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# 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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