Purpose of the Workshop

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Discuss how best to map out a voluntary EU accreditation scheme for breast cancer services and the further development of the European Breast Cancer Guidelines

.....to provide women with a high degree of confidence and assurance in all the processes directly concerning them in relation to the A-Z of breast cancer health-care.....

...to elevate the level of breast cancer services in Europe....
References to EU Legislation

European Council Recommendation of 02 Dec. 2003 on cancer screening
‘Mammography screening for breast cancer in women aged 50-69 in accordance with European Guidelines on QA in mammography’

European Parliament Resolution of 10 April 2008 acknowledges
‘...the startling and unacceptable differences (between Member States) in the quality of cancer treatment facilities, screening programmes and evidence-based best-practice guidelines...’

The EP calls on the Commission 'to support the development of European accreditation/certification programmes in cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment based on European quality-assurance guidelines, which could also serve as an example for other areas of health care'
The Council Conclusions of 10 June 2008 invites the Commission to:

"explore the potential for the development of voluntary European accreditation schemes for cancer screening and appropriate follow-up of lesions detected by screening, such as a European pilot accreditation scheme for breast cancer screening and follow-up based on the European guidelines for quality assurance in breast cancer screening and diagnosis" and to "facilitate the development and updating of, and/or publish, web-based quality assurance and evidence-based guidelines on cancer (breast, cervical and colorectal) in the official languages of the EU"

The Treaty of Lisbon (Title XIV, Article 168)

"The Commission may, in close contact with the Member States, may take initiatives aiming at the establishment of guidelines and indicators....."
Scope and Approach

- Meet the main stakeholders (incl. EC SANCO/ENTR/RTD)
- Build up JRC competence *(we are recruiting!)*
- Breast Cancer Survey in 30 countries
- Comparison of existing Breast Cancer QA schemes
- Literature research
- First workshop with experts, 21-22 Feb
- Second workshop with MS delegates, 13-14 Mar
- JRC, as independent of all commercial, private, national interests, is well placed to facilitate & coordinate
- JRC exists since 1957 and its forte is standardisation and harmonisation with a strong scientific and technical basis – close proximity to EU policy makers
Meeting the Stakeholders 1/2:

>50 meetings in 2012, workshop with > 50 participants and more will follow in 2013 after the 2 workshops

- IARC – EUSOMA - CPO Turin - EA – UKAS - ESO – EUREF - EPAAC
- ECN members - Breast Centres Network - EUROPADONNA
- DGS - Edit. Board B Screening Guidelines - Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI)
- Internal (SANCO, RTD and ENTR) - Tübingen University
- Mass Screening Registry/Finnish Cancer Registry
- Belgian Scientific Institute of Public Health
- Joint Commission International - Institut Català d'Oncologia
- Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre
- European Association of Palliative Care - Lancaster Univ.
- Champalimaud Cancer Center, Lisbon
- European Cancer Care Certification
Meeting the Stakeholders 2/2:

- Azienda Unità Sanitaria Locale (AUSL), Reggio Emilia
- Lazio Regional Health Authority - Italian Cochrane Centre
- Swiss Cancer Screening – European Oncology Nursing Society
- Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH (DAkkS)
- European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC) - The Royal Marsden London
- European Cancer Care Certification (ECCC)
- Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre (CCIB) - European Cancer Leagues
- European School of Oncology – Breast Centres Network
- UK National Health Service - Istituto Clinico Humanitas, Rozzano
- European Network of Cancer Registries (ENCR)
- Istituto Tumori Milano - Karolinska Institute
- Swiss Accreditation Service (SAS) - Univ. College Hospital London
- International Psycho-oncology Society (IPOS)
Purpose of Workshop
- work together - exchange – share - discuss – build consensus on the way forward -

The Voluntary Accreditation Scheme challenges:
• be flexible enough to be adapted to any national, regional, or local set-up;
• be affordable in the package of overall health expenditure;
• provide added value and demonstrate clear impact;
• allow for different starting points in terms of quality management, recognising the advances already made in some Member States whilst not making it an insurmountable hurdle for other Member States in the early stages.

The Guidelines challenges:
• A scalable first-level of classification (generic blueprint)
• Links to evidence-base, the accreditation scheme, other guidelines
• Language translations, easy on-line accessibility, constantly updated (living documents) as new evidence comes out
• Dissemination and uptake
Participation of countries delegates

- 25 of the 30* involved countries participate to this WS: **83%**
- Absent: BE, GR, LU, RO and the UK
- From HU no country delegate but an expert

* 27 MS + Croatia, Norway, Switzerland
Thank you for your attention

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