



Europe's Beating Cancer Plan where are we now?

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Cancer is the primary cause of death for Europeans under 65. Every year around 2.7 million people living in the EU are diagnosed with cancer. The lives lost to cancer in the EU are set to increase by more than 24% by 2035. But 40 % of cancers can be prevented. A lot can be done! Europe's **Beating Cancer Plan** was launched in February 2021 and sets out the Commission's renewed commitment to prevent cancer, support equal access and improve the lives of all those who touched by this disease.

10 FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES



▶ NEW TECHNOLOGIES, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

1. **European Commission Knowledge Centre on Cancer**, launched June 2021
2. **European Cancer Imaging Initiative** launched in December 2022



▶ SAVING LIVES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE CANCER PREVENTION

3. **Eliminate cancers caused by Human papillomavirus**
 - ✓ Joint Action on HPV vaccination launched November 2022 (JA PERCH)



▶ IMPROVING EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER

4. **EU Cancer Screening Scheme**
 - ✓ **Council Recommendation on cancer screening** adopted in December 2022
 - ✓ Commission proposal to revise the Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening adopted September 2022
 - ✓ European **Breast Cancer** Guidelines and Quality Assurance Scheme finalised 2021
 - ✓ European **Colorectal Cancer** Initiative (Guidelines and Quality Assurance Scheme) launched 2022
 - ✓ Update of **Cervical Cancer** Guidelines and development of Quality Assurance Scheme in progress



▶ ENSURING HIGH STANDARDS IN CANCER CARE

5. **EU network of National Comprehensive Cancer Centres**
 - ✓ Joint Action launched in November 2022 (JA CraNE)
6. **Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment for All**
 - ✓ Personalised Cancer Medicine for all EU citizens (PCM4EU project) started January 2022
 - ✓ Improving diagnostics and survival for all children with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (CHIP-AML22 project) started November 2022
7. **European Initiative to Understand Cancer**
 - ✓ Coordination and Support Action launched in 2022



▶ IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS, AND CARERS

8. **Better life for cancer patients' initiative**
 - ✓ Cancer Survivor Smart Card project started in November 2022 (smartCARE)
 - ✓ Report on 'Access to financial services for persons with a history of cancer' published in May 2022
 - ✓ work started on a code of conduct



▶ REDUCING CANCER INEQUALITIES ACROSS THE EU

9. **European Cancer Inequalities Registry**
 - ✓ Website and data tool launched February 2022



▶ PUTTING CHILDHOOD CANCER UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

10. **Helping Children with Cancer Initiative**
 - ✓ EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors launched February 2022
 - ✓ New section on Paediatric Cancers added to the European Cancer Information System Renewed funding for the **ERN PaedCan**

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan Highlights to expect in 2023



► EARLY DETECTION

- ✓ Towards gastric cancer screening implementation in the European Union (TOGAS project)
- ✓ Prostate cancer Awareness and Initiative for Screening in EU (PRAISE-U project)
- ✓ Strengthening the screening of Lung Cancer in Europe' (SOLACE project)



► QUALITY OF LIFE OF CANCER PATIENTS AND SURVIVORS

- ✓ Commission Communication on Mental Health
- ✓ Smart Card Application improving Cancer Survivors' Quality of Life (SmartCARE project)



► DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

- ✓ Partnership on Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS)
- ✓ Partnership on Personalised Medicine



► PREVENTION

- ✓ Proposal for a Council Recommendation on vaccine preventable cancers
- ✓ Proposal to update the Council Recommendation on smoke-free environments
- ✓ Vaccinating Europe to protect against the cancers caused by HPV (PROTECT-EUROPE project)
- ✓ Rethink and Reduce inequalities in HPV vaccination (ReThinkHPVvaccination project)

Plus many other projects with financial support from the EU4Health programme

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