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Europe's Beating Cancer Plan



Prevention

Start date – end date

01/11/2022 – 30/04/2025

Countries

Slovenia, France, Latvia

Overall budget

EUR 1 626 595

EU contribution under EU4Health programme

EUR 1 301 276



EUROHELICAN – Accelerating Gastric Cancer Reduction in Europe through *Helicobacter Pylori* Eradication



With the data provided by EUROHELICAN, WHO and international experts can provide us with recommendations for primary gastric cancer prevention in the way of a screen and treat approach, with which we can substantially reduce the burden of gastric cancer and all *H. pylori* related diseases.

The EUROHELICAN project aims to tackle the global health challenge of gastric cancer, with a specific focus on Central and Eastern Europe where the burden of *H. pylori*-related gastric cancer is highest. The project seeks to implement a population-based *H. pylori* test-and-treat programme in young adults in Slovenia. It will also evaluate the long-term effects of this strategy on the middle-aged population in Latvia and develop guidelines for future strategy implementation.

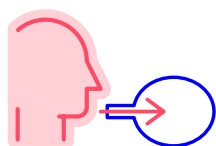
EUROHELICAN's implementation phase is broken down into three strategic objectives:

1. The deployment of a population-based *H. pylori* test-and-treat programme among young adults in Slovenia. This first-of-its-kind initiative in Europe will assess the process, feasibility, and acceptability of such a strategy, paving the way for future programmes.
2. Evaluating the long-term effects of the *H. pylori* test and treat strategy, specifically among middle-aged Latvians from the GISTAR study. The data derived from this assessment will provide valuable insights into the strategy's potential long-term benefits and challenges.

3. Convening an expert working group meeting, led by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)/World Health Organisation (WHO) to develop guidelines for implementing the *H. pylori* test-and-treat strategy, as well as recommendations for its impact evaluation.

Multiple key stakeholders will be involved in EUROHELICAN's implementation, and the general public will be the project's ultimate beneficiaries, as it aims to reduce the burden of gastric cancer across Europe.

The project aims to:



- demonstrate the feasibility, acceptability, and effectiveness of implementing a population-based *H. pylori* test-and-treat strategy in Slovenia;
- assess the potential long-term effects of this strategy on the population in Latvia;
- develop a set of minimum standards for the implementation and evaluation of the strategy through an IARC/WHO expert working group meeting.

For more info

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EUROHELICAN

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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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