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Community 365 Roundtable on Inequalities



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President

European Cancer Organisation

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Focused Topic Networks



Special Network
Impact of COVID-19
on Cancer

A white icon of a coronavirus particle with a circular center and radiating spikes.

Prevention Network

A white outline icon of a shield, representing protection and prevention.

Quality Cancer Care
Network

A white icon showing a hand holding a heart, symbolizing care and quality.

Survivorship and
Quality of Life
Network

A white icon of a document with a bar chart and an upward arrow, representing survivorship and quality of life.

Inequalities Network

A white icon of a balance scale with two human figures, representing inequalities.

Workforce Network

A white icon showing three human figures inside a gear, representing the workforce.

HPV Action Network

A white icon of a gear with a male symbol (♂) and a female symbol (♀), representing HPV action.

Health Systems and
Treatment
Optimisation
Network

A white icon of a network diagram with three nodes and connecting lines, representing health systems and treatment optimization.

Digital Health
Network

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Treating Ageing Patients with Cancer

14:00-14:10 Welcome & Overview

Dr Matti Aapro, President of the European Cancer Organisation & EU Cancer Mission Assembly Member

14:10-14:30 Ageing with Cancer: Impacts on Health Systems

Peter Lindgren, Managing Director, The Swedish Institute for Health Economics

14:30-14:50 Challenges of Treating Ageing Patients: Overcoming Barriers

Professor Etienne Brain, Co-Chair Corporate Relations Committee for SIOG and Department of Clinical Research & Medical Oncology, Institut Curie

14:50-15:10 Developing Policy to Support Ageing Patients with Cancer

Dr Cary Adams, Chief Executive Officer, Union for International Cancer Control

15:10-15:15 Closing Remarks and Conclusions

Dr Matti Aapro & Hampton Shaddock

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The East-West Divide

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15:20-15:45 Deploying Cancer Intelligence to Inform our Priorities in Eastern European Countries

Professor Mark Lawler (European Cancer Organisation Board Member; Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of Digital Health, Queen's University Belfast)

15:45-16:25 Catalysing Action to Advance Cancer Care: Learnings from the Field

Veronique Trillet-Lenoir MEP, Rapporteur, Special Committee on Beating Cancer; Shadow Rapporteur, EU4Health; Member, EU Special Committee on Beating Cancer; Member, ENVI Committee and Co-Chair of MEPs Against Cancer and an Oncologist herself, moderates a discussion on best practice and experience from Croatia, Slovenia and Poland as examples.

Professor Tit Albreht, Senior Health Services & Health Systems Researcher, National Institute Of Public Health Of Slovenia

Professor Piotr Rutkowski, Professor, Surgical Oncology, Maria Sklodowska-Curie Memorial Cancer Center & Institute Of Oncology

Professor Eduard Vrdoljak, Head, Center For Oncology & Professor, Faculty Of Medicine, University Of Split

16:25-16:30 Closing Remarks and Conclusions

Linda Gibbs, Oncology Lead for Central/Eastern Europe, Pfizer

Inequalities Network



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European Code of Cancer Practice

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:



1. EQUAL ACCESS



2. INFORMATION



**3. QUALITY,
EXPERTISE &
OUTCOMES**



**4. SPECIALISED
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
CARE**



**5. SHARED
DECISION-MAKING**



**6. RESEARCH &
INNOVATION**



7. QUALITY OF LIFE



**8. INTEGRATED
SUPPORTIVE &
PALLIATIVE CARE**



**9. SURVIVORSHIP &
REHABILITATION**



10. REINTEGRATION



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Opening Remarks



Hampton Shaddock

Global Public Affairs, Head of When Cancer
Grows Old Initiative

Sanofi



Treating Ageing Patients with Cancer

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Ageing with Cancer: Impacts on Health Systems



