European Partnership for Action Against Cancer

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Is there a need?

- In 2008, 2.5 million people were diagnosed with cancer in the EU.
- Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the Union – a figure that is expected to rise due to the ageing European population.
- Europe is also characterised by worrying inequalities in cancer control and care, existing within, as well as between, EU Member States.

(E Taken from: [http://ec.europa.eu/health/major_chronic_diseases/diseases/cancer](http://ec.europa.eu/health/major_chronic_diseases/diseases/cancer))

EPAAC’S GOAL: Helping to reduce cancer incidence by 15% by 2020
Background

- Partnership was launched in Autumn 2009
- During 2010, preparations for the JA
- JA is key mechanism of EPAAC
- Comprehensive approach as proposed by the EC in its Communication
- JA includes activities in key areas of cancer prevention and control
EPAAC JA ID CARD

• JA Started in **February 2011**, ends in **February 2014**
• Led by National Institute of Public Health, Slovenia
• **Partnership approach**: 36 **associated partners** from across EU, over 100 **global collaborating partners**, **political support**
• Focus on implementation of key measures in key fields

• Overall goal:

**EPAAC will support Member States in their goal of reducing the cancer burden through various initiatives**
What’s the benefit for citizens and decision makers?

- Support in cancer screening and other areas of early detection
- Collaboration in cancer research across Europe
- Helping the European Commission to shape recommendations for Member States
- Best practices across European health services
- Training strategy to improve psychosocial and communication skills among health care providers
- Comprehensive cancer information system for EU
- Bringing back the European Week Against Cancer
- Harmonisation of clinical guidelines
EUROPEAN WEEK AGAINST CANCER

European Week Against Cancer

European Code Against Cancer 25- 26 May 2011, Brussels

31 May – 1 June 2012, Rome on Tobacco Control and Screening

EWAC Flashmob - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6luV8j9vxkw
http://www.europeancancerleagues.org/ewac/european-code-against-cancer.html

Youth Poster Competition Launch (youth from across EU compete in making posters/videos on one or more messages of the European Code Against Cancer), deadline for submission – 21 May
SCREENING AND EARLY DIAGNOSIS

• Exchange of information, such as between different screening programmes:
  • Regional workshop on the implementation of cancer screening – Implementing Colorectal Cancer Screening Programmes, Liverpool, 7-8 March 2012

• Harmonisation of quality criteria for health checks:
  • First meeting on health checks – CEN Workshop, 2 December 2011, The Hague

• Implementation of programmes where additional attention should be focused:
  • Initiation of European Schools of Screening Management
European Standards of Care for Children With Cancer

• Conference: 20-21 October 2011, Warsaw

• Goal: to improve the quality of care of children and adolescents with cancer as well as to assess the relevant organisational aspects in paediatric oncology

• What happened? **Discussions of implementation of such standards at national level**

• **European Standards of Care for Children with Cancer document adopted and available** in the following languages: English, Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Serbian, Spanish at www.epaac.eu
RESEARCH

• To develop a concerted approach for coordination of one third of research from all funding sources by 2013 in selected areas:
  – we have obtained key information from the scientific community as well as cancer research funders, which will ensure a solid basis on which to build the upcoming activities
INFORMATION AND DATA

• To make available and disseminate cancer burden indicators (incidence, mortality, survival and prevalence) across Europe
  – Many activities underway, such as search for all existing data, etc.
  – Beginning of lively debate on the possibility of a European Cancer Information System, concept still in discussion
The National Cancer Plan

- Prevention
- Early detection
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Rehabilitation
- Palliative care
- Evaluate outcomes
Various past projects have stressed the importance of NCPs, importance of a partnership approach in achieving goals

Mapping Exercise of NCPs in MSs, Norway and Iceland – National Cancer Plan Collection on www.epaac.eu.

Review of execution, comparison

Report on National Cancer Control Programmes: Analysis of Primary Data from Questionnaires

Interested in reading EU Cancer Plans? Visit www.epaac.eu!
THE WAY AHEAD?

- The discussion on the future activities is going on.
- Key criteria in this reflection will be which actions will have demonstrated the added value and could be recommended by the Partnership to continue.

A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH IS AN ADDED VALUE APPROACH
EPAAC OPEN FORUM on Cancer Promotion & Prevention, Information & Data
Rome, 19-20 June

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