

Dear Colleague,

The European Cystic Fibrosis Society (ECFS), together with CF Europe, is opening a call for the Twinning Expansion project which aims to build up a friendship and partnership between two CF sites. One site will be an expert CF centre with a long-term outstanding history in CF care ("**mentor site**"). The other site ("**mentee site**") being a CF care facility which strives to improve the care, but due to various reasons (lack of staff, lack of financial resources, lack of access to therapies, lack of appreciation from healthcare authorities), this centre finds it difficult. The mentee site would therefore welcome the guidance, advice and collaboration of a well-established CF centre.

If you think that you and your CF team would like to participate in this project as a mentee site and thus, become linked to the mentor CF centre, please fill in the application attached to this email and send it back to the **ECFS Twinning Coordinator** (Helen Chadwick; [education@ecfs.eu](mailto:education@ecfs.eu)) **by 31st January 2024**. Alternatively, if you think that you will not be able to be engaged in the project yourself, please pass this letter and the application form to your CF clinical colleague.

Applications will be reviewed by the Board of the project. The results will be announced in February 2024. If your site is selected, the collaboration is expected to start from March 2024, with an onsite visit from the mentor site within the first six months. Follow-up activities can for instance include the training of the team members, revision of clinical practices, meetings with hospital authorities, but the concrete plan of how to collaborate and foster the partnership on a long term basis will be left free to you and to the mentor. If selected, the project will also help support and facilitate networking between yourself (as a site) and the patient organisation of your country (if established).

The ECFS and CF Europe are committed to support your long-term collaboration and to cover project-related travel expenses (flight, accommodation). Please see the **Terms of Reference** for further information.

I hope you find this project valuable for your professional work,

Kind regards

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on behalf of the ECFS Standards of Care Working Group