

Flash report
Meeting
Sub-group on Cancer under the Steering Group on Health
Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-
Communicable Diseases
20 May 2022

The Sub-group on Cancer under the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases held a virtual meeting on cancer screening, jointly chaired by DG RTD and DG SANTE. The representatives of 24 Member States, plus Iceland and Norway, attended the meeting together with a number of Commission services.

Update on Cancer Screening Council Recommendation

DG SANTE presented key elements on the update of the Council Recommendation on cancer screening amending the 2003 Council Recommendation. The proposed amendments incorporate proposals from Member States made both in written form and during the previous meetings on 8 April and 6 May. Proposed amendments and related comments were shown to Member States for reflection and comments; requested changes were mostly addressed during the meeting in order to achieve convergence as far as possible. A co-chair of the working group of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors who delivered the scientific opinion on cancer screening replied to technical questions from participants.

Conclusions and AOB

Participants were informed that the second amendment to Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 was adopted on 10 May 2022. It contains new topics for the implementation of the EU Mission on Cancer, in particular (i) to improve and upscale primary prevention of cancer through implementation research; (ii) to strengthen research capacities of comprehensive cancer infrastructures; (iii) to support pragmatic clinical trials to optimise treatments for cancer patients; (iv) to prepare the creation of a European Cancer Patient Digital Centre; and (v) to establish national cancer mission hubs to support the implementation of the Mission on Cancer. These topics were presented to stakeholders during the Missions Info Days and attracted much interest; participants were encouraged to share this information further.

Participants were also informed of a webinar¹ on 30 May 2022 on the results of the survey on access to financial services for cancer survivors, which will be opened by Commissioner Kyriakides.

The Chairs thanked everyone for their attention and valuable contributions and reminded participants of the next meeting on 29 June 2022.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/health/latest-updates/hpp-webinar-access-financial-services-persons-history-cancer-30-may-2022-1000-1130-am-2022-05-17_en