



TOWARDS A MONITORING FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING THE STATE OF CANCER PREVENTION AND CARE IN THE EU: BUILDING A CANCER INEQUALITIES REGISTRY

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Overall objective and related elements/products

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- Develop an EU-wide framework to monitor trends and report on key cancer prevention and care indicators at national and EU level and inform on progress of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan as part of the Cancer Inequalities Registry program with emphasis on disparities and inequalities.

3 potential elements

- Cancer (inequalities) registry (closely linked to ECIS, possibly also including a dashboard)
- Country Profiles (regularly updated)
- Overall Report on State of Cancer Prevention and Care in the EU (regularly updated)



Principles for development of framework and products

- Products are part of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and should be based on its pillars on prevention, early diagnosis, treatment and quality of life/survivorship
- Products should be developed in close collaboration with member states and key stakeholders
- Products should take a whole-of-government approach
- Products should encompass lessons learned from COVID-19, including the impact of the pandemic on cancer care
- Products should be aligned with HSPA efforts in the EU and its member states
- Products should build on available data structures
- Products should be aligned with EU R&D on cancer (Cancer Mission)
- Products should be aligned with the Commission's Pharmaceutical strategy
- Products should reflect the principles of citizen empowerment and stakeholder involvement



Development and Agreement on a Framework

- Could built on already existing experiences such as the OECD 2013 report on cancer care but also initiatives such as taken by ECO
- OECD report in 2013 also distinguished the pillars (prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, quality of life)
- Draft to be discussed in the next meeting of the subgroup



Country Profiles

- Objective: To provide quantitative and qualitative assessment of the country-specific situation (based on a common EU framework)
- Follow a structure based on the 4 pillars
- Based on a consistent yet flexible approach to reflect the specific context and challenges in each country (following the approach used in the broader EU Country Health Profiles)
- Updated every two (or three) years



Overall Report on State of Cancer Prevention and Care in the EU

- Should complement and be aligned with Country Profiles, but covering all EU countries
- Based on similar data sources as the Country Profiles
- Follow a structure based on the 4 pillars and the principles set out at the beginning of this PPT
- Can provide more in depth analyses on specific selected themes (such as in the OECD report 2013), e.g.:
 - impact of Covid-19 on cancer care
 - access to screening and/or pharmaceuticals
 - inequalities between countries
 - ...
- Updated every two (or three) years



Potential role of the OECD

- **Country Profiles**

- OECD has the experience and networks for developing (cancer) country profiles and therefore would be in a good position to play a major role in developing and drafting such cancer country profiles

- **Overall Report on the State of Cancer Prevention and Care in the EU**

- OECD also has the experience and networks to play a major role in developing and writing such a report based on its 2013 report on the quality of cancer care and its current data and analytical work on a large range of cancer related information (public health, screening, treatment modalities, palliative care, workforce, waiting times, access and costs of pharmaceuticals, overall costs/economic impact)



Moving forward (suggestions)

- **Development of a HSPA framework for cancer** that builds on the principles set out at the beginning of this PPT and can be used to:
 1. get more clarity on the scope and focus of a registry
 2. can be used to “fill” domains with indicators
 3. will be used as the basis for writing up country profiles
 4. will be used to structure the overall report on the State of Cancer Prevention and Care in the EU
- This framework could be discussed and agreed upon in the new Cancer sub-group under the Steering Group on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (SGPP), potentially also with the Beating Cancer Committee of the EU parliament.
- External stakeholders represented by ECO will be consulted, and synergies with EU initiated R&D (Cancer Mission) will be sought



<http://www.oecd.org/els/health-systems/health-care-quality-and-outcomes.htm>

