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About us

34 Member Societies

20 Patient Advocacy Groups

**Working together to build consensus
and achieve improvement
in cancer care**

To reduce the burden of cancer, improve outcomes and the quality of care for cancer patients, through multidisciplinary and multiprofessionalism

european
cancer
ORGANISATION

Our Member Societies

CIRSE



EASO
European Association for the Study of Obesity



eau
European
Association
of Urology

eaun
European
Association
of Urology
Nurses

ECL
Association of European
Cancer Leagues

efc
EUROPEAN
FEDERATION
FOR COLPOSCOPY



EHA
EUROPEAN
HEMATOLOGY
ASSOCIATION



European Hereditary
Tumour Group



EORTC
European Organisation for Research
and Treatment of Cancer
The future of cancer therapy

ERS
EUROPEAN
RESPIRATORY
SOCIETY
every breath counts



ESTRO



EUSOMA
European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists

EUSOBI
european society of breast imaging

ESCP
European Society of
COLOPROCTOLOGY

ESGO
European Society of
Gynaecological Oncology

ESOI
European Society of
Oncologic Imaging



European
Society of
Pathology

ESIRI

EUROSKIN
EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF
SKIN CANCER
PREVENTION

esso
THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY
OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY



IPOS
INTERNATIONAL
PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY
SOCIETY

ipvs
International
Papillomavirus
Society

SIOG
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
OF GERIATRIC ONCOLOGY

MASCC
Multinational Association
of Supportive Care in Cancer
WWW.MASCC.ORG

OEICI
ORGANISATION OF EUROPEAN CANCER INSTITUTES
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING

Our Patient Advocacy Groups



An open and collaborative approach

Members of

Working closely with





Our Strategy 2020-23

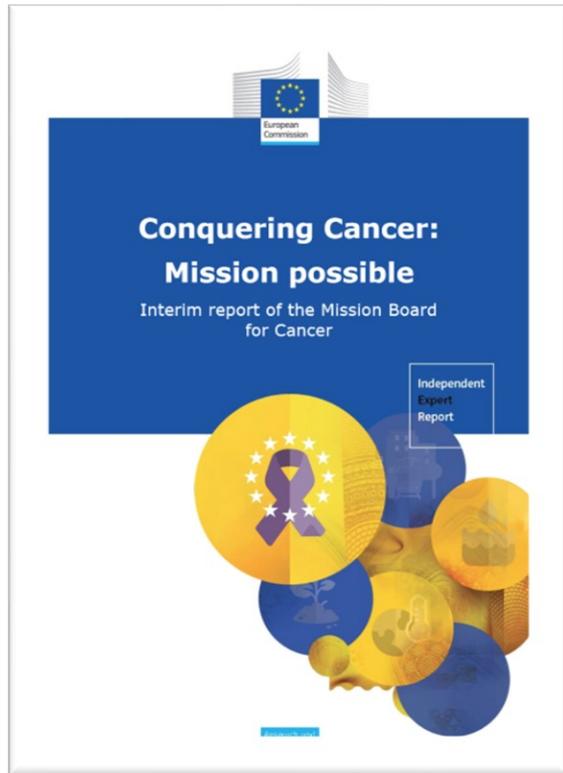
Pillar 1: Policy and Advocacy

- On behalf of our Member Societies, we strive to be a leading organisation in **the development of oncopolicy and advocacy at the European level**
- On behalf of our Member Societies, we are available as **a resource to European institutions to convene and facilitate** across disciplines, professions and with patient advocates
- We advocate on key policy issues, **speaking with one voice** on behalf of our Member Societies and patient groups, to enhance the impact of their expertise and experience

Pillar 2: Convenor and Facilitator around Focused Topics

- We act as **the "federation" of the European cancer community** - amplifying the important work of our member societies and Patient Advisory Committee.
- We convene our Member Societies, patient groups and other stakeholders for **discussion and exchange, building consensus and co-ordinating activities**, including through our **Focused Topic Networks**.
- We believe in **collaboration**, bringing together those who share our Mission and Vision to promote multidisciplinary and multi-professionalism for the benefit of patients, as well as **advocating across Europe for our agreed policies**.

