

# Overview of CANCON and Objectives

Final Conference Malta



**CanCon**  
Cancer Control Joint Action

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# JOINT ACTION

- Joint Actions (JAs) are projects intended to develop different policy solutions for EU Member States. Ideally, they should provide general or generic solutions for as many as possible
- They are established between the European Commission and a coordinating institution from one of the member states who assembles a consortium of partners interested in developing the proposed framework.
- Financing is provided both by CHAFEA as well as by the (interested Member States)

# CANCON

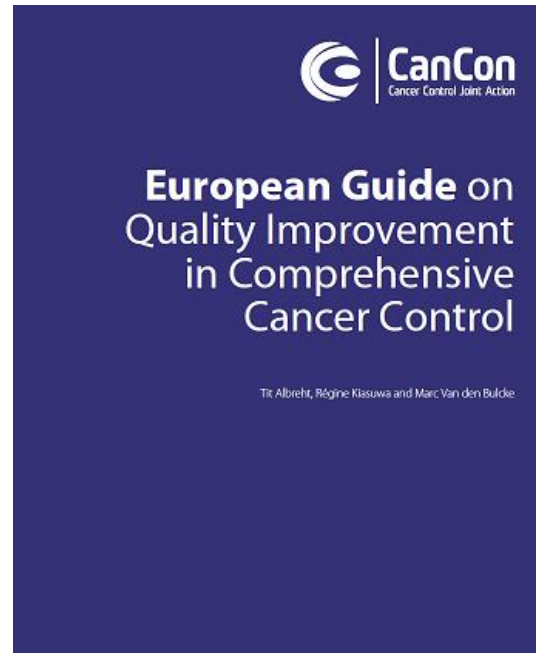
- CANCON is the Joint Action – European Guide on Quality Improvement in Comprehensive Cancer Control
- 3 year duration
- 24 February 2014 – 23 February 2017
- 27 Associated Partners
- Over 100 Collaborating Partners



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# GENERAL OBJECTIVE

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The Guide aims to contribute to improvements in overall cancer control through:

- quality based cancer screening programmes,
- better integration of cancer care,
- community-based cancer care approaches,
- providing concerted efforts in all aspects of survivorship, including palliative care

# KEY CONCEPTUAL THEMES - CCCNS

- Extensive discussion, elaboration and agreement on the **definition of a CCCN**
- Providing for a **framework for an integration of services** in a Comprehensive Cancer Control Network
- **Successful pilot implementation of a Comprehensive Cancer Care Network** in the Czech Republic
- Exploring the potential in several EU member states (e.g. Italy, Hungary, UK, Germany), though with different triggers and roles of stakeholders

# KEY CONCEPTUAL THEMES – AFTER-CARE

- The original idea was slightly modified - > moving from a concept of hospital-based after-care into a mixed or, predominantly, primary and **community-based after-care**
- A general lack of agreement on the contents and frequency of follow-up
- Important and very relevant work of international professional and scientific associations, e.g. ESMO, ASCO
- The **need for more focus** on:
  - patient needs,
  - secondary and tertiary prevention,
  - clear and transparent role of actors,
  - transfer and access to files and all relevant clinical data

# KEY CONCEPTUAL THEMES – SURVIVORSHIP

- Definition of **survivorship**
- **Exploration of the issues** related to the concept of survivorship
- The development of a European organisational framework to address **survivorship, rehabilitation and palliative care**
- Conceptualisation of the survivorship period and its implication through its integration into a unique patient pathway – the setup of a **Survivorship Care Plan (SCP)**



# KEY CONCEPTUAL THEMES – SCREENING

- Development of scientific evidence for guidance and recommendations
- **Guidance** on the following cancer sites:
  - Cervix
  - Breast
  - Colo-rectum
  - Stomach
  - Prostate
  - Lung
  - Ovary

# SECOND OBJECTIVE

- Member State Platform – discussion of key cancer control topics, delivering policy papers to be used by Member States

# MEMBER STATE OBJECTIVE

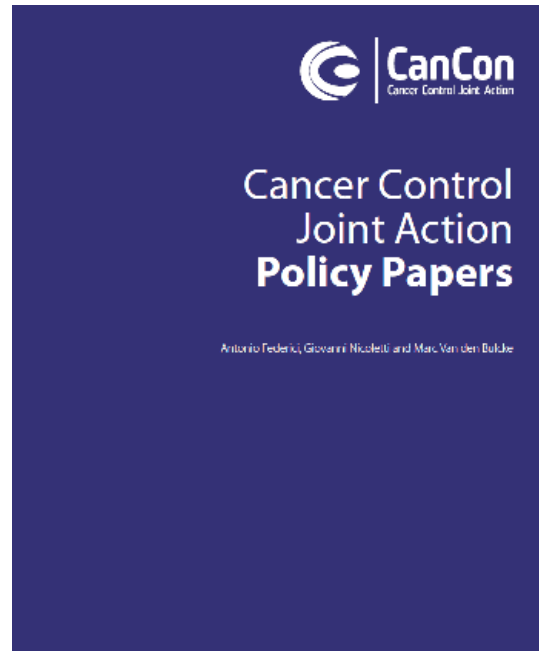
- The overall objective of the platform was to invite MS to share about the different challenges they are facing and their experiences which are a valuable lesson for others.
- In addition, sharing knowledge and information can help resolve some of the difficulties that Member States are facing in an ever more complex cancer prevention and control area.

# MEMBER STATE PLATFORM

- 5 topics selected with core working groups for each, regular Member State Platform meetings (*left – Milan, 9.2014, right- Rome, 11.2015*)



# POLICY PAPERS



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Impact Evaluation System to Assess Prevention Outcomes

Common European Objectives for National Cancer Control Plans

Public Health Genomics in Cancer

Enhancing the Value of Cancer Care Through a More Appropriate Use of Healthcare Interventions

Tackling Social Inequalities in Cancer Prevention and Control for the European Population

# DELIVERABLES

- Both Guide and Policy Papers are available for download at the official CANCON website.

Download at [www.cancercontrol.eu](http://www.cancercontrol.eu) or  
request hard copies at [cancer.control@nijz.si](mailto:cancer.control@nijz.si)

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