



European
Commission

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan



Early detection

Start date – end date

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Countries

Austria, Belgium, Croatia,
France, Germany, Ireland,
Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands,
Poland, Portugal, Romania,
Slovenia, Spain

Overall budget


EUR 11 337 060

EU contribution under EU4Health programme

EUR 9 069 648



TOGAS – Towards gastric cancer screening implementation in the European Union

 **The TOGAS project is aiming to develop recommendations for gastric cancer screening, implementation through Europe and therefore it is contributing very directly the flagship initiative of EU Beating Cancer Plan on screening.**

No effective gastric cancer screening method is currently available in Europe. Elimination of *H. pylori* bacteria is expected to cut mortality from gastric cancer by 40%. Another approach is early detection and monitoring of precancerous lesions.

To reduce the burden of gastric cancer, TOGAS will provide the evidence-based knowledge needed to design, plan and implement novel approaches for screening and early detection of the disease. This will help policymakers across the EU to incorporate gastric cancer screening into their healthcare priorities and balance effectiveness, feasibility and acceptability with potential adverse long-term effects.

TOGAS has three specific objectives:

- assessment of the state of play and the needs of EU Member States and target populations as regards gastric cancer prevention, including information on 'opportunistic' screening in public and private settings;
- assessment of the suitability for use in the EU of various gastric cancer screening methods;
- to ensure the sustainability of the project results through an effective dissemination strategy and coordination of the TOGAS methodology with approaches used in the EU, including European guidelines and quality assurance schemes.



The project will involve three pilot studies, each designed to address specific aspects of gastric cancer screening and early detection. Cost-effectiveness and medical ethics will be important areas of focus.

Expected results:



- state-of-play report on gastric cancer screening and early detection;
- assessment of Member State needs related to gastric cancer screening and early detection;
- screening implementation guidelines, technical papers and protocols;
- gastric cancer screening implementation plan;
- cost-effectiveness analysis report on various gastric cancer prevention strategies;
- report on the recommendations for EU gastric cancer guidelines.

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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