

# Training School on Participatory Approaches to Research, Practice and Policy

Hosted jointly by the Building the Opportunities for Participation and Accessibility through lifelong community Mobility - CA23101 (BOPALiM) and Participatory Approaches with Older Adults (PAAR-net) – CA22167 COST Actions

## DATES

04 – 06. 05. 2026

## TRAINERS

Dr. Jerome Peter Fredericks

Ass.-Prof. Jodi Sturge

Prof. Dr. Matthias Drilling

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Prof. Dr. Christina Schulze

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

Join a three-day training school for a comprehensive exploration of participatory approaches with older adults and/or persons with disabilities applied to research, practice and policy development.

## FORMAT

The in-person event will focus on:

- current theories, methodologies and practices in participatory research, practice and policy,
- practice examples followed by discussion and application,
- considerations shaping protocol development and ethics, and
- development of a framework comprising approaches and techniques.

## APPLICATIONS

Apply for the training school by 27/02/2026 by clicking [HERE](#). Limited spaces are available. You will be notified whether your application was successful by 1/4/2026.

## CRITERIA THAT WILL INFORM SELECTION INCLUDE:

- Young researchers (under 40 yrs of age)
- Members' current involvement in the BOPALiM or PAAR-net COST Actions
- Manifested interest in and/or experience with participatory approaches in research, practice or policy.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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## VENUE

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