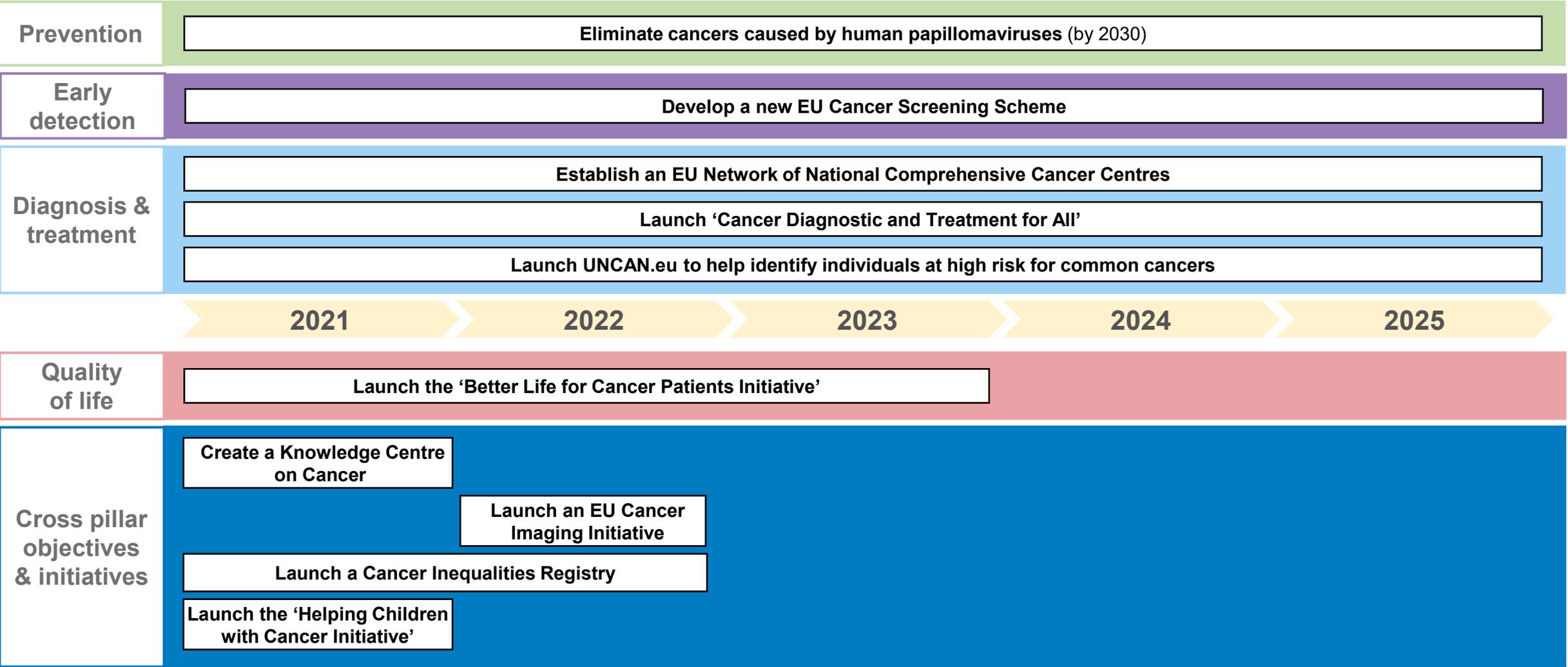
Pillar 1: Responding to opportunity & challenge





Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

10 Flagship initiatives 2021-2025



Horizon Europe's EU Cancer Mission

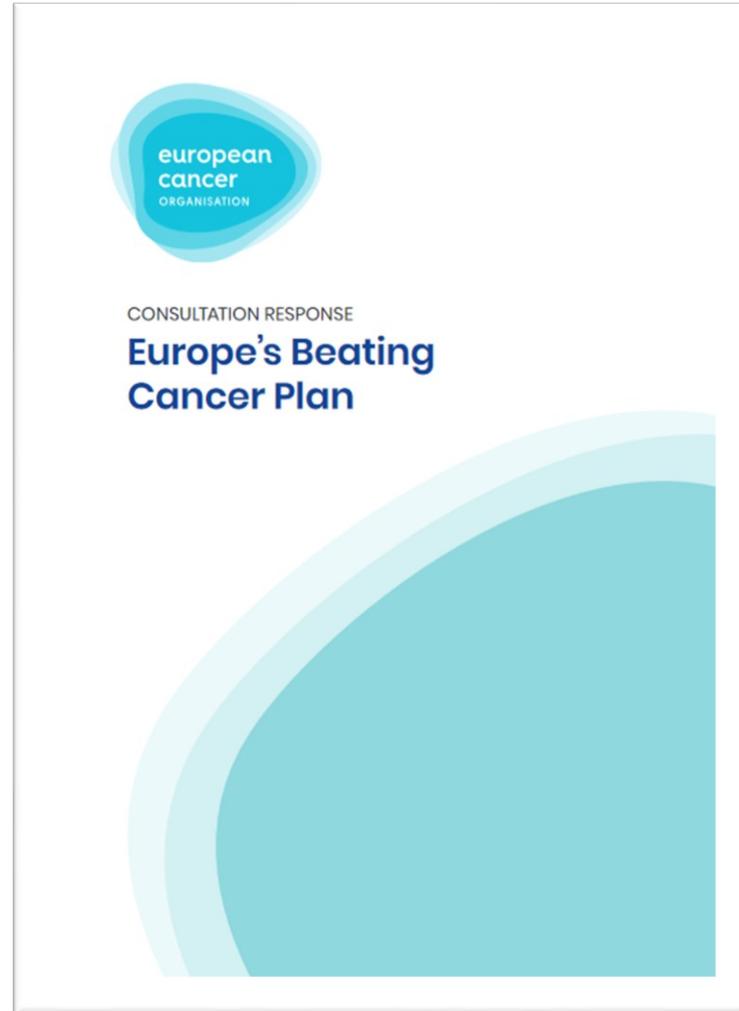
13 Recommendations for bold actions

Understanding Prevention Diagnostic and Treatment Quality of Life Equitable Access Cross-Cutting Actions



- 1 Launch **UNCAN.eu** – a European Initiative to Understand Cancer
- 2 Develop an EU-wide research programme to identify **(poly-) genic risk scores**
- 3 Support the development and implementation of **effective cancer prevention strategies and policies** within Member States and the EU
- 4 Optimise existing **screening programmes** and develop novel approaches for screening and early detection
- 5 Advance and implement **personalised medicine approaches** for all cancer patients in Europe
- 6 Develop an EU-wide research programme on **early diagnostic and minimally invasive treatment/ technologies**
- 7 Develop an EU-wide **research programme and policy support to improve the quality of life** of cancer patients and survivors, family members and carers, and all persons with an increased risk of cancer
- 8 Create a **European Cancer Patient Digital Centre** where cancer patients and survivors can deposit and share their data for personalised care
- 9 Achieve **Cancer Health Equity** in the EU across the continuum of the disease
- 10 Set up a **network of Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures** within and across all EU Member States to increase quality of research and care
- 11 **Childhood cancers and cancers in adolescents and young adults: cure more and cure better**
- 12 Accelerate **innovation** and implementation of new technologies and **create Oncology-focused Living Labs** to conquer cancer
- 13 **Transform cancer culture, communication and capacity building**

Collating views and presenting as one



Pillar 2: Convenor and Facilitator around Focused Topics

Special Network
Impact of COVID-19
on Cancer



Prevention Network



HPV Action Network



Health Systems and
Treatment
Optimisation
Network



Quality Cancer Care
Network



Survivorship and
Quality of Life
Network



Digital Health
Network



Inequalities Network



Workforce Network





The Survivorship & Quality of Life Network



Co-Chairs



Andrew Davies

MULTINATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SUPPORTIVE CARE IN CANCER



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INTERNATIONAL PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY SOCIETY

