



NOTE TO HEALTH INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Subject: The European Partnership for Action Against Cancer

On 24 June 2009 the European Commission adopted a Communication on Action Against Cancer: European Partnership (COM(2009) 291final)¹. The objective is that by the end of the Partnership, all Member States should have integrated cancer plans. The more long-term aim is to reduce cancer incidence by 15% by 2020.

Around 50 organisations have applied to participate in the Partnership after the successful launch event on 29 September 2009. Also 23 member States and Iceland and Norway have nominated representatives. The first out of several preparatory meetings for the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer took place in Brussels on the 7-8 December 2009, involving Member States' nominated representatives, international organisations, and a broad range of relevant stakeholders with an interest in the Partnership. On this occasion specific actions as well as focal points for those actions were agreed on, and have since been outlined in greater detail.

The Partnership will be taken forward through the financing mechanism of a joint action under the Health Programme 2009-2013. Slovenia has agreed to take the lead on the preparation of the joint action proposal that has to be submitted by 19 March 2010 to the Executive agency for Health and Consumers. If the application for the joint action on the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer is successful, activities are expected to begin towards the end of 2010 or early 2011.

The intention is that actions will focus on the following areas (also identified in the Commission Communication): Health promotion and prevention, Screening and early diagnosis, Identification and promotion of good practice in cancer-related healthcare, A coordinated and collaborative approach to cancer research, and Health information and the collection and analysis of comparable data. A number of horizontal activities, including yearly open forums to be held in different European cities, and a Virtual Partnership will ensure dissemination of activities to the wider community and participation of a wide range of interested stakeholders.

More information on the European Partnership:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/major_chronic_diseases/diseases/cancer/index_en.htm#fragment0

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¹ Available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_information/dissemination/diseases/docs/com_2009_291_en.pdf