Peter Lindgren, PhD

Managing Director

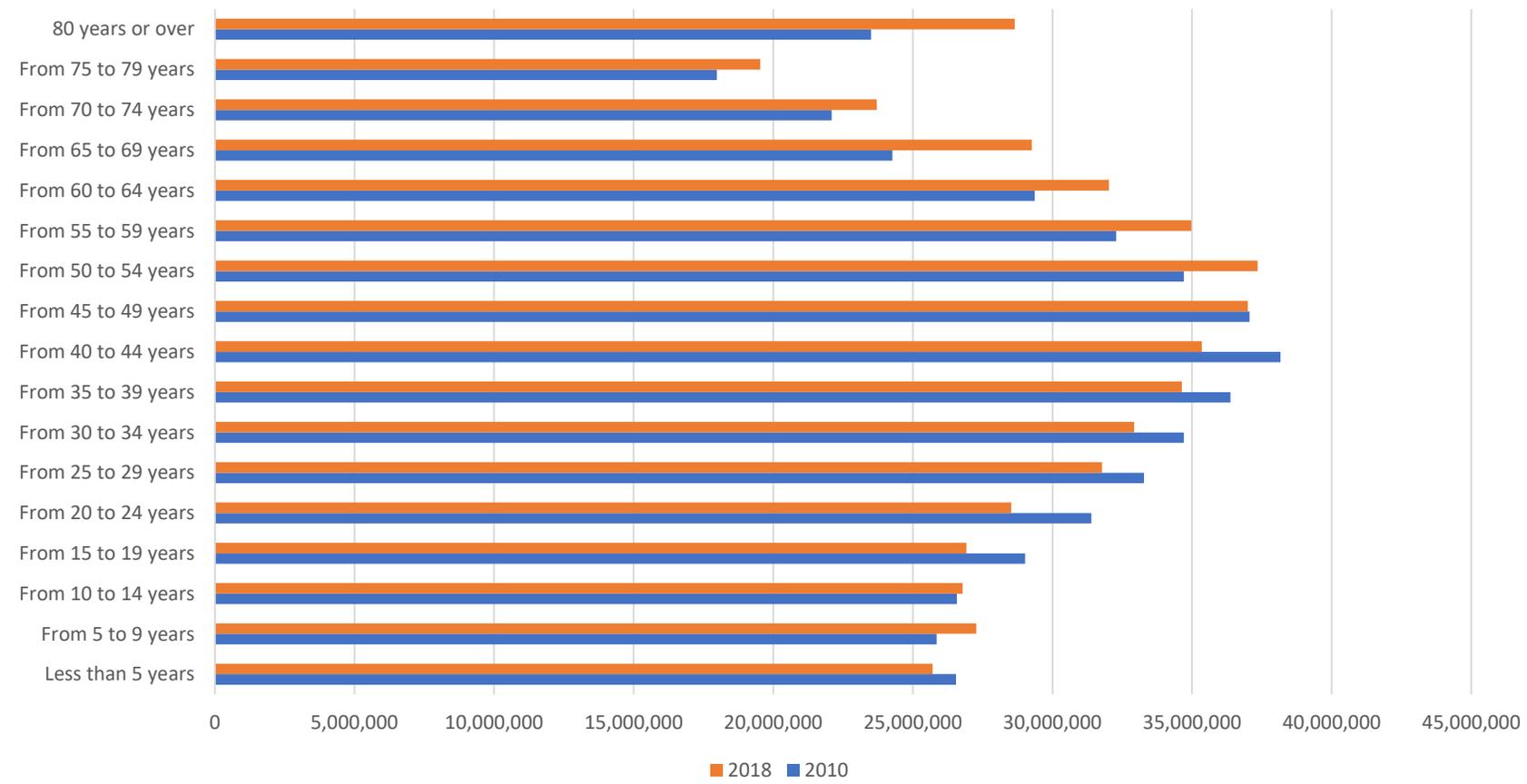
Swedish Institute for Health Economics



Macro level challenges



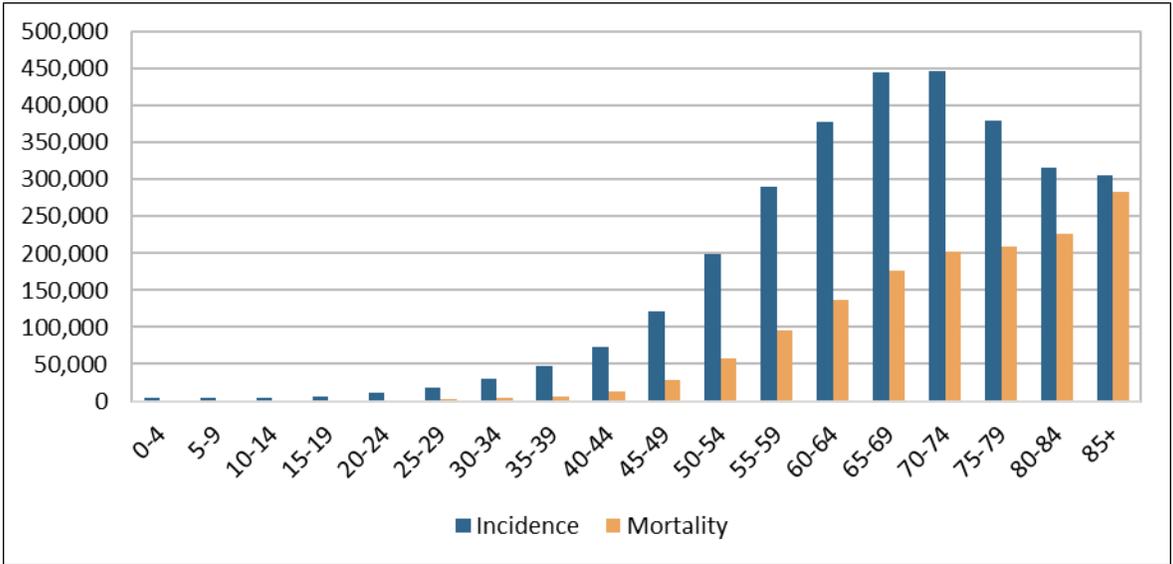
Europe is graying



Number of inhabitants by age group, EU-28
Source: Eurostat



Cancer is an aging-associated disease

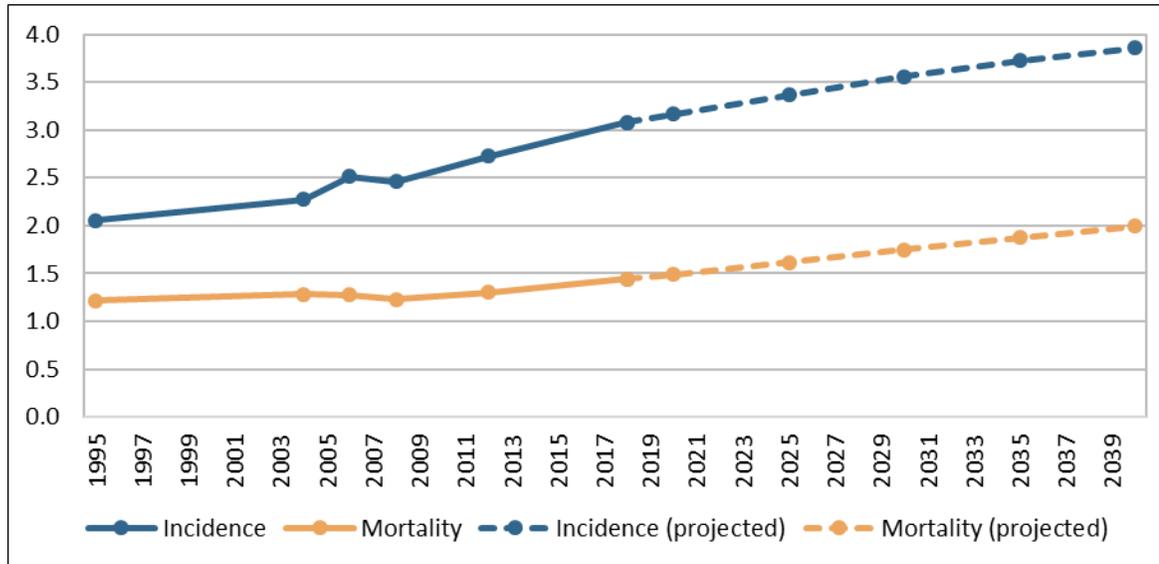


3 out of 5 incidence cases and 3 out of 4 mortality cases occurred in people aged 65+ in 2018

Number of cases of cancer incidence and mortality by age group in Europe, 2018

