



Enhancing EU Oncology Nursing Practice for Clinical Excellence



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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR THE EUROPEAN PROJECT: ECLIPTIC- ENHANCING EU ONCOLOGY NURSING PRACTICE FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE COD. 2024-2-BE01-KA210-VET-000287146, NATIONAL ID: 24PSP0013

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Article 1 – Scope of the Project

ECLIPTIC develops an innovative VET programme for European cancer nurses with the following OBJECTIVES:

1. Enhance the clinical skills and patient care through intensive immersion in up-to-date oncology practices, equip the participant nurses with advanced knowledge and techniques to provide high-quality patient care.
2. Increase nurses specialist practice skills such as studying new practical procedures, including assessment and safety protocols, effective communication techniques, complex symptom management, nursing research methodologies, and addressing psychosocial consequences of cancer therapies thanks to simulation clinics.
3. Increase clinical leadership skills of nurses by providing networking sessions for participants to reflect on their role in clinical bed site leadership within the context of cancer nursing.

Article 2– Beneficiaries, Type and Duration of the Training Course

Under ECLIPTIC's Project, in the period from 24 to 28 October 2025, EONS and its partner ESO will deliver a funded training course **ECLIPTIC**, in Venezia, Italy.

The target of the project involves **n.30 cancer nurses representing widely different European countries** with a specific aim to involve also nurses from middle income European countries and where VET opportunities are not so easy to reach such as Eastern and Southern EU countries. Therefore, the national origin of beneficiaries goes beyond the EU States where applicants are legally established. Indeed, one of the main objectives is to create a pivotal European model for continues education for cancer nurses. Both EONS and ESO are European wide organizations not national. However, in order to ensure the continuity and strengthen the local community for the applying organisation, we are committed to reserving 10% of the available participant spots for applicants from Belgium, provided they apply and meet the acceptance criteria.

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- Nursing working with people affected by cancer, when applicable in cancer nurse specialist role, and with at least 3-5 years of clinical cancer nursing practice (a Master degree of Nursing Science degree is not mandatory as limited number of countries has specialist master degree on oncology) demonstrating their commitment to patient care and the field of oncology through their extensive clinical involvement
- People involved in direct patient care, also combined with the management, organization and coordination of cancer patient care: the ideal candidates are those who not only provide direct patient care but also actively engage in a multifaceted role that encompasses various dimensions of care of people affected by cancer. This includes individuals who are involved in patient management, coordination, and organization within the context of cancer care. They should be capable of seamlessly transitioning between clinical responsibilities and administrative aspects of patient care, indicating a holistic understanding of the cancer care continuum.
- Fluent in English (reading and speaking): proficiency in the English language is essential to fully engage with the program's content, interact with faculty and fellow participants, and effectively contribute to discussions and activities throughout the project.

TRAINING COURSE PROGRAM

THEORY MODULE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Understanding the progression of ALS from diagnosis to advanced stages b) Exploring the physical, emotional, and social impacts of ALS on patients and their families, introducing psychological tools and frameworks for understanding emotional needs of ALS patients and their families, c) Exploring strategies for effective communication, empathy, and rapport-building with patients, Addressing caregiver burnout prevention techniques. 	48 HOURS
PRACTICAL MODULE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Applied Psychology: Delving deeper into psychological principles relevant to caregiving, including grief, loss, and coping mechanisms, Role-playing scenarios to practice communication skills, conflict resolution, and emotional support techniques b) Hygiene: Learning proper hygiene practices tailored to the specific needs of ALS patients c) Respiratory Management: Understanding respiratory complications associated with ALS and the importance of respiratory support devices, Training on the use and oxygen therapy equipment. d) Nutritional Support: Exploring the nutritional requirements of ALS patients and strategies for optimizing dietary intake, discussing methods for assisting with feeding, administering tube feeding, and monitoring nutritional status. 	32 HOURS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Safe Handling: Learning proper techniques for transferring, lifting, and repositioning ALS patients to prevent injuries, such as transfer belts, hoists, and wheelchairs f) Adaptive dressing techniques to accommodate the physical limitations of ALS patients, exploring clothing options and assistive devices to facilitate independent dressing whenever possible. g) Training in basic first aid procedures tailored to the needs of ALS patients h) Understanding legal and ethical considerations in ALS caregiving, including patient rights and informed consent. 	
A calendar with date and timing will be provided by selected participants, the lesson will be on June, July and September	

Article 3 – Training, Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs

The **training course is free of charge** because is funded by the European Project ECLIPTIC. At the end of the training each participant will receive the Europass Certification Supplement of the acquired skills.

