

WP 3 Evaluation Work Progress

Cancer Control Joint Action Steering Committee Meeting



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Objectives of the presentation

- Provide a methodology overview
- Present the main results in the First Interim Evaluation Report
- Present the conclusions of the First Interim Evaluation Report
- Outline recommendations from the First Interim Evaluation Report
- Present the main results of the second Stakeholder Forum Evaluation
- Highlight limitations and lessons learnt
- Future plans

Methodology overview

- WP3 provides a systematic approach for the internal evaluation of the Joint Action
 - (a) a process evaluation (formative evaluation) - in terms of compliance to the rules and implementation of the JA,
 - (b) an output evaluation - in terms of compliance to the content and achievement of the objectives of the JA; and
 - (c) an outcome evaluation (summative evaluation) - concerning the usefulness of the outcomes, recommendations and sustainability beyond the JA
- Methodology - the evaluation combines different types of data and methods (quantitative and qualitative). Reporting - through Joint Action meetings and through two interim and one final evaluation reports.

First Interim Report - Evaluation model

- Focuses on process evaluation
- Assess the functioning of the partnership so far
- Identify the positive aspects in the operation of the JA activities
- Identify the aspects that need to be considered for improvement

Main objectives

Objective 1 – To evaluate the functioning of the partnership

- Questionnaires distributed to Associated Partners and semi-structured interviews conducted with WP leaders and contributors

Objective 2 – To assess the visibility of the JA

- Questionnaires distributed to Associated Partners

Methodology

Quantitative – surveys

- Questions relate to:
 - Cooperation and communication among partners
 - Relevance of the partnership
 - Cooperation across WPs
 - Cooperation with the project management team

Qualitative – semi-structured interviews

- Addressed topics:
 - Benefits and challenges of the diversity of team members in the WPs
 - Impact of JA on networking
 - Strategies in promoting the use of deliverables by stakeholders
 - Strategies in involving stakeholders in the WPs activities

Methodology

- Both questionnaires and semi-structured interviews allowed for suggestions for improvement of the Project on various dimension
- All Work Package Leaders have been interviewed (between May 20th and May 25th)
- Surveys for APs have been sent out on June 5th, with a deadline on June 12th
- Surveys have been re-sent for those APs who have not replied, on June 15th, with the kind request to be returned by June 17th
- A total of 13 APs have responded to the survey

Findings - Functioning of the Partnership

The respondents are generally satisfied with the overall progress of the CanCon Joint Action. Out of all respondents, 12 (92.30%) of the respondents rate it as good, and one respondent (7.70%) considers it very good.

This was attributed to a range of factors such as:

- the good cooperation between partners;
- the clear definition of roles and allocation of tasks among WP partners;
- the good planning in the development of deliverables (chapter outlines in the case of the Guide);
- the quality of expertise made available through the partnership.

