

# Education in Research Integrity for PhD students in Europe

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#### 1. Introduction

Challenges for research integrity (RI)

A changing research environment

FFP and QRPs

Institutional responsibility in promoting for promoting the integrity in research (ALLEA 2017)

How is RI education implemented for PhD students in Europe?



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# 2. Objectives

To map the education in RI for PhD students



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Timing

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**Content of the training sessions** 





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Official websites of targeted universities

University-wide education in RI for PhD students

Excluded local initiatives from faculties, departments, ...

E-mailed the institutions to verify the information

Content analysis (Elo and Kyngäs, 2008)

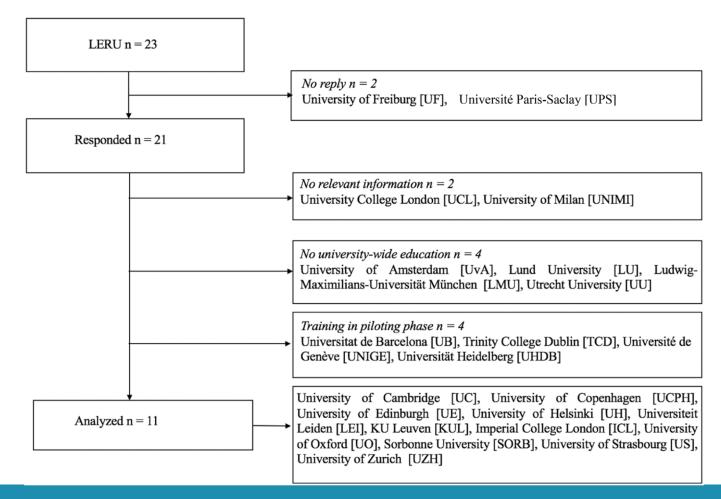


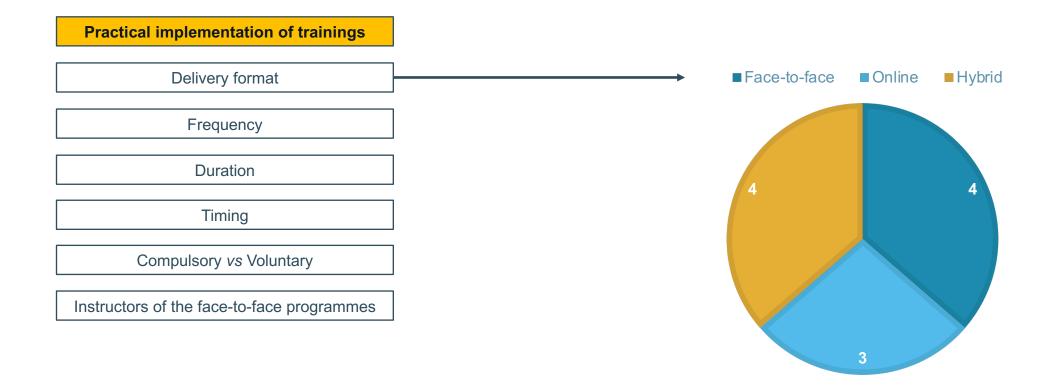


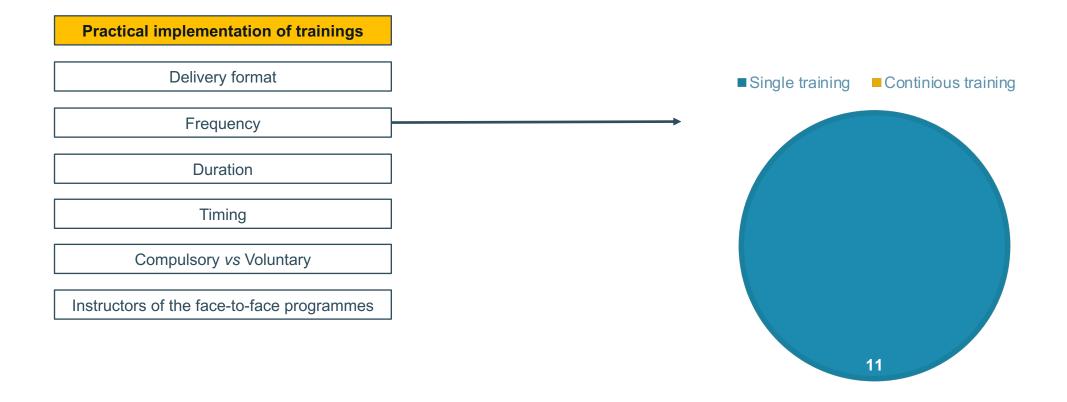
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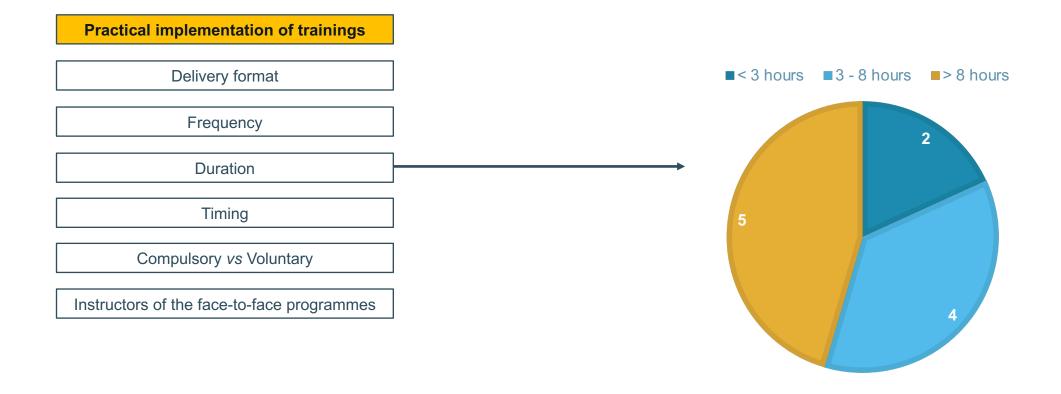
