

WHAM and EIT Health

EIT Health is a network organisation of nearly 150 partners and includes world leading universities, hospitals and private industry from across Europe. It is funded through a number of financial streams as an organisation, though the EIT Health contribution for projects is funded exclusively by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, which receives its funding from the European Commission as part of the Horizon 2020 programme.

In response to EIT Health's funding call, applicants in EIT Health partner organisations collaborate to submit proposals that demonstrate innovative approaches to tackling defined healthcare challenges. The funding call is competitive and the evaluation process for proposals is rigorous, fair and transparent. Projects are evaluated by a panel of experts who are external to EIT Health and its partners. Each activity is run independently by its participating project partners, without influence on the development from the wider partnership, and monitored by EIT Health.

The Women's Health After Motherhood (WHAM) Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) was awarded part-funding by EIT Health through the annual call for 2019 projects and is led by Trinity College Dublin (TCD) in collaboration with the University of Barcelona, Spain and the University Medical Centre Groningen (UMCG), the Netherlands. The remaining project funding is through its project partners' own resources: in this case, those of TCD, University of Barcelona and UMCG.

The course content has been developed based on the findings of the Maternal Health And Maternal Morbidity in Ireland (MAMMI) study. The MAMMI study is a longitudinal study of over 3000 first-time mothers in Ireland, carried out at Trinity College Dublin and funded by grants awarded by the Health Research Board, Friends of the Coombe, Rotunda Foundation, TCD Student Stipends, Science Without Borders and the Health Service Executive. The MAMMI study was set up as a study with and for women and the Women's Health After Motherhood MOOC was co-created with mothers from the MAMMI study.

The WHAM MOOC is independent from other partners within EIT Health's network, who have no involvement or influence on the MAMMI study or the WHAM course in any way.

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