Source: Ferlay et al (2018)

Trends in incidence and mortality



50% increase in incidence
(from 2.1 to 3.1 million cases) 1995–2018

20% increase in mortality
(from 1.2 to 1.4 million cases) 1995–2018

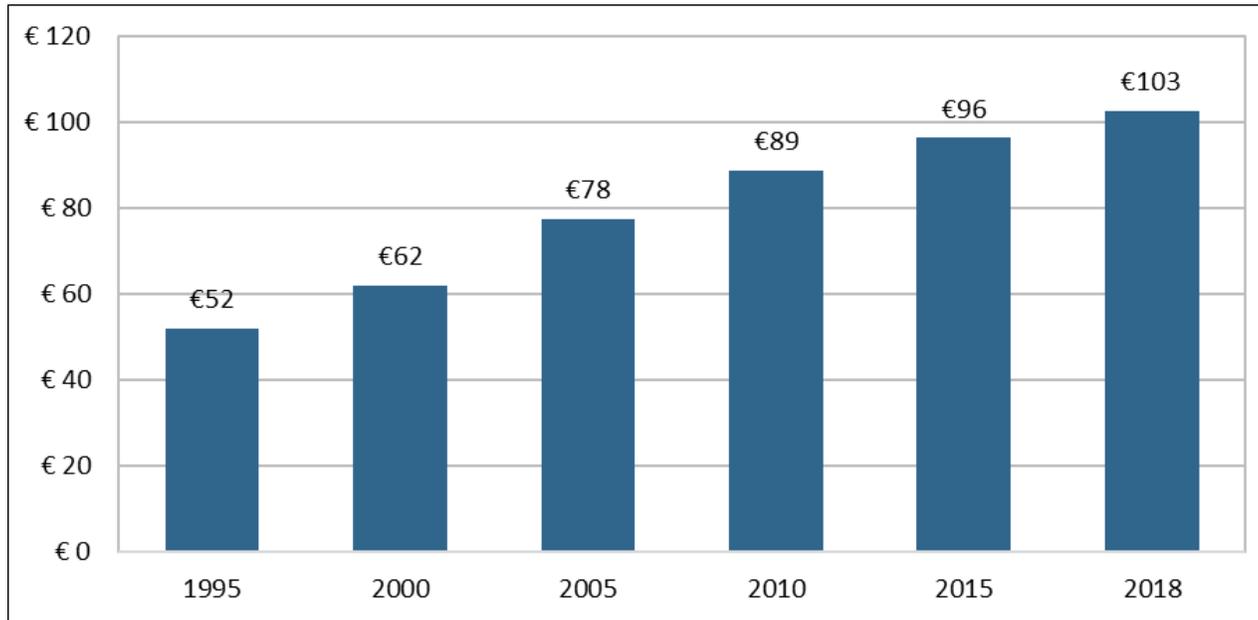
Population aging is a major determinant of trends in incidence and mortality

Cancer incidence and mortality (in million cases) in Europe, 1995–2018 and projection of status quo 2020–2040

Notes: Europe includes the EU-28, IS, NO, and CH. Cancer is defined as ICD-10 C00-C97/C44.

