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Launch of the OECD report “*Beating Cancer Inequalities in the EU: Spotlight on cancer prevention and early detection*”

Monday 5 February 2024, 14:30 – 16:45 CET

Speakers broadcasted live on Teams from the IARC auditorium in Lyon

Dear stakeholders,

We invite you to join the launch event of the OECD report “*Beating Cancer Inequalities in the EU: Spotlight on cancer prevention and early detection*”, one of the milestones of the European Cancer Inequalities Registry.

As one of the 10 flagships of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, the European Cancer Inequalities Registry aims to identify trends, disparities and inequalities between Member States and population groups. In highlighting challenges and specific areas of action, it helps Member States identify respective gaps and shortcomings in cancer prevention and care, which can in turn guide better investments and interventions at EU, national and regional level.

The Registry was launched in February 2022 with its first milestone, the ECIR Data Tool, which allows users to explore cancer inequality indicators in an interactive way. The Registry reached its second milestone in February 2023, with the publication of 29 Country Cancer Profiles (EU27, Norway and Iceland), prepared by the OECD.

We are now pleased to launch the third milestone of the initiative, the OECD report on “*Beating Cancer Inequalities in the EU: Special focus on cancer prevention and early detection*”. This key publication examines policies and actions to tackle cancer across the EU, with a focus on addressing preventable risk factors and improving screening and early diagnosis.

This event is kindly hosted by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), one of our partners in this initiative. It will be held in English.

You can connect to the event following [this link](#).

If you have any further questions, please contact SANTE-RTD-CANCER@ec.europa.eu.
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We are looking forward to welcoming you online.



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Agenda

14:30 – 14:35	Welcome and introduction by IARC <i>Elisabete Weiderpass, Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) (tbc)</i>
14:35 - 14:45	Keynote address: the importance of data as part of Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan <i>Philippe Roux, Acting Director for Public Health, Cancer and Health Security, DG SANTE, European Commission</i>
14:45 -15:05	Presenting the ‘Beating Cancer Inequalities in the EU: Spotlight on cancer prevention and early detection report <i>Francesca Colombo, Head of the Health Division, OECD</i>
15:05 – 15:20	Q&A on the OECD report <i>Francesca Colombo, Head of the Health Division, OECD;</i> <i>Moderated by Clement Chauvet, Strategic Engagement and External Relations Head, IARC</i>
15:20-16:30	Roundtable discussion: tackling cancer through prevention & early detection, challenges ahead in the EU <i>Philippe Roux, Acting Director for Public Health, Cancer and Health Security, DG SANTE, European Commission;</i> <i>Francesca Colombo, Head of the Health Division, OECD;</i> <i>Isabelle Soerjomataram, Deputy Branch Head Cancer Surveillance Unit, International Agency for Research on Cancer</i> <i>Sandra Caldeira, Head of Unit F1 Disease Prevention, Joint Research Center, European Commission</i> <i>Antonella Cardone, CEO Cancer Patients Europe</i> <i>Sonja Tomšič, Representative National Institute of Public Health (online)</i> <i>Moderated by Clement Chauvet, Strategic Engagement and External Relations Head, IARC</i>
16:30-16:45	Concluding remarks <i>Elisabete Weiderpass, Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) (tbc)</i>