Invitation to express interest in a future *European QA scheme* piloting for breast cancer services and stakeholders

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

The European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) will have a profound impact on the lives of millions of women and patients. With the *European Breast QA scheme*, ECIBC will greatly improve the quality and equality of breast cancer care, increasing economic and organisational efficiency at local and national levels.

As from late 2018-early 2019, the Commission will publish the official call for expression of interest for the piloting of the *European Breast QA scheme*.

The present invitation is addressed to national stakeholders wishing to be informed and included in this important pre-piloting phase. These stakeholders may include: breast cancer services (screening programmes, hospitals, hospices and other services, e.g. diagnostic-imaging services), health institutes, professional bodies, academia, associations of service providers, health ministries, health authorities, national accreditation bodies, conformity assessment bodies and certification bodies, existing licensing authorities/bodies, cancer societies, patients advocacies, charities, service users organisations and insurance schemes.

The ECIBC coordination team is willing to meet, upon invitation and possibly under the coordination of the respective ECIBC National Contact, all the stakeholders wishing to join, facilitate and disseminate the future Call for expression of interest for participation into the piloting.

**Your contribution is greatly appreciated.** It will take just 10 minutes of your time.

The supporting materials available will be updated in the course of this year. You will be notified for any update of this exercise.


**Contact information**

- **Title**
  - [ ] Ms
  - [ ] Mr
  - [ ] Dr
* First name

* Surname

* Your email

* I'm replying:
  
  at most 1 choice(s)
  
  [ ] As an individual
  [ ] On behalf of an organisation
  [ ] As ECIBC National Contact

* Please provide the name of your organisation:

* Please specify the organisation you represent
  
  at most 1 choice(s)
  
  [ ] Ministry of Health / Health authority
  [ ] Professional body
  [ ] Breast cancer service (hospital/screening/hospice and other services, including imaging services, medical pathology laboratories)
  [ ] Cancer society
  [ ] National accreditation body / Conformity assessment body
  [ ] Other licensing authority
  [ ] Patients organisation / advocacy / charity
  [ ] Medical insurance
  [ ] Other

Is your organisation part of Europa Donna network?
  
  [ ] Yes
  [ ] No

Please, if possible, coordinate your contribution with the central office of Europa Donna.

* Is your organisation listed in the EU transparency register?
  
  [ ] Yes
  [ ] No
  [ ] Do not know
* Please specify the identification number:

* Your country:
  - **Other**
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Bulgaria
  - Croatia
  - Cyprus
  - Czech Republic
  - Denmark
  - Estonia
  - Finland
  - Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
  - France
  - Germany
  - Greece
  - Hungary
  - Iceland
  - Ireland
  - Italy
  - Latvia
  - Lithuania
  - Luxembourg
  - Malta
  - Montenegro
  - Netherlands
  - Norway
  - Poland
  - Portugal
  - Romania
  - Serbia
  - Slovak Republic
  - Slovenia
  - Spain
  - Sweden
  - Switzerland
  - Turkey
  - United Kingdom

* Please specify:
Do you agree to the publication of all information on your contribution? In any case, the contribution will be subject to the rules on access to documents, (Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001).

- Yes (I consent to the publication of all the information in my contribution, and I declare that none of it is subject to copyright restrictions that would prevent publication)
- No (your contribution will not be published but its content may be used internally within the Commission)

Under what name do you want your contribution to be published, in case an after invitation report will be prepared? (if anonymously, leave it empty)

Information availability

Do you think the information and documents available on the ECIBC website are sufficient in order to plan the participation in the call for piloting of the European Breast QA scheme?

- Yes
- No

Which type of information is missing? Please specify the subjects to be deepened:

Are you interested in receiving more information on the forthcoming European Breast QA scheme piloting?

- Yes
- No

Are you familiar with the ECIBC European Breast Guidelines?

- Yes
- No

Are you interested in receiving more information on the European Breast Guidelines' recommendations?

- Yes
- No

On a specific topic (i.e., screening, diagnosis, other)?

Meeting opportunities

Would you be interested in an online meeting (e.g., via Skype) with the JRC coordination team?

- Yes
- No
Please include the preferred online meeting tool and your contact information

Please include other entities you may wish to include in the online meeting and respective contact information for the indicated online meeting tool, if known

Coordination of a meeting for ECIBC National Contacts

Are you interested and available to coordinate the organisation of a meeting between the Commission and interested national actors? Please note that the European Commission would normally be in charge of the transfer and accommodation costs.

