



European
Commission

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan



Prevention

Start date – end date
01/11/2022 – 30/04/2025

Countries

Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

Overall budget

EUR 4 750 000

EU contribution under EU4Health programme

EUR 3 800 000



PERCH – Partnership to Contrast HPV

The main goal of PERCH is to protect the life of young women and men in order to reduce the future incidence of all HPV related cancer and associated mortality.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) can cause cervical cancer in women as well as anogenital and head and neck cancers in all sexes. HPV16 and HPV18 genotypes cause around 70% of cervical cancer cases which kills around 26 000 women a year in Europe.

Cervical cancer is highly preventable through HPV vaccination and screening. However, in 2020 HPV vaccination program coverage in the WHO European Region was only 31%.

PERCH aims to help achieve the World Health Organisation's objective of vaccinating at least 90% of girls and, if possible, boys – against HPV by the age of 15. This is also in line with the EU Cancer Plan targets.

The project supports national HPV vaccination efforts by improving:

- EU Member State capacities to implement vaccination campaigns;
- HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening data and monitoring systems;
- knowledge of HPV-related disease and its prevention among adolescents;
- healthcare professionals' abilities to communicate the need for vaccination.

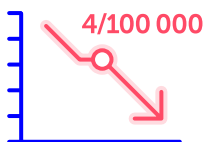


Short-term outcomes



- Increased awareness of how HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening are implemented and monitored in Member States.
- Increased awareness of the benefits of HPV vaccination among target groups.
- Stronger national and international stakeholder networks.
- Empowerment of countries to obtain HPV vaccines at the lowest possible price.

Medium/long-term outcomes



- Increased HPV vaccine coverage in all or most European countries.
- European cervical cancer incidence of <math><4/100\ 000/\text{year}</math>.
- Reduced incidence of all HPV-related cancers and associated mortality in Europe.

For more info

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Europe's Beating Cancer Plan makes use of the whole range of Commission funding instruments with a total of €4 billion being earmarked for actions addressing cancer. €1.25 billion from the EU4Health programme is being used to support actions and initiatives outlined in the Cancer Plan.

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