



European  
Commission

# Europe's Beating Cancer Plan



## Prevention

### Start date – end date

01/07/2022 – 30/06/2026

### Countries

EU country representation in the Scientific Committee:  
Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

### Overall budget

EUR 2 500 000

### EU contribution under EU4Health programme

EUR 1 500 000



## ECAC5 – Revision and update of the European Code against Cancer

**Our project will update the European Code against Cancer to produce the 5th edition, which will explain to people how to prevent cancer and to detect it early.**

The European Code against Cancer (ECAC) is a set of recommendations on how to reduce your risk of cancer and is a key instrument for preventing cancer in Europe. ECAC5 will be the latest (5<sup>th</sup>) revision of the Code, integrating the emerging scientific evidence of the past decade and including policy recommendations.



- Revise, update and expand evidence-based recommendations;
- Harmonise cancer-specific recommendations with those for other non-communicable diseases;
- Plan dissemination of the ECAC throughout the EU including hard-to-reach populations;
- Develop synergies with other health prevention strategies;
- Propose novel ways to adapt ECAC to local contexts and social differences;
- Propose sustainable and systematic evaluation of the impact of the ECAC across the EU.

Project outcomes include a revised and updated European Code against Cancer (5<sup>th</sup> edition) with:



- **Level 1:** recommendations to individuals and policymakers;
- **Level 2:** supporting material on the Code and putting the recommendations into their context;
- **Level 3:** the scientific justification for the Code, published in the scientific literature.

For more info


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#### Project website

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iarc.who.int/ecac/](https://cancer-code-world.iarc.who.int/ecac/)

#### Social media handles

 IARC (@IARCWHO)

[International Agency for Research on Cancer](#)



Europe's Beating Cancer Plan makes use of the whole range of Commission funding instruments with a total of €4 billion being earmarked for actions addressing cancer. €1.25 billion from the EU4Health programme is being used to support actions and initiatives outlined in the Cancer Plan.

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