Travel costs are also covered by the European Commission, each participant should fill in Annex 2 to receive the refund of travel costs. All the travel costs will be refunded within the following limits:

Travel Distance	Eco-Travel for each learner	Non-eco travel for each learner
10 – 99 km	Up to 56 EUR	Up to 28 EUR
100 – 499 km	Up to 285 EUR	Up to 211 EUR
500 – 1 999 km	Up to 417 EUR	Up to 309 EUR
2 000 – 2 999 km	Up to 535 EUR	Up to 395 EUR
3 000 – 3 999 km	Up to 785 EUR	Up to 580 EUR
4 000 – 7 999 km	Up to 1 188 EUR	Up to 1 188 EUR
8 000 km o più	Up to 1 735 EUR	Up to 1 735 EUR

Learners can verify the distance in kilometers using the European Commission's tool: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

Since the Erasmus+ Programme provides a range for travel reimbursement, ESO and EONS have established a maximum refund of € 250,00 per participant. This decision aims to maximize



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the number of participants and the overall impact of the project. Therefore, if a participant spends more than € 250,00 on travel to reach Venice, the additional cost will be at their own expense.

Participants will be reimbursed for the actual travel expenses incurred, which can be claimed by completing the **Annex 2 – Travel Cost Refund Form** at the end of the training course.

The organisers will inform the selected participant of the exactly amount they will receive as Travel Cost according to the departure destination, the final destination will be Barcellona as training course location.

The organisers will also covered subsistence and accommodation costs during the training. Each participant will be covered for: n.4 nights at Hotel San Servolo in Venezia, plus n. 4 breakfast, n.3 lunches and n.4 dinner/aperitif.

All others costs, not declared in this call for participants, will be borne by participants.

Article 4 – Selection of Participants – CRITERIA

Considering the peculiarity of the activity, partners agreed to define selection criteria able to investigate proper skills to get enrolled in this training. This is not meant to be selective but just to ensure the higher impact of the European Commission funds and above all the higher impact for all participants involved.

INSERT CRITERIA

- 3–5+ years of clinical cancer nursing experience
- Involvement in **direct patient care**, coordination, or management
- **Fluency in English** (reading & speaking)

The call will open on **17th April 2025** and will close on **30th June 2025**.

The participant will be selected on merit ranking considering all the previsions outlined in article 6. **EONS and ESO will proceed with selection within 15th July 2025.**

Article 5- EONS and ESO Obligations

EONS and ESO have the full obligation to guarantee a proper and qualitative participation as stated in Erasmus Quality Standards Chart. At the end of the Training Course EONS and ESO will release Europass Certificate Supplement as certification of the activities plus a dedicated Certificate of the Attendance of the Training.



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Article 6 – Participant Obligations

1. To strictly follow all the instruction provided by EONS and ESO
2. To fulfill all the documentation required to be enrolled in the training course
3. To attend at least 80% of the lesson
4. To sign each lesson day the signature register

Article 7 - Reference legislation

For all matters not covered by this call, reference is made to the European legislation relating to the Erasmus+ Programme, to the provisions given by the AEF Europe National Agency and to the Financial Agreement signed by EONS with the same National Agency.

Article 8 – Processing of Personal Data

The processing of personal data required by this call is carried out exclusively for all activities strictly functional to the procedure by EONS and ESO, as data controllers. The information, provided pursuant to Art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 – General Data Protection Regulation, is available as Annex 1.

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