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 (5th) 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.
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.

Project outcomes include a revised and updated European Code against Cancer (5th 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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