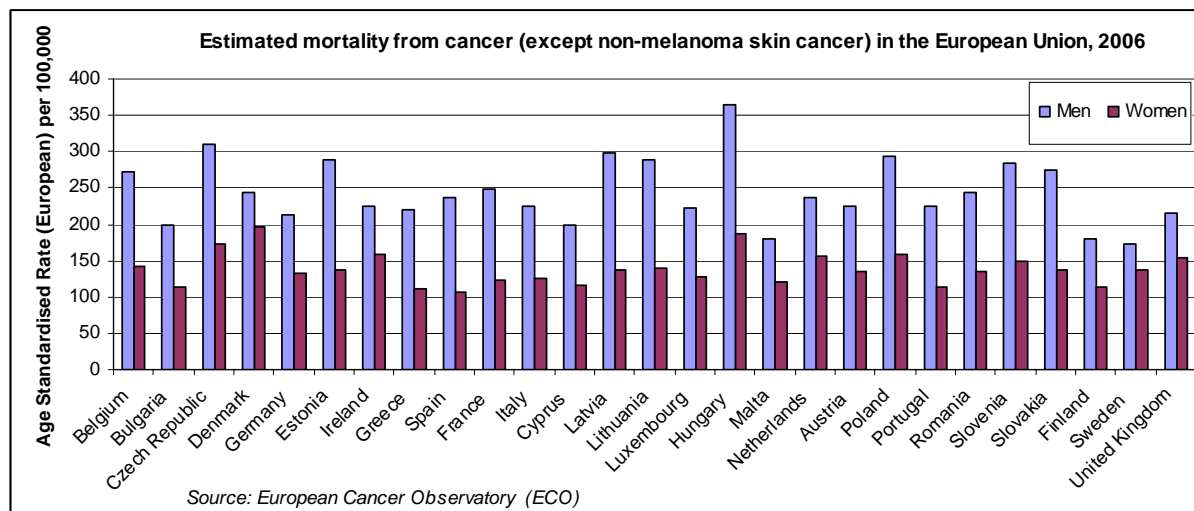


# Citizens' summary

## European Partnership for Action Against Cancer

### WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

- Every year, some **3.2 million Europeans are diagnosed with cancer** – the second most common cause of death in Europe.
- Apart from the health implications, the **economic burden** on society is increasing as the European population ages.
- **Cancer (death) rates vary dramatically** across the EU, both within and between countries (see graph). Death rates in some countries are **twice as high** as in others.
- Long-term, sustainable action on cancer is needed to ensure a **healthy and prosperous future** for Europeans.



### WHAT MEASURES WOULD BE INTRODUCED?

Possible areas to be covered by the initiative include:

- **Prevention**

**One third of all cancers are preventable** – prevention is the most cost-effective, long-term cancer strategy.

The European partnership aims to implement **healthy lifestyle** measures to counter major risk factors such as poor eating habits, smoking, physical inactivity and alcohol consumption.

Another important area is **early detection**, which can dramatically reduce the impact of cancer. The partnership would focus on providing high-quality, controlled breast, cervical and colorectal **cancer screening for all EU citizens** of the appropriate age ( $\pm$  125 million examinations a year).

- **Identifying and spreading good practice in cancer-related healthcare**

By identifying, sharing and applying best practice, the partnership hopes to encourage a multi-disciplinary, comprehensive approach to cancer-related healthcare and ensure **more effective care** and a **better quality of life** for cancer patients.

- **Coordinating cancer research**

The partnership will work to coordinate all areas of cancer research in the EU, from all funding sources, to **identify discrepancies, obstacles and research gaps** and avoid duplicating research.

- **Collecting accurate and comparable information and data**

The partnership will examine current obstacles to doing this, and look for solutions. The goal being to enable **effective planning and monitoring of cancer strategies** throughout the EU

#### WHY DOES ACTION HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY THE EU?

A European partnership would:

- **help all EU countries tackle cancer more evenly** and effectively by sharing information, resources, best practise and expertise.
- **avoid fragmented and duplicated effort** and **maximise the limited resources available** – by **coordinating action** on cancer involving member countries, scientific experts, patient organisations and other key stakeholders.

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