



**EUROPE'S BEATING CANCER PLAN**  
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'Informal Meeting of the Steering Group on  
Promotion and Prevention'

27 July 2020

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## *Overall updated timeline*

- **Adoption of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan in Q4, 2020**
  - expected in Q4, most likely **November**
  - Possible discussion at EPSCO Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- **Stakeholder consultation ongoing until mid-September**
- **Internal Commission decision-making process October - November**



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## *Upcoming meetings of the SGPP and SLWP*

- **Steering Group on Promotion and Prevention**
  - 2 July
  - 27 July
  - first half of September
  
- **Meeting of the Council Senior Level Working Party**
  - last week of September



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## *Next steps*

- Only about half Member States sent us the feedback so far, the final deadline for any input (questionnaire or position paper or other supporting documents) is **10 August**
- To feed discussions at forthcoming SGPP meetings



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## *EU Cancer Mission*

- Cancer Mission Board will function as an scientific advisory group for the Cancer Plan.
- Mission outline with 13 recommendations of the Board published
- Ongoing consultation in progress, the board play the role of the Ambassadors in the Member States
- 4 September: last meeting of Mission Board with sub-group on cancer of the Horizon Europe Shadow Programme Committee
- 22 September: The final report of the Mission Board will be published



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## *Cancer in the EU Parliament*

- The European Parliament's Cancer Committee established, to be chaired by the EPP's Polish MEP Bartosz Arłukowicz (votes early Sept.)
- Launch of the EP Challenge Cancer Intergroup, chaired by MEP Cristian Buşoi, and co-chaired by MEPs Alessandra Moretti, Aldo Patriciello, Frédérique Ries, with the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC) providing the Secretariat.
- New Cancer Report published by ENVI Committee : *"Strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer ; Going further, faster"* (Circulated)

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## ***COVID-19 and Cancer***

- All areas of cancer care have been seriously delayed during the pandemic
- Shortages in medicine supplies
- Negative effects on vulnerable, commonly underserved populations with lower health literacy, financial resources and access to care
- Cancer patients felt particularly isolated during confinement, frightened of going to healthcare facilities and had an extra need for psychosocial support

### **Positive outcomes**

- Willingness to embrace new technologies such as the use of telemedicine
- The improvement of access to better quality data, linking to initiatives such as the European Health Data Space

# Thank you



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