- Yes
- No

Would you prefer to meet at EC premises (Brussels, Ispra or Luxembourg) or at your own premises?

- Brussels
- Ispra
- Luxembourg
- Own premises

If at your own premises, would you be able to provide a meeting room?

- Yes
- No

Which other entities/representatives (if any) should attend the meeting?

Would you prefer an open to the public or a restricted meeting?

- Open to the public
- Restricted to invited participants

Could you please suggest your preferred meeting period?

Would an interpreter from/to English be needed?

- Yes
- No
Would you be interested in having a “regional meeting”? i.e. sub regional/local meeting or “macro regional” organising a table involving two or more neighbouring countries

- Yes
- No

Please detail

Future piloting of *European Breast QA scheme*

The piloting of the *European Breast QA scheme* will also be an experimental setting to measure the effectiveness of the scheme in improving the performance of the breast cancer services. For this reason, breast cancer services may be asked to collect certain indicators and/or fill in questionnaires (e.g. staff satisfaction survey, patient safety survey, etc.) before and after the pilot. Data collected from breast cancer services eventually not prioritised for the pilot would also be crucial in order to establish a control group. Would your breast cancer service be interested to participate to such study?

- Yes
- No

*We will contact you with a draft protocol study. The reply to this question is not binding with respect to the participation to this study and to the future piloting.*

Breast Cancer Services participating in the future piloting of the *European Breast QA scheme* will experience the process before others and receive a valid certification. ECIBC would be interested in including in the piloting diverse organisational setting, level of knowledge of accreditation/certification processes, and other dimensions possibly impacting in the response of a breast cancer service to the *European Breast QA scheme*. Would you be interested in piloting the *European Breast QA scheme*?

- Yes
- No

Why?

- We would be interested to see the results of the piloting first
- We would be interested in participating into the study, but not yet in the piloting
- We would prefer having access to a self-assessment tool before taking a decision
- We do not have the resources for extra work
- We have already in place a well-functioning scheme
- Other

Please specify
Would you be interested in participating into the future piloting the *European Breast QA scheme*?

- Yes
- No

Why?
- [ ] It is not clear which type of resource will be available
- [ ] I may change my mind once more details would be made available about SO requirements
- [ ] Coverage of screening services is less usual than other areas of care and may be challenging
- [ ] National/regional/local legal framework for healthcare provision is not compatible with the European accreditation legal framework
- [ ] Other

Please specify

Do you think that in your country/region there are entities that could participate into the future piloting of the *European Breast QA scheme*?

- Yes
- No

Which ones? We may take contact with them to disseminate the future call:

Why?
- [ ] There is a general lack of resources
- [ ] It is not a priority in the political agenda
- [ ] There are well-functioning schemes already in place
- [ ] Other

Any further comments

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**Dissemination**

Would you like to support ECIBC dissemination i.e. become an “ECIBC Ambassador” supporting ECIBC communication activities and future implementation (also for the *European Breast Guidelines*)? We can provide you support and public recognition (e.g. you can be listed on our web hub)

- Yes
- No
Are you interested in disseminating the information related to ECIBC and the forthcoming piloting?

- Yes
- No

How?
-Entity’s newsletter
- Entity’s website
- Media contacts
- Presentation at events
- Personal website / social media
- Other

Please specify

Possible future workshop

All those participating in the future call for piloting may be invited by the Commission to a workshop. The workshop could take place late 2018-early 2019 and it will gather all entities interested in participating in the future Call for piloting. After the workshop and upon the results of the official call, the shortlisted breast cancer services will be announced. The workshop would be the occasion to strengthen collaborations and clarify all doubts regarding the actual pilot phase, a possible study to be carried out, available resources and follow up actions. Traditionally, the Commission reimburses travel and accommodation costs. Would you be interested in participating?

- Yes
- No

Are there any other entities/organisations/people from your country who you think should participate in this workshop?

- Yes
- No

Could you please provide their names with affiliations together with their contact details below

Any additional comment
We greatly appreciate your participation in this Invitation. We will contact you very soon by email to explore further collaboration and to follow up on your requests of further information, meetings, etc.

Thank You!