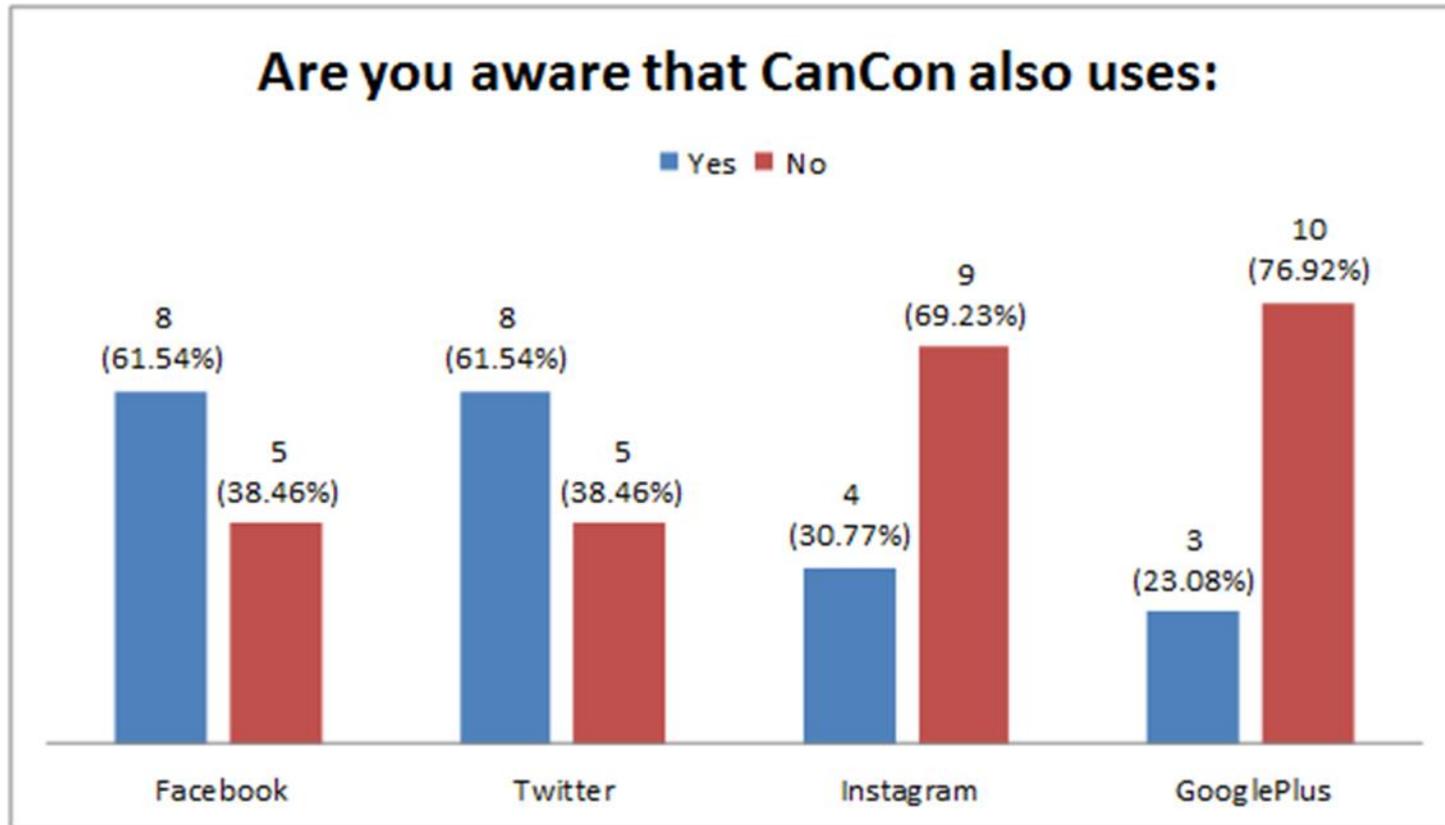
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- As for the satisfaction with collaboration and cooperation among partners, the findings are rather similar, with the majority of 11 respondents having selected “good” (84.61%) and two of them (15.39%) choosing to respond with “very good”
- The perspective on the management of the Joint Action and the information sent to partners is positive. 8 respondents (62%) rate it as “good” and another 3 (23%) rate it as “very good”. However there were also a few respondents that were less appreciative of the way the project performs on this level (2 respondents, meaning 15%, only rated it as “fair”)

