



*European Guide on Quality Improvement
in Comprehensive Cancer Control:
ECL's role in WP2*

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THE ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN CANCER LEAGUES

The Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL) is a non-profit organisation. It is an alliance of national and regional cancer societies from the WHO European Region (EU-28 and others). Located in Brussels, ECL is a non-profit association of members and exists exclusively for cancer societies at the national and regional level. www.europeancancerleagues.org

- EU: Prevention and Health Promotion Work Package Leader Joint Action European Partnership for Action Against Cancer 2011-2014 www.epaac.eu
- EU: Associated Partner Cancer Control Dissemination Joint Action CanCon www.cancercontrol.eu
- EU: Founding member of European Forum on Alcohol and Health with commitment to provide information on Alcohol and Cancer
- EU: Member of the Diet, Physical Activity and Health Platform to provide information on Obesity and Cancer





MEPs Against Cancer (MAC)

www.mepsagainstcancer.eu

- Raise awareness on issues of priority at EU level, suggest actions, amendments, tabling of questions
- Speakers: MEPs, Scientific Experts, Commission, Researchers, Member States, Patients
- Suggested by MEPs
- Four meetings per year
- Support provided by ECL





MEPs Against Cancer 2014 - 2019

In the 2014 to 2019 legislature the strategic goal of the MEPs Against Cancer Group is:

- *To reduce cancer incidence by promoting prevention, reduce mortality by ensuring equitable access to high quality treatment and care, and ensure a good quality of life for cancer patients and survivors.*
- Key areas of MAC engagement 2014 to 2019 will include (but not be limited to):
- **EQUALITY**
- **PREVENTION:** strengthen cancer prevention policies in Tobacco control, Alcohol, Skin Cancer Prevention, Nutrition/unhealthy diets and Physical Activity, environmental pollutants: air quality control and endocrine disruptors
- **RESEARCH:** Encourage more investment in all scientific forms of cancer research and explore ways of encouraging innovation in research.
- **REGISTRATION:** Support the extension and improvement of population based registries in all member states. National Cancer Control Plans should be based on cancer registries data.



MEPs Against Cancer 2014 - 2019

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- **PROTECTION:** Protect the data of individuals that are given and used for health research.
- **PATIENTS:** Ensure meaningful inclusion of the patient voice within every cancer action.
- **QUALITY:** Reinforce initiatives to improve quality of cancer care such as the creation of European reference centres for cancer treatments.
- **RARE CANCERS:** Ensure political attention to rare cancers within the framework of the priorities of the Rare Cancer Europe network.

Role of ECL



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

Role of ECL



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?)

Expectations of Cancon

Topics should be part of the Guide –

- How other stakeholders can forward cancer control, e.g., national cancer leagues and their role in NCCPs
- Cancer prevention as an important part of the Guide
- Advice to Member States on policies (tobacco control, diet, “fat tax”, alcohol, etc.)
- Evaluation on how to ensure Guide is put to optimal use



REMEMBER: AT LEAST 33% OF CANCERS CAN BE PREVENTED THROUGH HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES

THANK YOU

www.europeancancerleagues.org
www.weekagainstcancer.eu May 25-31 each year
www.cancercode.eu