

Improving cancer control

Cancer Control Joint Action



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WHAT IS A JOINT ACTION?

- A Joint Action (JA) is an initiative within the Health Programme conducted by national competent authorities (such as the Ministry of Health) and other public bodies or non-governmental organisations nominated by the EU Member States (MS) or other participating countries.
- Joint Actions are jointly funded by the partners and the European Commission (EC). Public bodies and Non-governmental representing the competent authority need to be chosen in a transparent procedure and nominated by the competent authority.
- Joint Actions are working through **networks** and **information exchange** as well as **preparing statistical datasets, compiling best practices** and **producing recommendations**.

What is Cancon?

Cancon is a joint action initiative, co-funded by participating institutes, organisations, universities and health care units, and the European Union.

- Started in 2014 and will continue until 2017;
- Will help member states to place cancer firmly on their national public health agendas;
- Is producing a *Guide* for improving the quality of comprehensive cancer control. Hundreds of cancer experts are working on this.

Patient-centred *Guide*

The main objective of Cancon is *the European Guide on Quality Improvement in Comprehensive Cancer Control*

The *Guide* is meant for

- governments,
- parliamentarians,
- health care providers and funders, and
- cancer care professionals at every level.

The *Guide* will be a coherent, patient-centred document, and key strategic tool for governments and policy makers.

Cancon will improve national situations by applying and adapting recommendations in the *Guide*.

Cancon work packages:

Cancon has nine work packages. Work packages 1, 2 and 3 deal with coordination, dissemination and evaluation.

They help facilitate six work packages which focus on developing the content of cancer control.

The six core work packages:

- 4 Guide coordination
- 5 Member state platform
- 6 Integrated cancer control
- 7 Community-level cancer care
- 8 Survivorship and rehabilitation
- 9 Screening



Cancon will help decrease cancer mortality by

- Improving the quality of cancer care among member states;
- Improving the quality of life of cancer patients and survivors with proposals on survivorship;
- Ensuring reintegration and palliative care and a decrease in inequalities at various levels of the cancer control field.

Increasingly, cancer patients are overcoming their disease. There is a shift from "how long" people live after diagnosis to "how well".

We need to know how well they are coping.

Interested in joining us?

Cancon is still accepting Collaborating partners. At the moment there are 52 organisations and 20 member states involved in Cancon.

Find out more about Cancon:

- On our webpages at cancercontrol.eu
- Subscribe the newsletter at cancercontrol.eu/news-events/newsletters/
- We are also active on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@2014Cancon)

ECL is Associated Partner for WP2 Cancer Society of Finland actions and Newsletters:

- Disseminate information via ECL website on Cancon
- Disseminate information to ECL members and European organisations
- Social Media Support: Retweet, Repost, React
- Outreach to European networks and policymakers, especially MEPs
- Organise annual Cancon Policy Meetings
 - Nov 2014: support CSF's WP2 Network meeting in Brussels
 - May 2015: 1st WP2 policy meeting (+ WP2 Network meeting)
 - May 2016: 2nd WP2 policy meeting (+ WP2 Network meeting)
 - Fall 2016: 3rd WP2 policy meeting (alongside WCC Paris?)



Thank you