Source: Boyle et al (2005), Bray et al (2002), Ferlay et al (2007+2010+2013+2018)

Direct costs of cancer between 1995–2018



98% cost increase in Europe between 1995–2018
(86% cost increase in per capita)

Simultaneous developments:

- 50% increase in cancer incidence
- 118 EMA-approved medicines

Direct costs of cancer in Europe (in billion €, 2018 prices and exchange rates), 1995–2018

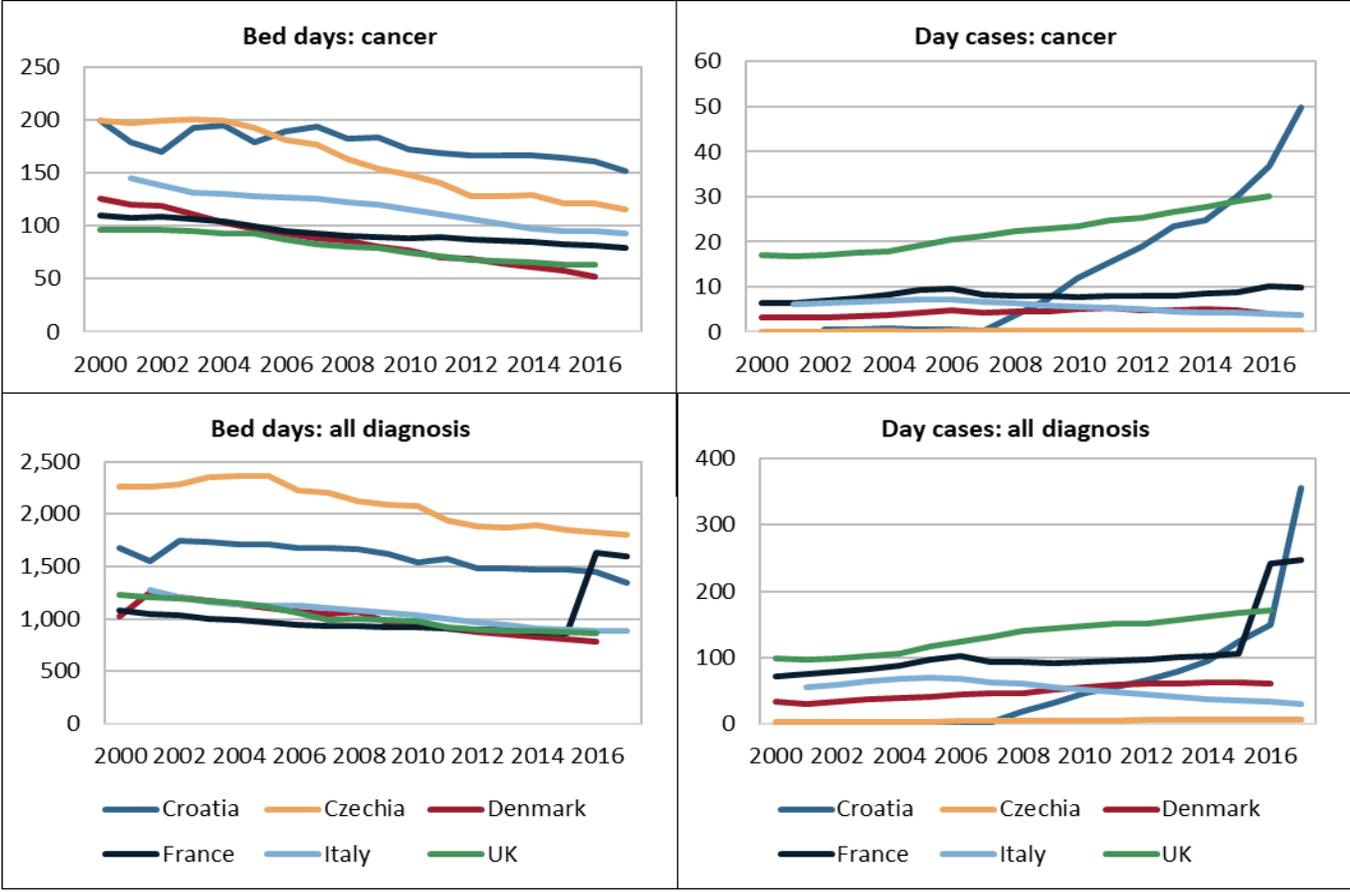
Source: Hofmarcher et al (2020)



