application for implementation projects in primary care

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*Please complete this form and return to* *thomas.janssens@ebpracticenet.be* *until 1st November 2022.*
*The form can be completed in English, French, or Dutch.*

One of the goals of ebpracticenet is to support small implementation projects that aim to implement (recommendations from) clinical practice guidelines. Different strategies have been developed to implement evidence into practice, but not all strategies are equally effective. Furthermore, several effective implementation strategies have been underused in guideline implementation, including strategies that focus on care organization/context and patients. For strategies focusing on practitioners, strategies that go beyond educational outreach have received little attention, despite their potential for aiding effective implementation.

The focus of this call is on projects that will make use of effective implementation strategies that so far have been underused when implementing practice guidelines in Belgian primary care settings. We aim to fund small projects (1 year/€30000) that ideally have the potential for broad implementation (through maintenance or scale-up with other funding) to improve evidence-based use of implementation strategies and quality of care in primary care. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to apply for limited follow-up funding (1 year/€30000).

Evaluation of the application will be based on the proposed implementation process (use of specific implementation strategies), potential impact, and feasibility of the project. More information about the background, goals and evaluation criteria can be found in the call document, which is included in the application package.

*For applications for follow-up projects - projects with a relationship to a previous implementation project financed by ebpracticenet - applicants need to explicitly describe the relationship between the previous project and the follow-up project. Proposed actions in the follow-up project need to extend or expand the previous project, and cannot be simply a continuation of the previous project. Actions that were planned and funded by ebpracticenet during the previous project but not carried out will not be eligible for follow-up funding.*

*For all questions concerning this application form, please contact Thomas Janssens (thomas.janssens@ebpracticenet.be).* We advise to get in contact if you have questions about the scope of your application, or overall fit.

# Applicant

Name and contact details of the applicant: …

# Project title

(1 sentence)

# project Summary

(max. 300 words)

# Implementation Process and use of specific implementation strategies

1. Potential for effective implementation: Describe how implementation will be achieved using effective implementation strategies, tailored to important barriers for guideline implementation related to the selected health problem.
2. Benefit for implementation of guideline-based practice in Belgium: Describe how the project can contribute to the introduction of implementation strategies that have been underused in Belgian primary care, and whether these strategies target barriers that are relevant for other implementation problems in primary care (beyond the current project).
3. Maintenance of change: Describe if strategies are used to assure maintained implementation.
4. Evaluation: Describe the evaluation strategy
5. Potential for valorization: Describe how the project may be scaled up or relate to other types of valorization (beyond the scope of the current project).

(max. 2 pages, 50% of total score)

# Impact on quality of care and health outcomes

1. Importance of the health care problem:
	1. Describe the incidence/prevalence and impact on health outcomes (mortality/morbidity/quality of life)
	2. Describe if there is a lack of adherence to guideline recommendations in primary care (e.g. practice variation, under- or overconsumption, …), and resulting suboptimal outcomes for patients or public health.
	3. Indicate fit of the health care problem with priorities for the EBP-net-work, listed by government and scientific authorities (cf. List in call document).
2. Quality of the evidence/practice guideline: Describe if there is a recent and validated (by Cebam) guideline available for the topic

(max 1 page, 30% of total score)

# Feasibility (Work plan and BUDGET)

1. Work plan: Describe the work plan and timeline for the project, including (intermediate) goals and deliverables, and the availability of human resources to execute the project. The timeline should fit within the project duration of 1 year (+1 year follow-up).
2. Budget: Describe the total budget needed for the project, making a distinction between personnel costs and other project costs. The total budget should not exceed €30000/year.

(max. 2 pages, 20% of total score)

# relation of Follow-up project to previous implementation project (If Appliccable)

Describe the relationship to the previous implementation project carried out with support from ebpracticenet.

For example:

* How does the follow-up project relate to outcomes of the previous project?
* In what way will the outcomes of the follow-up project facilitate the success of the novel project?
* Is the follow-up project motivated by (incidental) results of the previous project?
* Does the follow-up project apply methods or outcomes from the previous project to a novel condition or setting?

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