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# Europe's Beating Cancer Plan



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## ***Background - 1***

- The Cancer Plan addresses cancer in an **integrated, health-in-all-policies and multi-stakeholder** approach
- Four pillars: (1) prevention; (2) early detection; (3) diagnosis and treatment; and (4) quality of life of cancer patients and survivors
- Cross-cutting themes: research and innovation, digital and personalised medicine, reducing inequalities, paediatric cancer
- 10 flagship initiatives and 32 actions - at every key stage of the disease
- 4 billion EUR budget

## ***Background - 2***

- The Cancer Plan works in tandem with the Horizon Europe **Mission on Cancer**, ensuring coherence between ambitious research goals and realistic policy aims
- Regular exchanges with the other EU institutions
  - ✓ European Parliament's **Beating Cancer Committee** – BECA report
  - ✓ **Council** (EPSCO, Senior Level Working Party) – Council Conclusions on European Health Union
- **Implementation Roadmap** with milestones and timeline

# Prevention

## Flagship:

- HPV vaccination for girls and boys (2021-2030)

## Examples of actions:

- Update of the European Code against Cancer (2021-2025)
- Create a 'Tobacco Free Generation' (2021-2025)
- Focus on alcohol consumption (taxation, labelling, marketing) (2021-2025)
- Healthy diets and physical activity through 'HealthyLifestyles4All' (launch 23 Sept 2021)
- Air quality (align with WHO standards) and zero emission mobility
- Measures to reduce workers' exposure to hazardous substances (2021-2027)

# *Early detection*

## Flagship:

- New Cancer Screening Scheme (2021 – 2025)

## Examples of action:

- Update Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening (2022)
- Quality assurance schemes for colorectal and cervical cancer, updating existing on breast cancer (2021-2025)
- European Cancer Imaging Initiative (2022)

# *Diagnosis & Treatment*

## Flagship:

- Creation of National Comprehensive Cancer Centres (2021-2025)
- 'Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment for All' initiative (2021-2025)
- Understanding cancer for individuals at high risk: (2021-2025)

## Examples of actions:

- Inter-speciality training programme (2021-2025)
- New Reference Networks on specific cancer types (2022-2025)
- Radio-nuclear medicine Action Plan - SAMIRA (adopted 5 Feb 2021)

# *Quality of life for patients, survivors and carers*

## Flagship

- Better Life for Cancer Patients Initiative – Cancer Survivor Smart Card and European Patient Digital Centre (2021 – 2023)

## Examples of actions:

- Fair access for cancer survivors to financial services (2021-2023)
- Directive on work-life balance for parents and carers (2021-2022)

# *Research and innovation*

## Flagships:

- Knowledge Centre on Cancer (launched June 2021)
- European Cancer Imaging Initiative (2022)

## Examples of actions:

- Secure access and sharing of patient data in European Health Data Space (2021-2025)
- Expanding European Cancer Information System (2021-2022)



# *Reducing inequalities*

## Flagship:

- Cancer Inequalities Registry (2021-2022)

## Examples of actions:

- Telemedicine, remote monitoring, virtual consultation model of European reference Networks (2021-2023)
- Reinforce European health systems for cancer care in future crises (2021-2025)
- Equality actions in other areas in the Plan (2021-2025)

# *Childhood cancer*

## Flagship:

- Helping Children with Cancer Initiative (2021-2022)

## Examples of actions:

- EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors (2021-2022)
- Childhood Cancers and cancers in adolescents and young adults initiative (2022-2025)

## *Implementation roadmap*

- Published on 17 November 2021, updated end of Jan 2022
- This strategic document outlines, step by step, how the Commission intends to achieve the targets it has set itself in the Cancer Plan:
  - The roadmap takes the various actions and breaks down objectives, deliverables and milestones for each year between 2021 and 2025
  - It also provides progress indicators to judge whether an action is being implemented successfully

# Governance

The Commission set up three groups to make sure the Plan runs smoothly:

- Member States: 'sub-group on cancer' under the **Steering Group on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention**
- Commission: A Cancer Plan and Mission **Implementation Group**
- Stakeholders: **Stakeholder Contact Group** is set up under the EU Health Policy Platform

# EU4Health 2021

- Two waves of calls launched under Work Programme 2021 with total of 12 action grants, 4 Joint Actions, 3 service contracts:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> wave: quality and safety of radiation technology, update of ECIS – monitoring cancer screening programmes, inter-speciality training, EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> wave: HPV vaccination, European Code Against Cancer, liver and gastric cancers caused by infection, HealthyLifestyles4All, quality assurance scheme for breast cancer diagnosis and treatment, advanced cancer diagnostics and treatment, drug repurposing, cancer treatment and capability mapping, cancer survivor smart card
  - Joint Actions: Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures and EU networking, networks of expertise, as well as HPV vaccination and cancer related eHealth deployment.
  - Service contracts: Workforce availability, education & training needs for Quality and Safety of Medical Applications Involving Ionising Radiation; Design, Develop, Pilot and Deliver an 'EU Mobile App for Cancer Prevention' and prototype of the 'Cancer Survivor Smart

## *EU4Health 2022*

- Total of 3 action grants, 2 Joint Actions, 4 direct grants to international organisations, 7 service contracts:
  - 2 Joint Actions (health determinants; monitoring national cancer control policies and EBCP implementation)
  - 3 calls for proposals (health determinants; innovative approaches to prostate, lung, gastric cancer screening / early detection; 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort inter-speciality training)
  - Direct grants WHO, IARC, European Observatory (alcohol related harm; cancer inequalities registry; cervical cancer guidelines; monitoring cancer policies)
  - Service contracts (tobacco control policy; health warnings on alcoholic beverage labels; evaluation EU Childhood Obesity Action Plan; cancer survivors return to work + code of conduct on fair access to financial services; guidelines on access to healthcare for people with disabilities; evaluation EBCP)

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