Meso and micro level challenges



Shift from inpatient care to ambulatory care



Trend toward fewer bed days is stronger in cancer care than overall

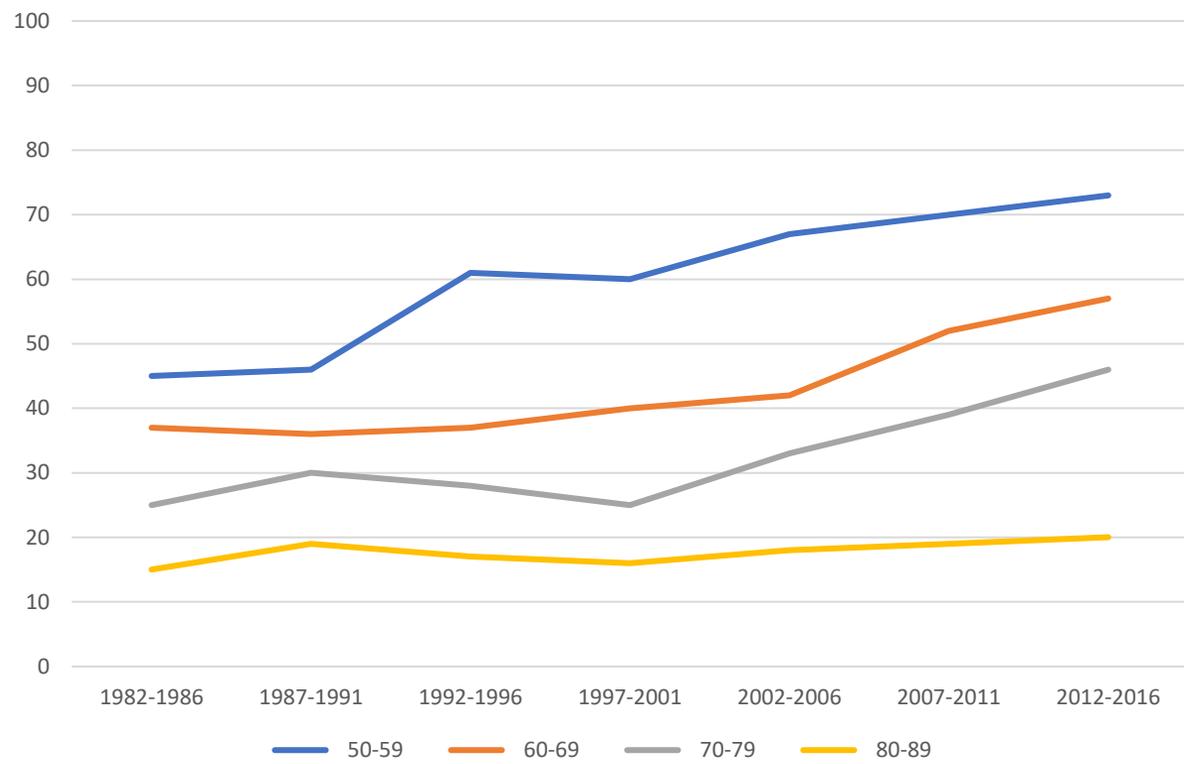
Trend toward more day cases (i.e. admitted & discharged on the same day)

Patients are shifted to ambulatory care or can receive (oral) treatment at home

Bed days (left figures) and day cases (right figures) spent in hospitals per 1,000 inhabitants, 2000–2017



Transition to a chronic condition?

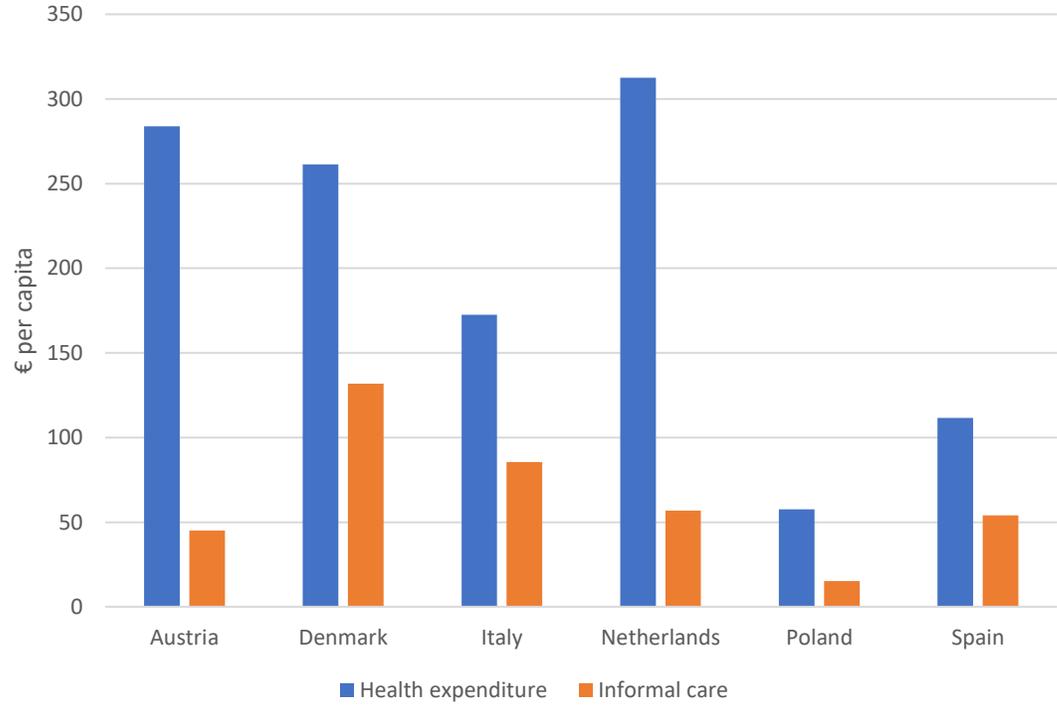


In addition to the usual disease panorama among the elderly, health care will now need to adapt to many being cancer survivors or having disease in remission.

Multiple myeloma: 5-year survival by age at diagnosis, Swedish women
Source: NordCan



Consequences outside health care



Per capita expenditure and informal care due to cancer (2018)

Source: Hofmarcher et al 2020



Thank you!



Challenges of Treating Ageing Patients: Overcoming Barriers



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All adult oncologists are geriatric oncologists...

