



## EUROPE'S BEATING CANCER PLAN

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### *Background*

- Commission's flagship initiative, a main priority in the area of public health, and a corner stone of the European Health Union
- Extensive consultations with all stakeholders
- Other major non-communicable diseases will benefit through focus on similar health determinants
- Support Member States in reaching UN Sustainable Development Goals and WHO targets on non-communicable diseases



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## *State of play*

- The Plan has four pillars: (1) prevention; (2) early detection; (3) diagnosis and treatment; and (4) quality of life of cancer patients and survivors
- Cross-cutting cutting themes: research and innovation, digital and personalised medicine, and reducing inequalities
- Lesson learnt from Covid-19 impact on cancer
- 4 billion EUR budget
- 10 flagship initiatives and 32 actions - at every key stage of the disease



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## *Research and innovation at the service of the patient*

### Flagships:

- Knowledge Centre on Cancer (2021)
- European Cancer Imaging Initiative (2022)



RESEARCH



DIGITALISATION

### Examples of actions:

- Secure access and sharing of patient data in the European Health Data Space (2021-2025)
- Expanding European Cancer Information System (2021-2022)
- Launching Horizon Europe Partnerships (2021)



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## *Prevention (1)*

Flagship:

- HPV vaccination for boys and girls (2021-2030)

Examples of actions:

- Update of the European Code against Cancer (2021-2025)
- Create a 'Tobacco Free Generation' (2021-2025)
- Reduce harmful alcohol consumption (taxation, labelling, marketing) (2021-2025)
- Healthy diets and physical activity through 'HealthyLifestyles4All' (2021-2024)



VACCINE  
PREVENTION



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### *Prevention (2)*

- EU air quality standards alignment with WHO guidelines (2021-2023)
- Measures towards zero-emission mobility under the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy (2021-2025)
- Measures to reduce workers' exposure to hazardous substances (2021-2027)
- Preventing cancers caused by infections (2021-2030)



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## *Early detection*

Flagship:

- New Cancer Screening Scheme (2021 – 2025)



Examples of action:

- Update Council Recommendation on Screening (2022)
- Quality assurance schemes for colorectal and cervical cancer, updating existing on breast cancer (2021-2025)



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## *Diagnosis and treatment (1)*

### Flagships:

- Creation of National Comprehensive Cancer Centres (2021-2025)
- 'Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment for All' initiative (2021-2025)
- Understanding cancer: UNCAN.eu (2021-2025)

### Examples of actions:

- Inter-specialty training programme (2021-2025)
- New Reference Networks on specific cancer types (2022-2025)
- SAMIRA Action Plan (2021-2015)



DIAGNOSIS &  
TREATMENT



CANCER CENTERS  
NETWORK





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## *Quality of life for patients, survivors and carers*

### Flagship

- Better Life for Cancer Patients Initiative – Cancer Survivor Smart Card and European Patient Digital Centre (2021 – 2023)

### Examples of actions:

- Fair access for cancer survivors to financial services (2021-2023)
- Directive on work-life balance for parents and carers (2021-2022)



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## *Reducing inequalities*

Flagship:

- Cancer Inequalities Registry (2021-2022)

Examples of actions:

- Telemedicine, remote monitoring, virtual consultation model of ERNs (2021-2023)
- Reinforce European health systems for cancer care in future crises (2021-2025)
- Equality actions in other areas in the Plan (2021-2025)



EQUITY

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## *Childhood cancer*

### Flagship:

- Helping Children with Cancer Initiative (2021-2022)

### Examples of actions:

- EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors (2021-2022)
- Childhood Cancers and cancers in adolescents and young adults initiative (2022-2025)



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## *Governance*

Commission will establish the following:

- Member States will convene in the sub-group on cancer as part of the Steering Group on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Cancer Plan Implementation Group to ensure that actions and policies are aligned across at EU level
- A stakeholder contact group will be set up under the EU Health Policy Platform as a basis for discussion and exchange



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