

Improving cancer control

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Joint know-how on cancer control

Cancon is a joint action initiative, co-funded by participating institutes, organisations, universities and health care units, and the European Union.

- started in 2014 and continues until 2017;
- 126 partners and 25 countries (of which 23 are member states) involved in Cancon;
- helps member states to place cancer firmly on their national public health agendas; and
- is producing a *Guide* for improving the quality of comprehensive cancer control. Hundreds of cancer experts are working on this.

Patient-centred *Guide*

The main objective of Cancon is *the European Guide on Quality Improvement in Comprehensive Cancer Control*

The *Guide* is meant for

- governments,
- parliamentarians,
- health care providers and funders, and
- cancer care professionals at every level.

The *Guide* will be a coherent, patient-centred document, and key strategic tool for governments and policy makers.

Cancon will improve national situations by applying and adapting recommendations in the *Guide*.

Cancon has nine work packages

Work packages 1, 2 and 3 deal with coordination (leader: Slovenia), dissemination (Finland) and evaluation (Romania).

They help to facilitate six work packages which focus on developing the content of cancer control.

The six core work packages:

- 4 Guide coordination (Belgium)
- 5 Member state platform (Italy)
- 6 Integrated cancer control (Italy)
- 7 Community-level cancer care (Slovenia)
- 8 Survivorship and rehabilitation (France)
- 9 Screening (Finland)

Five policy papers position cancer control into planning processes

The five topics and their leaders are:

1. A public health genomics approach in oncology, *Marc Van den Bulcke*,
2. Common objectives of national cancer plans (NCPs), *Tit Albrecht*,
3. Re-allocation of resources to more effective performance, *Roberto Giuseppe Grilli*,
4. Outcome of prevention, *Giuseppe La Torre*, and
5. Inequalities in cancer control, *Rosana Peiró*.

Cancon will help decrease cancer mortality by

- Improving the quality of cancer care among member states;
- Improving the quality of life of cancer patients and survivors with proposals on survivorship;
- Ensuring reintegration and palliative care and a decrease in inequalities at various levels of the cancer control field.

Increasingly, cancer patients are overcoming their disease. There is a shift from "how long" people live after diagnosis to "how well". We need to know how well they are coping.

The final full year of Cancon

- Overall status is good, Cancon is on its tracks to achieve all set objectives by the end of the joint action
- WP leaders and associated partners generally satisfied with the progress of the joint action
- Positive atmosphere characterises the partnerships within Cancon
- Work packages are busy; e.g. WP 9 Screening has had several meetings discussing guidance for colorectal and breast cancer
- eGuide will be ready by Christmas 2016, printed version ready in February 2017
- The final conference at Malta in Feb 2017



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