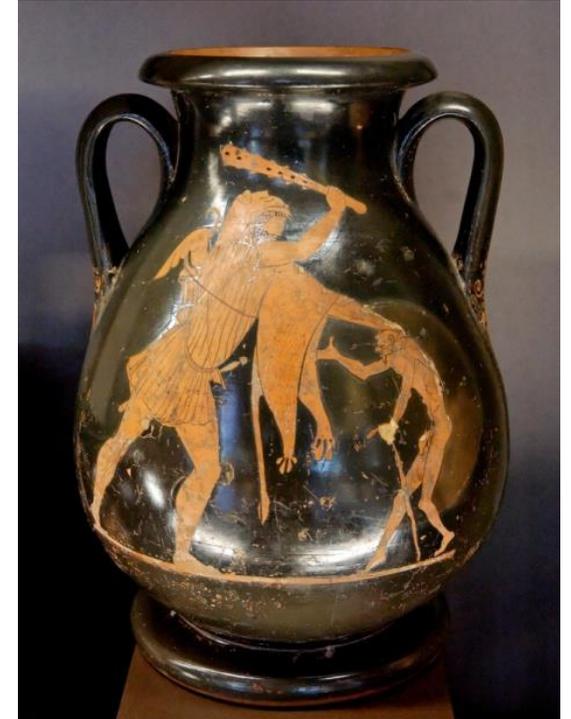


They just do not know it yet!

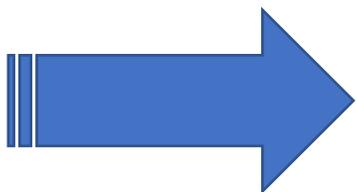
Dilemmas & extreme positions



1. Therapeutic **nihilism**
 - Elderly patients **do not receive** any treatment!
2. The **intermediate** position?
 - Elderly patients **may** benefit from treatments
3. Blind therapeutic **enthusiasm**
 - Elderly patients **receive futile/non beneficial** treatments

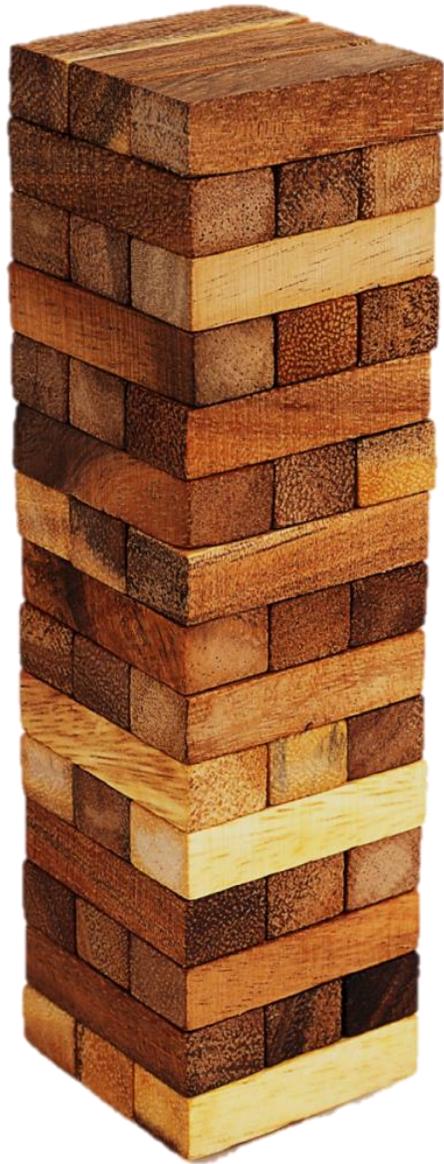


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Musée du Louvre



Place and role of **geriatrician** and **oncologist**





Fit patient



Frail patient





Tumour extent

TNM

Tumour biology

Pathology

Gene expression profile



General health status

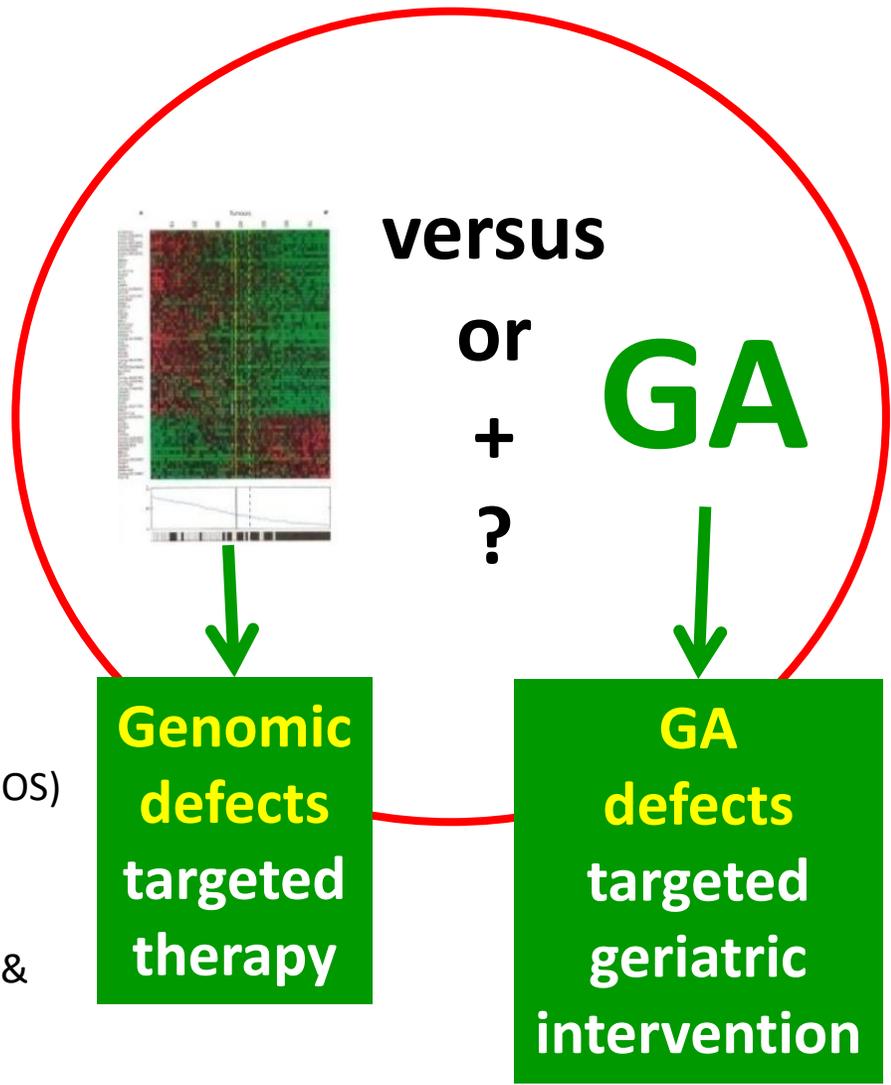
Geriatric assessment
Life expectancy
Treatment toxicity

