

Work package 9: Cancer Screening

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Summary of activities within past 6 months

Working Group meeting on Colorectal Cancer Screening, in Riga, Latvia /REUH, on the 25.-26.May, 2015; with 57 participants from 16 countries, 20 presentations, poster session and a round-table

- Governance structure, legal frameworks, and mandating and resourcing of screening programme coordination are still problematic issues in many MSs
- Also implementing necessary quality assurance and quality management throughout the screening process need improvement. Quality assurance of the diagnostic confirmation and management of patients with positive screening test results need to be confirmed before launching the screening programme
- A scientific peer-reviewed article will be produced as a supporting document, focusing on experiences of introduction of the first European colorectal cancer screening programmes and of planning current programmes

Summary of activities within past 6 months

Working Group meeting on Gastric Cancer Screening, in Riga, Latvia /REUH, on the 27.-28.May, 2015, with 41 participants from 10 countries, 12 presentations, a round-table and expert panel

- For gastric cancer screening there are still unclear issues that lack conformity. Therefore appropriate randomized studies are necessary to test the existing assumptions Further approaches to gastric cancer screening include acquiring evidence of harms and benefits of
 - H.pylori screen and treat (eradication of H.pylori) – c.f. recurrence of HP & resistance to antibiotics?
 - pepsinogen screening and use of potential other novel screening tests (patients with or without pre-neoplastic lesions); and
 - opportunistic screening
 - individualized risk stratification

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- It is crucial that the EU Member States also support and finance such randomized trials, as there is not yet an appropriate evidence-base on the benefits and harms to prepare recommendations for the routine public-health level. Studies on gastric cancer screening and prevention are important for the whole pan-European level; both for the high-risk as well as lower-risk regions

Summary of activities within past 6 months

- Working Group meeting on Breast Cancer Screening, in Zagreb, Croatia / HZJZ, on the 17.-18.September 2015
- Effectiveness evaluation on balances of harm and benefit:
 - What parameters are most essential
 - How to measure them in the programmes. Note that effectiveness and balances can differ between programmes, Rather few programmes have evaluated their balances, yet; and in many programmes appropriate monitoring and evaluation is lacking
 - Key aspects to be taken into account in communication of the balances with the policy makers and target population

Activities planned for the next 6 months

- WG Meeting on Cervical cancer screening programmes, Oslo, Norway /OUS, in 8-9 October
- Meetings and related review on prostate and lung cancer screening (tbd), arranged by Erasmus/Netherlands on policy-making perspectives and information needs of potential new cancer screening programmes
- Start to draft for the Guide Chapter
 - Further plans for contents and schedules in GCC starting after this meeting
 - Timing of the lead authors' meeting: need to be arranged earlier than in the plan

Milestones to be reached by this WP, Annex 1a

No.	Milestone	Month of achievement
	Kick-off meeting and Coordination meeting performed	M3,M9
1	Working group meetings performed (breast, cervical, colorectal, other cancers)	M14-M20
2	Lead authors meeting (guides) to finalize guides draft to be submitted to coordination group	M24
3	Coordination meeting: project review, drafts review, finalize workshop preparation	M27
4	Kick-out: project review, final guides and chapter review	M32
5	1 st survey launch and results	M36

Thank you for your attention!