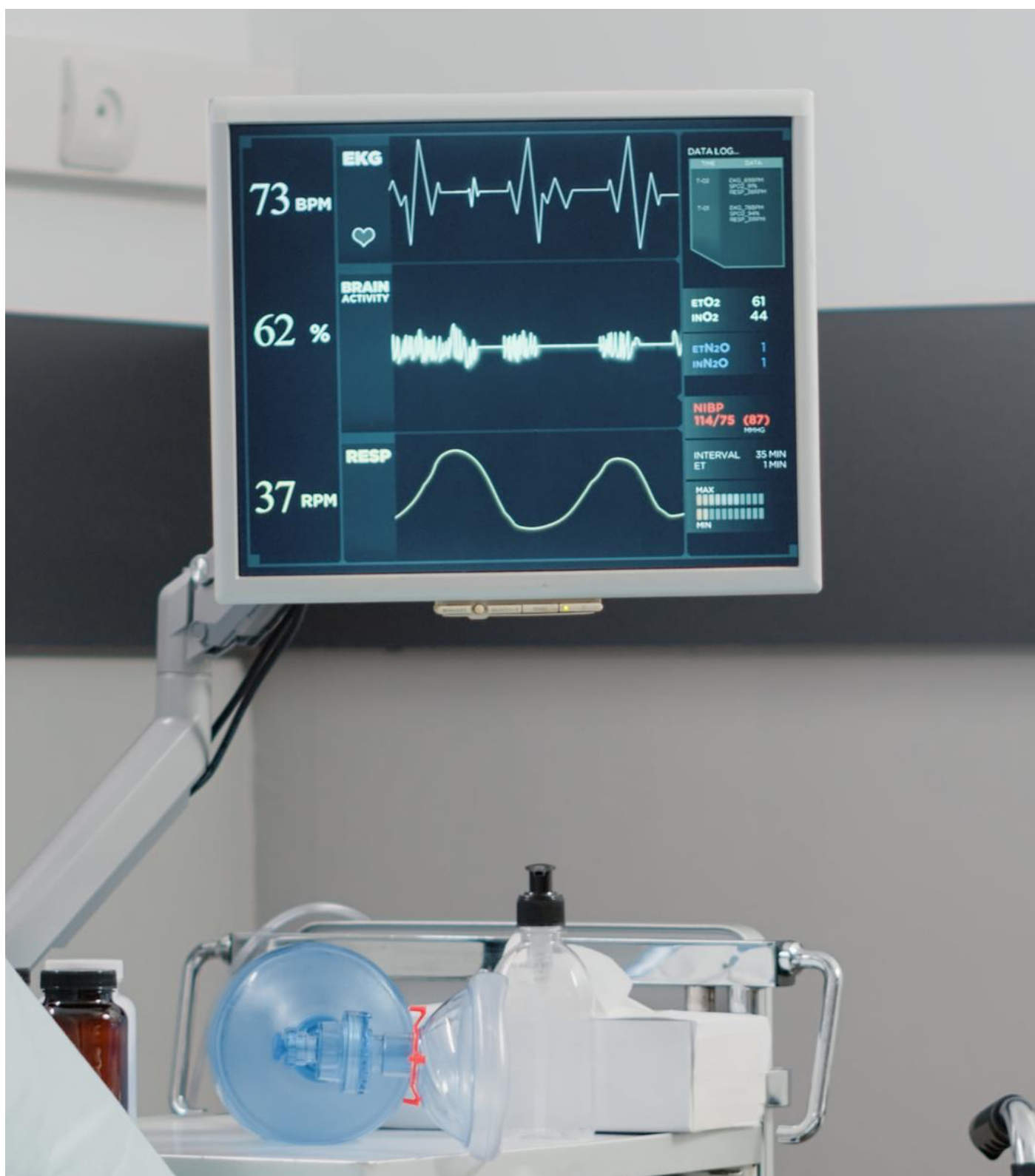




First SAFE-ICU Training School

10-12 JUNE 2026 • ATHENS, GREECE

The SAFE-ICU COST Action Training School, held in Athens, Greece, brought together healthcare professionals, researchers, and implementation science experts from across Europe for an intensive programme focused on translating evidence into safer intensive care practice. Throughout the training school, participants explored how implementation science, behavioural science, patient safety research, and policy development can work together to improve outcomes for critically ill patients.



The SAFE-ICU COST Action Training School, held in Athens, Greece, brought together healthcare professionals, researchers, and implementation science experts from across Europe for an intensive programme focused on translating evidence into safer intensive care practice.

Throughout the training school, participants explored how implementation science, behavioural science, patient safety research, and policy development can work together to improve outcomes for critically ill patients.

