



Cancer Survivorship: a policy dialogue

Perspective on Cancer Control and Advocacy

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About ECL

- Pan-European, non-profit, non-governmental umbrella organisation created in 1980 based in Brussels, Belgium
- Members are cancer organisations at national and regional levels across wider Europe (beyond EU-28)
- ECL member leagues have a combined income of over 700 million Euro (US\$1,209,000,000), over 6,000 staff members and more than half a million volunteers in their fight against cancer.
- ECL serves as a platform of exchange of best practices, where members learn from each others' experiences.
- ECL is a source of information on cancer on initiatives set up at the European level, on EU decisions and legislations related to cancer, on the status of European on-going projects.
- At the EU level, ECL works with European Commission and the European Parliament on cancer control initiatives.

Role of cancer leagues in advocacy

- To raise awareness of cancer related issues and campaign for policy and legislation that can help save lives and improve the lives of people with cancer.
- Dialogue with elected representatives, civil servants and policymakers to provide input on cancer issues

Source: Irish Cancer Society

www.europecancerleagues.org

Role of cancer leagues in advocacy

- Provide an independent voice to people affected by cancer, and with the nursing, research and medical professionals, we can speak out in an informed way.
- To brief elected representatives on cancer issues so that they can make draft informed, comprehensive policies that work best for those who need them

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Role of ECL in advocacy

The voice of cancer leagues in Europe

Facilitate exchange of best practices between EU cancer leagues

Promote dialogue and sharing of information between national cancer leagues

Reduce inequalities across Europe

Represent members' interests to the European institutions

ECL Patient Support Working Group

Main forum in ECL to discuss cancer survivorship, rehabilitation and patient support

Current areas of work for the Patient Support Working Group are:

- Employment and cancer patients

- Access to Financial Services

- Psychosocial Screening and Support

- Monitoring trends in Palliative Care

- Rehabilitation for cancer patients and survivors

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