Free From Cancer

Achieving Quality of Life for All Cancer Patients and Survivors

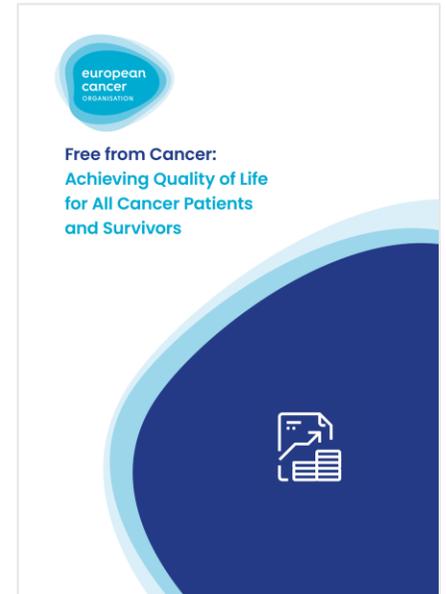
There are now **almost 10 million people surviving more than five years after cancer diagnosis** in Europe.

Improved survival is associated with a **wide range of ongoing, long-lasting issues:**

- **Psycho-social aspects:** cancer distress, cancer stigma, professional and financial difficulties; and
- **Physical aspects:** cancer treatment side-effects, long-term chronic pain, cancer complications and comorbidities.

There are important **hurdles and inequalities across Europe**, impeding the access of cancer patients and survivors to the care they need.

An overall **reorientation of cancer systems is needed** to ensure cancer patients and survivors are able to look forward to a **life free of cancer and its effects**, both physically and psychologically.



Free From Cancer's 7 Asks



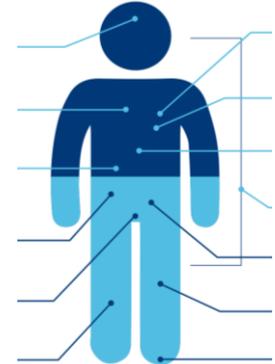
Take action on cancer
distress



Elevate management of
pain and other symptoms



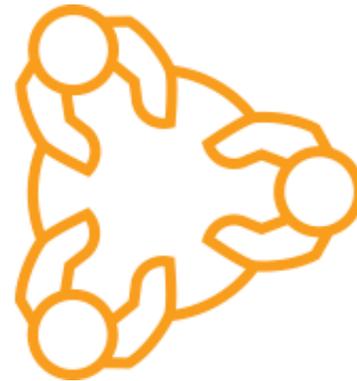
Recognise Sexuality in
Health System Approaches



Meet the Comorbidities
Challenge



Empower patients and survivors:
Education & Information



The Right to Reintegration
into the Workplace



The "Right to Be Forgotten"

Quality Cancer Care Network

The Quality Cancer Care Network aims to:

- Improve outcomes for cancer patients in Europe through the adoption and the implementation of essential requirements for quality cancer care in Europe
- Complement existing clinical guidelines and improve their efficacy
- Shape the policy environment at European and national levels to improve quality of cancer care across Europe and decrease inequalities in cancer outcomes

Quality Cancer Care
Network





Quality Cancer Care Network



Co-Chairs



Philip Poortmans
EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR
RADIOTHERAPY AND
ONCOLOGY



Simon Oberst
ORGANISATION OF
EUROPEAN CANCER
INSTITUTES

Essential Requirements for Quality Cancer Care

Open Access:

- Lung Cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Prostate Cancer
- Primary Care
- Melanoma
- Oesophageal and Gastric Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma in Adults and Bone Sarcoma

Coming Soon:

- Pancreatic Cancer
- Ovarian Cancer
- Glioma



Essential
Requirements for
Quality Cancer Care

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The European Quality Cancer Care Catalogue



Research Projects

Education

Standards & Accreditation

Journals

Patient Tools

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Our Covid-19 Network

Representing 20 organisations from the healthcare professional and patient advocacy communities, the Network has been established on a task-and-finish basis to:

1) Collect intelligence from our Member Societies to capture the Europe-wide experience of:

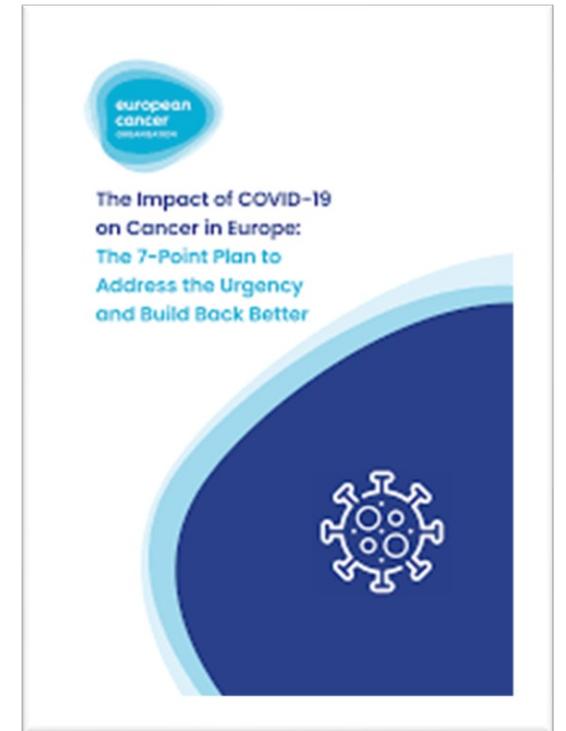
- i. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on cancer patients and multidisciplinary cancer care; and
- ii. The responses of different specialisms/stakeholders to the Covid-19 pandemic

2) Employ this collective intelligence to help:

- i. Redesign cancer services in the era past the first Covid-19 peak, taking into account social distancing rules while optimising cancer care outcomes for patients
- ii. Prepare health-care services to enhance delivery of multi-disciplinary cancer care during a second wave of Covid-19 or another pandemic
- iii. Deliver a focused prioritized multidisciplinary cancer care policy for European citizens and patients for current and future pandemics

The 7 Point Plan to Build Back Better

1. Urgently addresses the cancer backlog
2. Restore confidence of European citizens and patients in cancer health services
3. Tackle medicines, products and equipment shortages
4. Address cancer workforce gaps across the European continent
5. Employ innovative technologies to strengthen cancer systems and provide optimal care to cancer patients
6. Embed data collection and the rapid deployment of cancer intelligence to enhance policy delivery
7. Secure deeper pan-European health cooperation



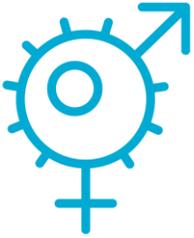
Cancer must not become the Forgotten “C” in the Fight against COVID-19.



Coming soon...



Highlights from other Networks.



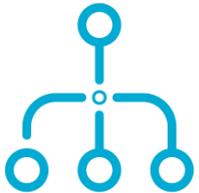
HPV Action Network

Assisting the European Commission and WHO in **achieving HPV cancer elimination** following successful lobbying for this goal



Inequalities Network

Will support the European Commission in developing the EBCP **Inequalities Registry** after achieving important focus to these needs.



Health Systems and Treatment Optimisation Network producing an advocacy paper supporting its Summit 2020 resolution



Digital Health Network

Following an illuminating multi-stakeholder debate on oncology data needs in November, now taking an active role in **European Health Data Space** representations



Workforce Network

Publishing its Advocacy Paper in March, covering matters such as **workforce shortages, training and education needs and workforce conditions (incl safety)**



Prevention Network

After successfully lobbying the Commission on cancer screening issues, 2021 will see a focus to **primary prevention, especially linking EU and international agendas**

European Cancer Summit 2020

Working Together Against Cancer: Breaking Down Barriers & Saving Lives

The virtual European Cancer Summit 2020 on 18 & 19 November brought together leading oncology experts, patient advocates, politicians and policy-makers to discuss the main issues impacting cancer policy, for the benefit of cancer patients, healthcare professionals and all people across Europe.