The Training School combined expert lectures with interactive workshops, collaborative discussions, and networking opportunities that fostered international collaboration among early-career and experienced researchers alike. Participants exchanged ideas, developed future research collaborations, and strengthened a growing European network committed to improving patient safety in intensive care. The SAFE-ICU Training School demonstrated that improving intensive care is not only about generating high-quality evidence—it is about understanding behaviour, implementing change effectively, measuring meaningful outcomes, and ensuring that research informs healthcare policy and everyday clinical practice.

A sincere thank you to all speakers, trainers, organisers, and participants whose expertise, enthusiasm, and collaboration made this Training School an inspiring and memorable experience. Together, we continue building a stronger evidence base for safer intensive care across Europe.



Supporting Research and Mobility

FIRST SAFE-ICU GRANT CALL • CELEBRATING OUR RECIPIENTS



We are pleased to announce the recipients of the Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM) grants from our first call for application

Hannah Wilson (Ireland) - Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (Dublin, Ireland)

Gaia Dussi (Italy) - Universita Degli Studi Di Udine (Udine, Italy)

Francesca Trotta (Italy) - Universita degli studi di Roma La Sapienza (Rome, Italy)

Anna Antoszezowska (Poland) - University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (Olsztyn, Poland)

Sean Harrington (UK) - King's College London (London, United Kingdom)

Hanife Durgun (Türkiye) - Ordu University (Ordu, Türkiye)

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the Virtual Mobility (VM) grants from our first call for application

Dominika Kohanová (Slovakia) - Univerzita Konstantina Filozofa Vnitre (Nitra, Slovakia)

Emine Kır Biçer (Türkiye) - Mustafa Kemal University (Antakya Hatay, Türkiye)

We are pleased to announce the recipient of the Inclusiveness Target Country Conference Grant (ITC CG) grants from our first call for application

Adriano Friganovic (Croatia) - Croatian Nurses Society of Anesthesia, Reanimation, Intensive Care and Transfusion (Zagreb, Croatia)

Congratulations to all awardees, and we wish them great success in their research!

STRENGTHENING THE SAFE-ICU

COST GRANT HOLDER WORKSHOP • COLLABORATION & CAPACITY BUILDING



We are pleased to see Izabela Cymer, Grant Holder Manager of, participating in the recent COST Grant Holder Workshop alongside other COST Grant Holder Managers across Europe. These workshops play an important role in strengthening grant management skills, supporting collaboration, and ensuring the effective coordination of COST Actions across Europe.

Behind every COST Action, there are people making things happen, and giving them the right support from the start can make all the difference. Yesterday, we hosted another COST Grant Holder Workshop, part of our ongoing series supporting new Grant Holder Managers as they take on their role within COST. Through practical exercises and real examples, participants explored the COST Grant System and financial rules that guide their day-to-day work, alongside hands-on sessions with the COST grant management tool.

What do participants think about the COST Grant Holder Workshops overall? One previous attendee put it simply:

"The workshop was practical and very helpful. The real-life examples made the rules much easier to understand and gave me more confidence in managing Grant Holder tasks."

SAFE-ICU at EPUAP 2026

26TH ANNUAL MEETING • 9-11 SEPTEMBER 2026 • DUBLIN, IRELAND



We are pleased to share that representatives of the SAFE-ICU COST Action participated in the 26th Annual Meeting of the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP 2026), held in Dublin, Ireland, from 9–11 September 2026.

SAFE-ICU was represented by Action Chair Natalie McEvoy, Working Group Leader Pierre-Yves Blanchard, and Management Committee Member Irena Pukiova, highlighting the Action's commitment to international collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the advancement of patient safety in critical care.

The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to engage with international experts and explore current evidence and innovative approaches in pressure injury prevention, patient safety, and quality of care. It also offered a valuable platform to strengthen connections between the SAFE-ICU COST Action network and the wider international pressure injury community.

We sincerely thank EPUAP - European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and all colleagues for the inspiring scientific discussions, valuable knowledge exchange, and opportunities for collaboration throughout the meeting.

We look forward to building on these connections and transforming shared ideas into future collaborations and impactful initiatives within the SAFE-ICU COST Action.

Together, we continue to advance safer, evidence-based critical care across Europe and beyond.



SAFE-ICU Newsletter

COST Action CA24107 | Patient SAFety Related Outcome Measures in European ICUs (SAFE-ICU)

About SAFE-ICU

The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) is a complex environment, where nurses are trained to deliver highly specialized care to critically ill patients. The ICU is a rapidly changing environment with new treatments and interventions emerging. However, despite advancements in care practices and treatment protocols, there remains significant variability in patient safety related outcomes. The World Health Organisation estimates that 1 in 10 patients are harmed in healthcare settings and that as many as 80% of these harms are avoidable.

■ Website
www.safeicu.eu

■ E-Mail
info@safeicu.eu

■ Social
 [/company/safe-icu-cost-action](https://www.linkedin.com/company/safe-icu-cost-action)
 [/safeicuca24107](https://www.instagram.com/safeicuca24107)