Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan is one of the founding pillars of a strong European Health Union and the EU’s commitment to improve to cancer prevention, treatment and care, making a difference for cancer patients and families across the European Union.

EUROPE’S BEATING CANCER PLAN IS DELIVERING ON ITS PROMISES

- **INCREASING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING**
  - 2 February 2022: Cancer Inequalities Registry
  - 30 June 2021: Knowledge Centre on Cancer
  - Estimated increases in new cancer cases due to population aging range from 2% to 65.3% by 2040, depending on the country.
  - Cancer mortality rates differ widely between EU Member States, ranging from 214 to 353 people per 100,000 inhabitants.

- **BOOSTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES**
  - 2 February 2022: Joint Action on HPV vaccination
  - 23 September 2021: HealthyLifestyle4All initiative
  - Over 40% of the estimated cancer cases in 2020 are preventable forms of cancer.
  - Lifestyle remains the key inequality dimension for lung cancer, the main cause of death for men and women.
  - HPV vaccination coverage ranges from 70% to just under 30% across EU Member States.

- **IMPROVING TREATMENT**
  - 13 December 2021: EU Network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres
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- **FUNDING** €4 billion for actions addressing cancer under the EU4Health programme and other EU funding programmes.
  - Launched in 2021: 13 action grants, 3 tenders and 4 Joint Actions to support EU Member States.

- **HELPING EVERYONE ENJOY A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE**
  - 2 February 2022: EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors
  - There are estimated to be over 12 million cancer survivors in Europe, including around 300,000 childhood cancer survivors.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted cancer care, disrupting prevention, treatment and delaying diagnosis.

As Europe’s population gets older, the number of people being diagnosed with cancer could increase by up to 18% in 2040.