

Access to financial products by cancer survivors and Mapping National Cancer Plans

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Information regarding two studies

- 1. Study on the equitable access to financial products by cancer survivors (the Right to be Forgotten)**
- 2. Study on implementation of National Cancer Plans in relation to the EBCP and Mission on Cancer**

1. Equitable access to financial products by cancer survivors: the Right to be Forgotten

*Europe's Beating Cancer Plan initiative on quality of life for cancer patients and carers:
Address fair access for cancer survivors to financial services (including insurance), via a code
of conduct and reflection on long-term solutions – 2021-2023*

Research questions:

1. To what extent have EU MS implemented policies and legislation to improve c.q. ensure equitable access of cancer survivors to financial products? What does such policy and/or legislation look like?
2. Which (further) policies and/or legislation are being developed in EU MS to improve c.q. ensure equitable access of cancer survivors to financial products?
3. What are the views of broader stakeholder audiences regarding the need for EU level action to ensure equitable access of cancer survivors to financial products, and if so, through which types of legislative and/or non-legislative measures?

Methodology

- a) Desk research and expert consultation, including small-scale expert meeting
- b) Member State survey
- c) Online stakeholder consultation (e.g., financial service associations, general patient and consumer associations, cancer related patient and professional associations)
- d) Online stakeholder workshop
- e) Final Reporting (February 2022)

Desk research

- a) Quick scan of scientific articles and grey literature
- b) ... website search in all EU Member States
- c) ... relevant EU legislation and Codes of Conduct

→ Insights are being used to prepare the Member States survey and stakeholder consultation.

Presented and refined in small-scale expert meeting in October 2021

Highlighted elements from can scientific and grey literature

Four MS with legislation: Belgium, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands

Differences between countries, for instance with respect to:

1. Type of financial instruments: insurance for mortgage and professional loans (BE); insurance for consumers, real estate and professional loan insurance (FR); insurance for a loan or estate loans (LU); life insurance and funeral insurance (NL)
2. Shorter terms for childhood cancer survivors: >21 (FR, NL); >18 (LU); none (BE).

→ MS Survey to obtain better insight into national legislation or agreements

2. Implementation of National Cancer Plans in relation to the EBCP and Mission on Cancer

- Background study to address the linkages between the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, Mission on Cancer and MS level action plans.
- Building on the work of the Joint Action iPAAC, thus not to repeat its mapping of National Cancer Plans or identify general factors related to implementation.
- But focus on implementation of National Cancer Plans related to the EBCP and Mission:
 1. How can MS level actions in the area of combatting cancer align with and contribute to the goals and targets set in the EBCP and the Mission?
 2. How can the EBCP and Cancer Mission support implementation of national-level action plans?

Methodology

- a) Survey among Member States with/via Subgroup members: November 2021
- b) Consultation of stakeholders in Member States and EU level: December 2022
- c) Final Reporting (February 2022)

Questions to the Subgroup members

Members of the Subgroup are invited to:

- Provide feedback on the general approach in both studies (orally or in writing)
- Inform relevant officers about the proposed surveys
- Suggest experts for the small-scale expert meeting and stakeholder consultation phase of the Right to be forgotten study in particular

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