Patient preference & acceptability

2 worlds confronting one another?



- **Young patient**
 - Social and family obligations (children)
 - Quantity of life +++
- **Oncology**
 - Therapies and innovation
 - Toxicity, response, survival
 - RECIST
 - NCI CTC v4.0
 - Survival (DFS, PFS, DDFS, OS)
 - Translational research
 - Fast-moving world
 - "Molecular portrait" of tumour & **GEP**



- **Elderly patient**
 - QoL+++
 - Independence
 - Staying at home
- **Geriatrics**
 - Symptoms, diagnosis
 - Quality of survival, i.e. amount of life with good QoL
 - Cognition
 - Functional status
 - Nutrition, etc.
 - Requiring time
 - "Global portrait" of patient & **GA**

It matters!



- Oncological decision before or after “some kind of” geriatric assessment
 - ~ 40% modification of initial treatment plan
 - 2/3 cases w/ less intensive treatment
 - High role of functional & nutritional status
 - Potential helpful interventions in > 70% patients

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REVIEW

The effect of a geriatric evaluation on treatment decisions for older cancer patients – a systematic review

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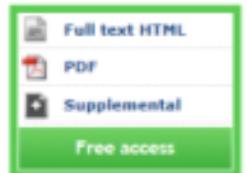
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- SIOG was established in 2000:

- Special thanks to the **Founding Members:**

Paul Calabresi, Matti Aapro, Gilbert Zulian,
Lazzaro Repetto, Martine Extermann, John Bennett,
Riccardo Audisio, Lodovico Balducci and Silvio Monfardini

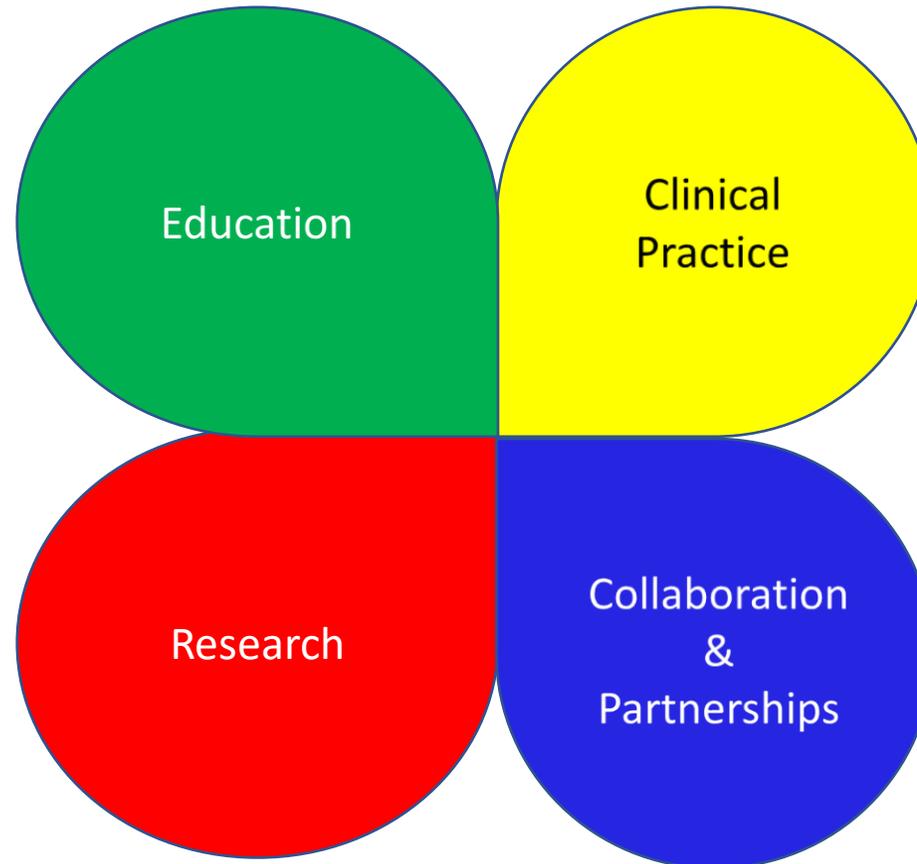


- SIOG Presidents:

