transformative event in the field of clinical trials.



Do not forget to check new [interviews](#) with the individual authors of the pilot lessons.

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: <https://forms.office.com/r/hULLeCsYJY>.



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