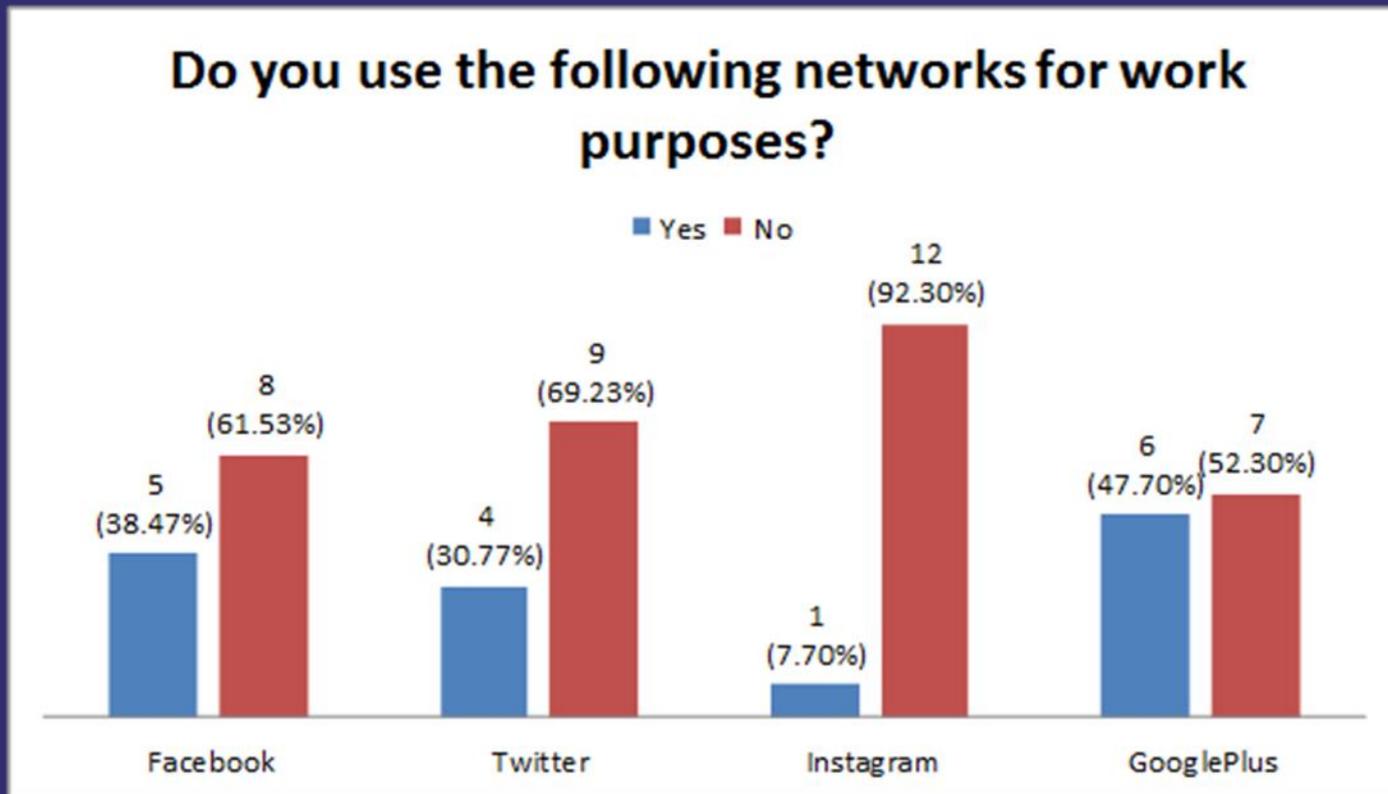
Findings - Visibility of CanCon

- In spite of a general positive appreciation of the quality of information on the CanCon website, according to the Associate Partners that took part in the survey it would appear that it is rather underutilised, with a mere 5 respondents (38%) reporting a good utilisation, in terms of frequency of access, and the majority (6 respondents, 46%) only describing it as fair. The remaining respondents rated this aspect as very good (one respondent, 8%) and poor, respectively (one respondent, 8%).

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Conclusion and Recommendations

- Development of a clear dissemination plan for Joint Action outputs and a clear identification of target groups;
- A better circulation of information on progress in the activities of Work Packages and better coordination of activities across Work Packages, in order to ensure coherence of outputs and efficient delivery;
- An increased coverage of specific Work Packages activities on the various online platforms where the Joint Action is promoted;
- An increased targeting of Member States in the dissemination process, preceded by a clarification of the concept of the Member State platform and its specific role within the Joint Action.

Limitations and methods to overcome them

- Low response rate, mainly due to tight deadlines -> for the Second Interim Evaluation Report, more time will be allowed for responses
- The results in the First Interim Report not equally visible to all participants in the Joint Action -> broader dissemination for the Second Interim Evaluation Report

Where are we now? (Current status)

- Participation in all CANCON meetings (up to now)
- Monthly workgroup meetings
- Evaluation of the Stakeholder Forum (Brussels, June 2014) – online survey - 10 questions
- Elaboration of the Evaluation Strategy
- Evaluation of the Second Stakeholder Forum (Brussels, May 2015)
- Elaboration of the First Interim Report

What are the next steps?

- Second interim evaluation report on the progress of CanCon in May 2016
- Final evaluation report on the progress and sustainability of CanCon in terms of process evaluation, output evaluation and outcome evaluation in February, 2017 (including a summary and conclusions)
- PROPOSAL: Evaluation of the forthcoming meetings, through online surveys (if the proposal is accepted, we need the objectives of the meeting one week in advance, to adjust the survey)

Thank You!