- 85 High-Level Speakers
- 12 Sessions with Relevance & Impact
- 8 New Resolutions
- Patient Voice Heard in All Sessions
- Over 500 Delegates from 38 Countries



summit 2020

Stella Kyriakides

European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

@EuropeanCancer #europeancancersummit



summit 2021

17 & 18 November
Brussels and Virtual

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European Code of Cancer Practice

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:



1. EQUAL ACCESS



2. INFORMATION



**3. QUALITY,
EXPERTISE &
OUTCOMES**



**4. SPECIALISED
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
CARE**



**5. SHARED
DECISION-MAKING**



**6. RESEARCH &
INNOVATION**



7. QUALITY OF LIFE



**8. INTEGRATED
SUPPORTIVE &
PALLIATIVE CARE**



**9. SURVIVORSHIP &
REHABILITATION**



10. REINTEGRATION



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European Code of Cancer Practice

Translation in 25 languages and more resources available on our website:

European Code of Cancer Practice: Translations & Resources

A selection of materials, translated in many EU languages, is available for download and use in awareness activities to promote the European Code of Cancer Practice. These include:

[Poster](#) - [Videos](#) - [Badge](#) - [Web Banners and Social Visuals](#)

The European Code of Cancer Practice Posters

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- **Bulgarian** – [Европейски кодекс за онкологична практика](#)
Credit: Professor Eduard Vrdoljak Centre for Oncology, University of Split
- **Croatian** – [Europski kodeks za onkološke bolesti](#)
Credit: Anna Prokupkova, Association of European Cancer Leagues
- **Czech** – [Evropský kodex pro péči o rakovinu](#)
Credit: Anna Prokupkova, Association of European Cancer Leagues
- **Dutch** – [De Europese Code voor Kankerbestrijding](#)
Credit: Jonas Van Riet, European Society of Radiology
- **English** – [European Code of Cancer Practice](#)
- **French** – [Code Européen de la prise en charge du cancer](#)
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Credit: The Association of Cancer Patients in Finland
- **German** – [Der Europäische Kodex für die Krebspraxis](#)
Credit: Tamás Bereczky, EUPATI-DE / Patvocates
- **Greek** – [Ο Ευρωπαϊκός Κώδικας Πρακτικής του Καρκίνου](#)
Credit: Andreas Charalambous, European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS)
- **Hungarian** – [A Rákgyakorlat Európai Kódexe](#)



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Practice**

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[Essential Requirements for Quality Cancer Care](#) [VISIT](#)

Codice Europeo di Prassi Contro il Cancro

HAI DIRITTO A:



1. ACCESSO EQUO

Un equo accesso ad una terapia oncologica economica e di alta qualità, che includa il diritto a un secondo consulto medico.



2. INFORMAZIONE

Tutte le informazioni riguardanti lo stato della tua malattia ed il trattamento in corso, da parte del gruppo medico curante e da altre fonti attendibili quali le organizzazioni rappresentative i pazienti e i professionisti del settore.



3. QUALITÀ, ESPERIENZA E RISULTATI

Informazioni sulla qualità e sicurezza della terapia, sul livello di esperienza e sui risultati già raggiunti nella cura al tuo tipo di cancro nel centro oncologico dove sei paziente.



4. TERAPIA SPECIALIZZATA E MULTIDISCIPLINARE

Essere curato da un gruppo medico specializzato e multidisciplinare, che faccia idealmente parte di una rete globale dedicata alla terapia oncologica.



5. DECISIONI CONDIVISE

Partecipare assieme al tuo gruppo medico ad un sistema decisionale condiviso riguardo di tutti gli aspetti della tua terapia.



6. RICERCA & INNOVAZIONE

Essere informato circa tutte le recenti ricerche che possano essere rilevanti per il tuo caso e in merito alla tua possibilità di partecipare ad attività di ricerca in corso.



7. QUALITÀ DELLA VITA

Discutere con il tuo gruppo medico riguardo alle tue priorità e preferenze così da ottenere il miglior grado di qualità della vita possibile.



8. INTEGRAZIONE DI CURE ADIUVANTI E PALLIATIVE

Ricevere una terapia adiuvante e palliativa ottimale, quando necessario, durante ogni fase dell'iter di cura.



9. SOPRAVVIVENZA & RIABILITAZIONE

Ricevere e discutere con il tuo gruppo medico un piano chiaro, gestibile e raggiungibile per la tua sopravvivenza e riabilitazione.



10. REINTEGRO

Essere completamente reintegrato nella società e protetto da ogni pregiudizio e discriminazione riguardante il cancro, con lo scopo di ritornare a condurre una vita il più possibile normale.



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