



EUROPE'S BEATING CANCER PLAN
LET'S STRIVE FOR MORE

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Political Guidelines for the next Commission 2019-2024

*“Survival rates are on the up, especially thanks to early detection and screening programmes. But there is a lot more we can do. I will put forward a **European plan to fight cancer**, to support Member States in improving cancer control and care.”*

Ursula von der Leyen, President European Commission



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Mission letter to Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

- to put forward a 'Europe is Beating Cancer Plan'
- actions to strengthen our approach at every key stage of the disease:

Prevention

Diagnosis

Treatment

**Survivorship,
palliative care**



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Elements of the EU Cancer Plan

- Holistic across the entire disease pathway
- Whole of government approach/Health in all policies
- Address Health inequalities
- UN Sustainable Development Goals and WHO targets on non-communicable diseases
- Positive effect on other non-communicable diseases with similar health determinants
- Lessons learnt from Covid-19
- Linkages with other Commission priorities (Cancer Mission, Pharmaceutical strategy, EHDS, f2f, Green Deal etc.)



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PREVENTION

4 out of every 10 cases of cancer are preventable. The Plan will draw attention to:

- role of nutrition, physical activity, tobacco and alcohol
- vaccination
- reducing exposure to carcinogens in the work place and in the environment
- European Code against Cancer



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EARLY DIAGNOSIS

- Screening recommendations
- Continued work on guidelines
- Data interoperability, pooling of data, use of AI (EHDS)



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TREATMENT

- Improve access to treatment (timely, innovative, affordable)
- Improve (specialist) training of health professionals
- Enhance EU networking (treatment centres, exchange of best practices)
- Enhance registries



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QUALITY OF LIFE & SURVIVORS

- Improving quality of life for patients and survivors
- Avoiding discrimination
- Psychological support
- Back-to-work support



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Useful links

- https://ec.europa.eu/health/non_communicable_diseases/cancer_en
- https://ec.europa.eu/health/non_communicable_diseases/events/ev_20200204_en