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# GOOD PRACTICES FOR IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF CANCER TREATMENT IN EUROPE

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*Europe's Beating Cancer Plan*

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# Background - 1

- The Cancer Plan addresses cancer in an **integrated, health-in-all-policies and multi-stakeholder** approach
- Four pillars: (1) prevention; (2) early detection; (3) diagnosis and treatment; and (4) quality of life of cancer patients and survivors
- Cross-cutting themes: research and innovation, digital and personalised medicine, reducing inequalities, paediatric cancer
- 10 flagship initiatives and 32 actions - at every key stage of the disease
- 4 billion EUR budget

## **Background - 2**

- The Cancer Plan works in tandem with the Horizon Europe **Mission on Cancer**, ensuring coherence between ambitious research goals and realistic policy aims
- Regular exchanges with the other EU institutions
  - ✓ European Parliament's **Beating Cancer Committee** – BECA report
  - ✓ **Council** (EPSCO, Senior Level Working Party) – Council Conclusions on European Health Union
- **Implementation Roadmap** with milestones and timeline

# *Implementation roadmap*

- On 17 November the European Commission published an **implementation roadmap** for the Cancer Plan
- This strategic document outlines, step by step, how the Commission intends to achieve the targets it has set itself in the Cancer Plan:
  - The roadmap takes the various actions and breaks down objectives for each year between 2021 and 2025
  - It also provides progress indicators to judge whether an action is being implemented successfully

# Governance

The Commission set up three groups to make sure the Plan runs smoothly:

- Member States: 'sub-group on cancer' under the **Steering Group on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention**
- Commission: A Cancer Plan **Implementation Group**
- Stakeholders: **Stakeholder Contact Group** is set up under the EU Health Policy Platform

# Implementation & Governance

- Sub-group on cancer
  - Consists of representatives of competent health and research authorities
  - Advise COM on implementation of Cancer Plan & Mission on Cancer
  - Inform on implementation (EU & national), advise COM on support to Member States, advise on monitoring of the implementation
  - Recommend actions to improve uptake of best practices, recommendations and guidelines, as well as research results and innovation
  - Regularly inform the SGPP and Health Configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee
  - 5 meetings since May, 1 more until year end; 2 thematic WGs established

# Implementation & Governance

- Commission Implementation Group
  - 23 Commission services represented
  - To follow implementation of Cancer Plan and Mission on Cancer to align EU actions and policies
  - 2-level structure:
    - Implementation Group at Director's level (meeting 2-3 times per year)
    - Network of Cancer Coordinators at operational level (meeting every 4-8 weeks)
  - Ongoing coordination to prepare Implementation Roadmap

# Implementation & Governance

- Stakeholder contact group
  - To discuss, advise and collaborate on implementation
  - Organised in:
    - a “general assembly” (meeting at least twice per year)
    - thematic groups being set-up on 4 pillars and cross-cutting themes: prevention, screening-diagnosis-treatment, quality of life, innovation and digital, inequalities, paediatric cancer

# EU4Health 2021

- Two waves of calls launched under Work Programme 2021 with total of 12 action grants, 4 Joint Actions, 3 tenders:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> wave: quality and safety of radiation technology, update of ECIS – monitoring cancer screening programmes, inter-speciality training, EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors
  - 2nd wave: HPV vaccination, European Code Against Cancer, liver and gastric cancers caused by infection, HealthyLifestyles4All, quality assurance scheme for breast cancer diagnosis and treatment, advanced cancer diagnostics and treatment, drug repurposing, cancer treatment and capability mapping, cancer survivor smart card
- Joint Actions: Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures and EU networking, networks of expertise, as well as HPV vaccination and cancer related eHealth deployment.
- Tenders: Workforce availability, education & training needs for Quality and Safety of Medical Applications Involving Ionising Radiation; Design, Develop, Pilot and Deliver an 'EU Mobile App for Cancer Prevention' and prototype of the 'Cancer Survivor Smart Card'

# EU4Health 2022

## EU4Health Work Programme 2022:

- 2 Joint Actions (health determinants; monitoring national cancer control policies and EBCP implementation)
- 3 calls for proposals (health determinants; innovative approaches to prostate, lung, gastric cancer screening / early detection; 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort inter-speciality training)
- Direct grants WHO, IARC, European Observatory (alcohol related harm; cancer inequalities registry; cervical cancer guidelines; monitoring cancer policies)
- Service contracts (tobacco control policy; health warnings on alcoholic beverage labels; evaluation EU Childhood Obesity Action Plan; cancer survivors return to work + code of conduct on fair access to financial services; guidelines on access to healthcare for people with disabilities; evaluation EBCP)

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