

Status Update on Work Package 9, Screening

Cancer Control Joint Action



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Tasks and activities of WP9 for 2014-2015

- Preparing a guide chapter on cancer screening, and supporting documents and publications
- 3 large and 3 smaller-scale Working group meetings to be held during May-November 2015
 - Exchanges of experiences on selected key aspects
 - Gather and interpret available documents and materials
 - Develop areas of recommendations
- Developing contents, methods and materials for the Guide Chapter for the GCC meeting on 26-27 Feb

Activities run during Year 1

- Kick-off meeting (with WP Partners) in Helsinki 5/2014, and 1st Coordination meeting with projects leaders in Riga 11/2014. In addition the second Coordination meeting was held 13-14 Feb 2015 in Lyon (originally planned three months later).
 - Finalize responsibilities, schedules, settle financial issues
 - Plan for methods and contents of work
 - Identifying WG meeting topics and participants
 - Drafts developed so that they can be shared with the APs, CPs and experts of the package, and other partners
- Template drafts for Chapter methods, contents, data collection items, loaded in early February 2015
- Planning for the writing assignments and related activities and workshop soon after the WG meetings

WORKING GROUP MEETING ON COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

- 25-26 May 2015 in Riga during the Latvian Presidency
- **Prof. Marcis Leja and Elza Arkle, REUH; and Prof. Nea Malila from the CSF**
- Up to 50 participants expected among partners, experts, patient organizations and other stakeholders
- Relevant aspects for decision-making in colorectal cancer screening
- Implementation of CRC screening a specific theme: focus on organizational issues and resources, with country case examples
- Specific issues in quality assured implementation of CRC screening
- Legal frameworks and requirements
- Posters, roundtable, collection of data/materials from partners

Working Group meeting on breast cancer screening

- 17-18 September 2015 in Zagreb, 40-50 participants expected
- **Dr. Mario Sekerija, HZJZ; and Dr. Tytti Sarkeala from the CSF**
- Evaluation will be a specific theme. The country-specific examples are very important. Data gathering and standards for data gathering will also be included
- Also key issues in governance and organization will be covered
- Roundtable, materials collection from partners, check possibility of parallel group working
- Draft contents and contracting speakers under development
- Developing also the Croatian network/working group with involvement of key institutes and stakeholders

Working Group meeting on cervical cancer screening

- 8-9 Oct 2015 in Oslo
- **Dr. Stefan Lönnberg and Trude Andreassen, OUS; and Dr Ahti Anttila, CSF**
- Governance structure as the theme: planning, decision-making on programme implementation and modification/stopping, with country cases; also
- Legal framework; institutional responsibilities; IT, registration and monitoring; Communication strategy (potential screenees, public, other SH)
- Round-table and working-sessions with contributors
- Programme finalisation and contracting speakers on-going

Working Group meetings on prostate and lung cancers

- **Prof. Harry de Koning, EMC; and Dr's Ahti Anttila and Sirpa Heinävaara from the CSF**
- Tentative day for prostate cancer screening: 5 June 2015 in Rotterdam
- Recent European trial and its CEA can be utilised
- Review of current international criteria for setting up a new programme, and proposing a new template to debate
- Plan to reach key persons in 8-10 countries involved in policy making through contacting the trial partners
- Similar concept for the lung cancer WG meeting (even though available information are not the same)

Working Group meeting on gastric cancer screening

- 27-28 May 2015 in Riga; up to 30 participants expected
- **Prof. Marcis Leja and Elza Arkle, REUH; and Dr's Ahti Anttila and Sirpa Heinävaara from the CSF**
- Primary objective: to present a model for decision-making with a possible new cancer screening implementation
- Secondary objectives include
 - Assessing applicability of the recent IARC global expert group recommendations (2013-2014) in the European context; and
 - Comparing the strategies to combat gastric cancer by mass eradication of *Helicobacter Pylori*, or screening for precancerous lesions or cancer

Remaining issues and problems

- Draft programmes of the WG meetings becoming available, invitations to be sent to Cancon partners not yet involved
 - For CRC and GC soon
- Discuss guide development, methods and contents in the GCC meeting
 - Whether we will need a questionnaire on governance issues is under consideration
- Role of IARC: Whether the subcontracting as planned in the budget phase, or do we need an amendment?

Thank You