



## The TWIST training in addictions

The **TWIST project** (Training With Stakeholders – applying EU drug and addiction research, [www.twist-train.eu](http://www.twist-train.eu), 1/6/17 – 30/4/18), is designing a training strand on using addiction research and knowledge, with the participation of the target audience (early stage professionals and stakeholders from multiple sectors), to be delivered within the frame of the Lisbon Addictions 2017 conference (LxAddictions17, 24-26 October 2017).

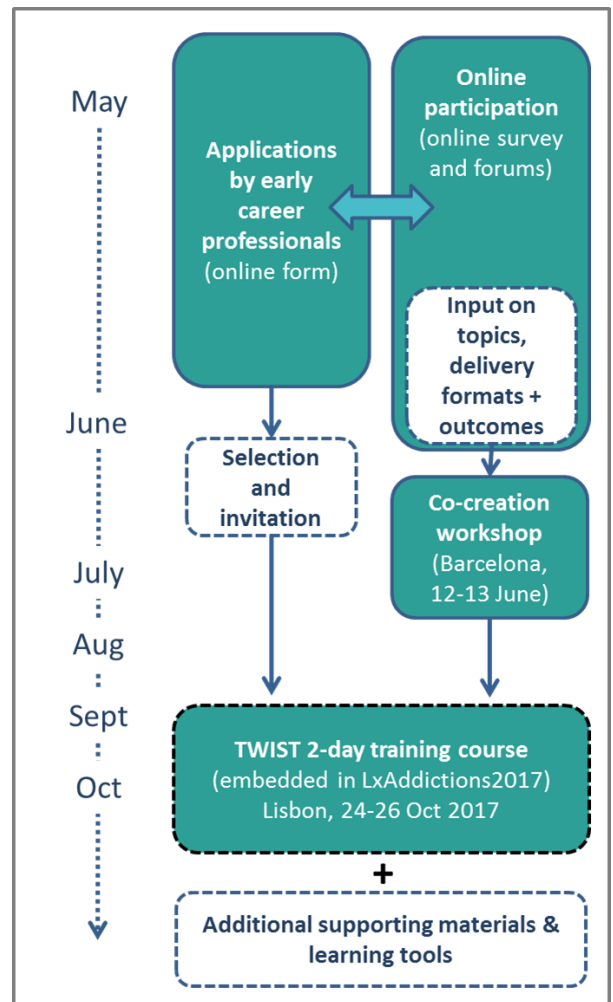
During the evaluation of first edition of the LxAddictions Conference in 2015, a demand was detected to go beyond the usual conference communication formats, and complement the programme with an integrated training event to explore a selection of “hot” drug and addiction topics in-depth, and build capacity among different stakeholders, using novel interactive dynamic learning formats, knowledge and experience exchange, and multi-sector networking environments. The TWIST programme will meet this need through a two-day training programme, aimed at early stage drug and addiction professionals, embedded within the scope and programme of LxAddictions17.

## Target audience.

TWIST brings together over 140 early stage drug and addiction professionals – from academic, clinical and civil sector organisations – with experts from research and non-research stakeholder groups. We expect participants to come from a wide variety of European and neighbouring countries, and are working to ensure balance and diversity in terms of geography (including participants from lower income and less research-intensive EU and neighbouring countries), ability gender and career stage.

**Participatory design of the training strand.** The topics, contents and delivery formats of the TWIST training programme will be conceptualised and designed through a participatory process consisting of 2 main steps:

1. An [online training development survey](#) and forum discussions with the stakeholder groups on the training programme content, formats and learning outcomes through the TWIST website.
2. A co-creation workshop in Barcelona\*, aimed at distilling the input from the TWIST online platform, and define meaningful training pathways within the programme of LxAddictions17 – invited participants will represent a range of stakeholder profiles, sectors and geographical areas.



\* A limited number of places at the co-creation workshop (12-13 June in Barcelona) will be made available to people contributing significantly through the development survey (with past submissions taken into account retrospectively).

## Training Bursaries

TWIST bursaries will cover the flight, hotel, daily lunches and conference fees for 120 early stage professionals to attend Lisbon Addictions 2017 and the TWIST training programme. Bursaries are awarded through the online [application process](#).

## How to apply

TWIST bursary participants are required to complete an online application form and to engage in the participatory process, inputting in the design of content, formats and outcomes for the training strand via the online development survey.

## Eligibility criteria for applicants:

- To be an early stage professional working in or entering drug/addiction fields, with less than 8 years since latest formal academic qualification (PhD students currently studying are welcome to apply).
- To be resident in a European Union country or neighbouring country
- To have completed the online TWIST Development Survey
- To have completed the TWIST Bursary application form and provide supporting information for selection by the application deadline (18h CET+1, 30/06/2017)

Bursary participants are selected on the basis of their need for support to attend LxAddictions 2017, the relevance of their academic and/or professional activity to addictions and drug policies and practices, and the scope and achievements of the academic and/or professional practice of the applicant in accordance with their career stage. TWIST is committed to ensuring balance and diversity in terms of geography, ability, gender, and career stage.

## The Participant organisations in TWIST:

<b>Clínic Foundation for Biomedical Research (project coordinators)</b> (FCRB - Fundació Clínic per a la Recerca Biomèdica) Barcelona	
<b>General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies</b> (SICAD - Serviço de Intervenção nos Comportamentos Aditivos e nas Dependências) Lisbon	
<b>European Federation of Addiction Societies</b> (EUFAS)	
<b>Clínic University Hospital, Barcelona</b> (HCB – Hospital Universitari Clínic de Barcelona) Barcelona	

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