

Work package 9: Cancer Screening

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Rationale

- The main objective of the WP to create guidance & guiding principles for better governance, organization -- planning, implementation and management -- and integrated evaluation of population-based cancer screening programs as a part of the National Cancer Control Policies at the European level
- Planning and implementing cost-effective, population-based screening programs needed in regions or settings where they do not yet exist
- Modifying or re-organizing currently running programs with new tests, treatments, policies or organizational models; or stopping ineffective programs
- At current financial situation, re-organization of screening services with improved cost-effectiveness is an actual issue in several Member States due to economic recession

Rationale (2)

- Re-structuring may be needed also due to developments in alternative methods, e.g.
 - Pap smears versus HPV testing in cervical screening;
 - alternative test systems in colorectal cancer screening or in complementary primary prevention
- Evaluation and information required also for decisions on possible completely new cancer screening programs (for other cancers than breast, cervical or colorectal cancer)

Planned tasks and activities of WP9

- “At the European level”: Important to invite each EU Member State, applicant or collaborating countries to participate to the activity, bring in their needs and problems, and share experiences to reach common understanding and solutions
- Cancon meetings and the WP coordination will work on reaching good contacts and involvement from MSs and other stakeholders to the Working Group Meetings
- Key deliverable: A chapter on population-based cancer screening programs in the European Guide (A. Anttila) summarizing the results achieved in the package

Planned tasks and activities of WP9

- Specific tasks (2-4): To develop guidance documents on cancer screening programs, specific for primary sites, through all relevant aspects, which will be used to produce the chapter on cancer
- Breast cancer, lead by HZJZ, Croatia
- Cervical cancer, lead by OUS, Norway
- Colorectal cancer, lead by REUH, Latvia
- Furthermore to Guide Chapter, detailed primarily web-based/open-domain guide document, scientific papers & other supporting disseminations from each Work Group Meeting

Planned tasks and activities of WP9

- Specific tasks (5): Develop guidance documents on how to deal with possible new cancer screening programs for other primary sites than currently recommended (e.g. prostate, lung, ovary, stomach...)
- Lead by EMC, The Netherlands
- Wide variation exists in how MS deal with these questions on cancer screening (e.g. Health Council, Nat. Board of Health, HTA review vs. no clear institutional resource)
- Often only limited resources available for producing the required evidence, in most cases only in well-developed settings
- Translation needed on relevant aspects of cancer screening in decision-making, e.g. issues in evidence, resources, disease burden, inequalities, cost-effectiveness and other implementation studies need to be taken into account

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

Further aspects

- A large number of collaborative partners involved, Many countries and institutes have already expressed their interest to participate, We need to integrate the large number of interested groups in the Guide production process
- A list of the contacts under preparation, needed for making regular contacts

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