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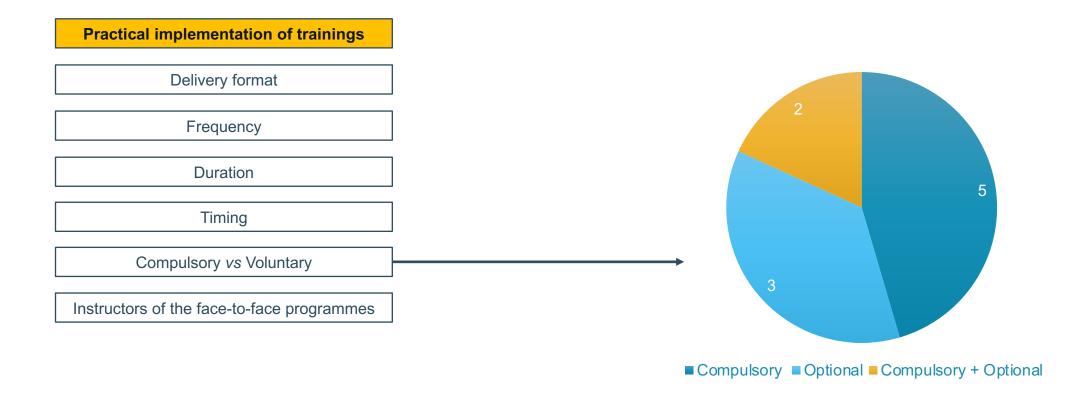






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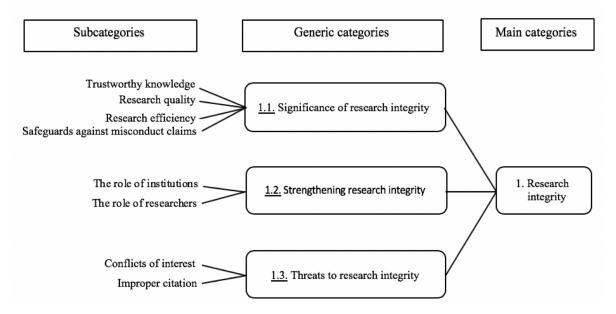
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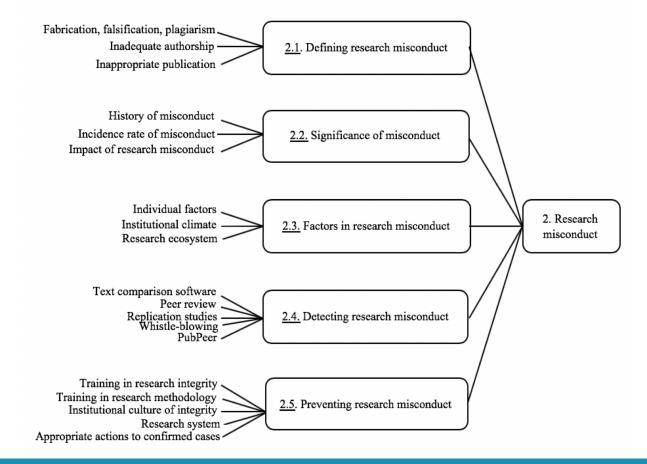
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#### **Content of the training sessions**

Fig. 2 Abstraction process of the specific aspects of training content in subcategories, generic categories and main categories







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#### 5. Conclusion

- A <u>limited number</u> of universities (11/23) developed university-wide RI training for PhD students
- Information on training, and especially on the content of course, proved <u>difficult</u> to access from the official websites → possibly available for staff only
- Data analysis revealed <u>substantial variations</u> in format, frequency, duration, timing among European universities
- Universities have a duty of care to promote RI (Bouter 2020, Mejlgaard et al 2021)





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