

WP8 : Survivorship and Rehabilitation

Cancer Control Joint Action



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KEY DELIVERABLES

1. Main deliverable :

- **List of European recommendations** for high quality cancer survivorship care and rehabilitation.

↳ Specific topics covered : Medical follow-up, late effects, supportive and palliative care, psychological support, education of survivors, etc.

2. Other deliverables :

- **European Distress Thermometer**

↳ To early detect patients' needs, in particular for vulnerable patients and orientate them towards adequate interventions.

- **Personalised Rehabilitation and Survivorship Care Plan (PRSCP)**

↳ To facilitate a « back-to-life » process and the coordination of medical and non-medical care providers.

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1) Methodology for the drafting of EU recommendations

➡ Describes the entire drafting process :

- Literature search and critical appraisal of the evidence
- Synthesis of the evidence
- Evidence appraisal by experts
- Drafting of EU recommendations

➡ Methodology validated by WP8 partners, WP4 leader and CSISP-FISABIO (Valencia) in charge of equity matters.



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Objective 1: EU recommendations

Methodology

1. Background

The Work Package 8 on Survivorship and Rehabilitation is part of a more comprehensive Joint Action called "CANCON"¹ co-funded by the European Commission - DG SANCO. Composed of 27 associated partners from across Europe, CANCON will build on the achievements of the previous European Partnership for Action Against Cancer (EPAAC) initiated in 2009. The objective of CANCON is to develop a European guide on quality improvement in comprehensive cancer control that will address various aspects of coordinated and integrated cancer control.

As part of this Joint action, the French National Cancer Institute (INCa) will lead the work package 8 on Survivorship and Rehabilitation which addresses the transition issues of cancer survivors, from treatment to recovery and beyond. The associated partners and the collaborating partners will work on 3 deliverables: the main one being 1) the list of EU recommendations in the field of survivorship and rehabilitation; and two associated tools 2) The EU distress thermometer to develop and promote a systematic use of an early detection scale, in order to assess the patient's distress; 3) A personalised rehabilitation and survivorship care plan to deliver a program for the patient that includes the whole of the survivor's medical and non-medical management into his daily life to facilitate a "back-to life" process.

This work package is composed of 5 associated partners who have allocated a budget to this project, plus 9 collaborating partners who contribute also to the delivery of the objective on a volunteer basis (see Annex 3 : list of WP8 partners). A consensus was reached amongst associated and collaborative partners on this methodology requested as part of the quality assessment process². The methodology will be applied to the EU recommendations as well as to the two tools.

¹ Consortium agreement 6310-17/13-7/274, CANCON – European Guide on Quality Improvement in Comprehensive Cancer Control.

² WP4 Guide coordination, Methodological paper, CANCON project: European Guide on Quality Improvement in Comprehensive Cancer Control.

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2) Completion of the Literature review

- All associated and collaborating partners were involved in a literature review according to their area(s) of expertise.
- The topic leaders of the literature review completed the requested template documents to extract the main conclusions and first elements of recommendations
- These first elements and the unanswered questions will be raised in front of a group of EU experts.

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3) Experts meeting on EU recommendations

- Ljubljana, Slovenia (December 9th & 10th)
- **Role of the experts :**
 - To validate the quality of the literature research on the basis of the preparatory work carried out by the associate and collaborating partners ;
 - On the basis of the bibliography research, the experts will be asked to advise on the relevance of the first synthesis elements from the literature review and to proceed to the first corrections/amendments;
 - To answer to the questions raised on topics where there is no consensus.
- 8 experts selected on the different topics covering *Survivorship and Rehabilitation*

Expectations / Feedback to WP2

- 1) Guidance and support to disseminate WP8 results according to the communication requirements.
- 2) Make WP8 updates available on different communication tools such as the CANCON Website, Newsletter, etc.
- 3) Facilitate the adoption of the CANCON results by the medical/scientific community, policy makers and the general public.



Thank You