- 2000-2002: *Paul Calabresi (US)*†
- 2002-2004: Silvio Monfardini (Italy)
- 2004-2006: Harvey Cohen (US)
- 2006-2008: Jean-Pierre Droz (France)
- 2008-2010: Martine Extermann (US)
- 2010-2012: Riccardo Audisio (UK)
- 2012-2014: *Arti Hurria (US)*†
- 2014-2016: Etienne Brain (France)
- 2016-2018: Stuart Lichtman (US)
- 2018-2020: Hans Wildiers (Belgium)

SIOG's Mission: Top Priorities

For the worldwide advancement of cancer care in older adults

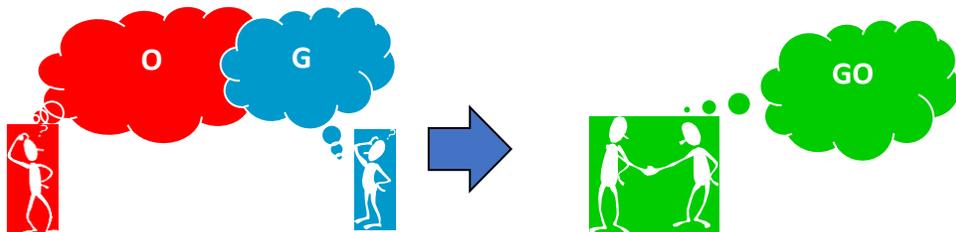


We need to...

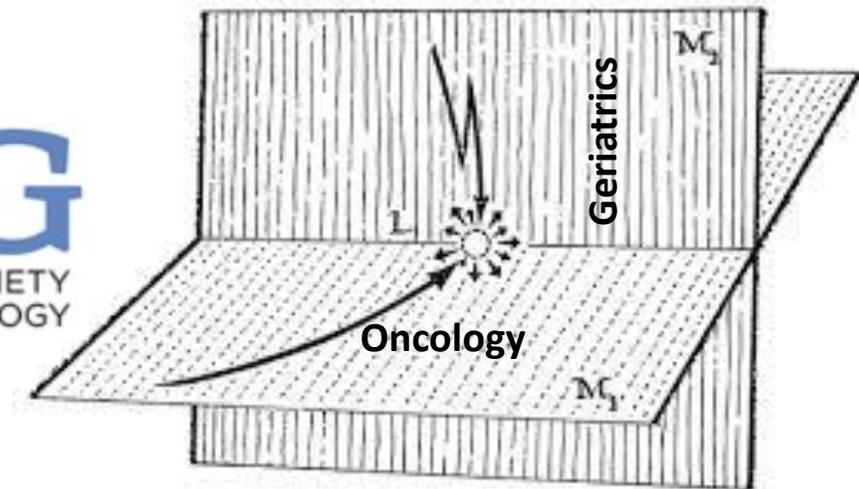


- ... be disruptive
 - *All decisive advances in the history of scientific thought can be described in terms of mental cross-fertilization between different disciplines (Arthur Koestler, The Act of Creation)*
 - *The progress of science is the discovery at each step of a new order which gives unity to what had long seemed unlike (Jacob Bronowski)*

- ... share languages (be inclusive)



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- ... train young generations



Thank you!



Intervention



Dr Enrique Soto

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Developing Policy to Support Ageing Patients with Cancer



Dr Cary Adams

Chief Executive Officer

Union for International Cancer Control



A MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATION
FIGHTING CANCER TOGETHER

Developing policies to support older adults with cancer

“We unite and support the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to ensure that cancer control continues to be a priority in the world health and development agenda.”



Leading the

global **fight**

against cancer

About UICC

- Oldest and largest cancer fighting organisation globally, established in **1933**
- **A team of 45 based in Geneva**
- Over **1200** members across **172** countries
- Official relations with **UN** agencies: **WHO, IARC, IAEA, UNODC** and consultative status at **ECOSOC**
- More than **60** partners including cancer organisations, corporations and foundations
- Founding member of the **NCD Alliance, McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer, City Cancer Challenge Foundation** and **ICCP**.



A vibrant UICC membership base in Europe



- **227 UICC members** in the region and **10 UICC partners**
- **3 Board members** from Europe
- **4 Young Leaders**: 2 from the current cohort and 2 alumni
- **613 European fellows**
- **780 fellowships hosted** (second most requested destination for learning visits)
- **2 Country Champions** as part of the Cancer Advocates programme
- **14 SPARC grantees** from the current and previous cohorts.
- Key upcoming events including the **2022 World Cancer Congress** in Geneva, with a strong European presence
- Planning a number of online events engaging members around the region on topics on importance to them
- Supporting EU-funding request for IARC-led project focused on **improving cancer prevention** in LMICs.

Leading the cancer community



Connecting the minds and voices

- Raising awareness and catalysing personal, collective and government action through World Cancer Day
- Uniting cancer professionals and policy makers in premier events like the World Cancer Congress and World Cancer Leaders' Summit
- Supporting collaboration through our increasing network of members and partners



Increasing its impact

- Accelerating learning through training, expert guidance and peer-to-peer connections
- Developing and empowering leaders to sustain and advance cancer control for the future
- Providing resources and investing to support national-level initiatives
- Building a powerful portfolio of offline and online resources to expand knowledge



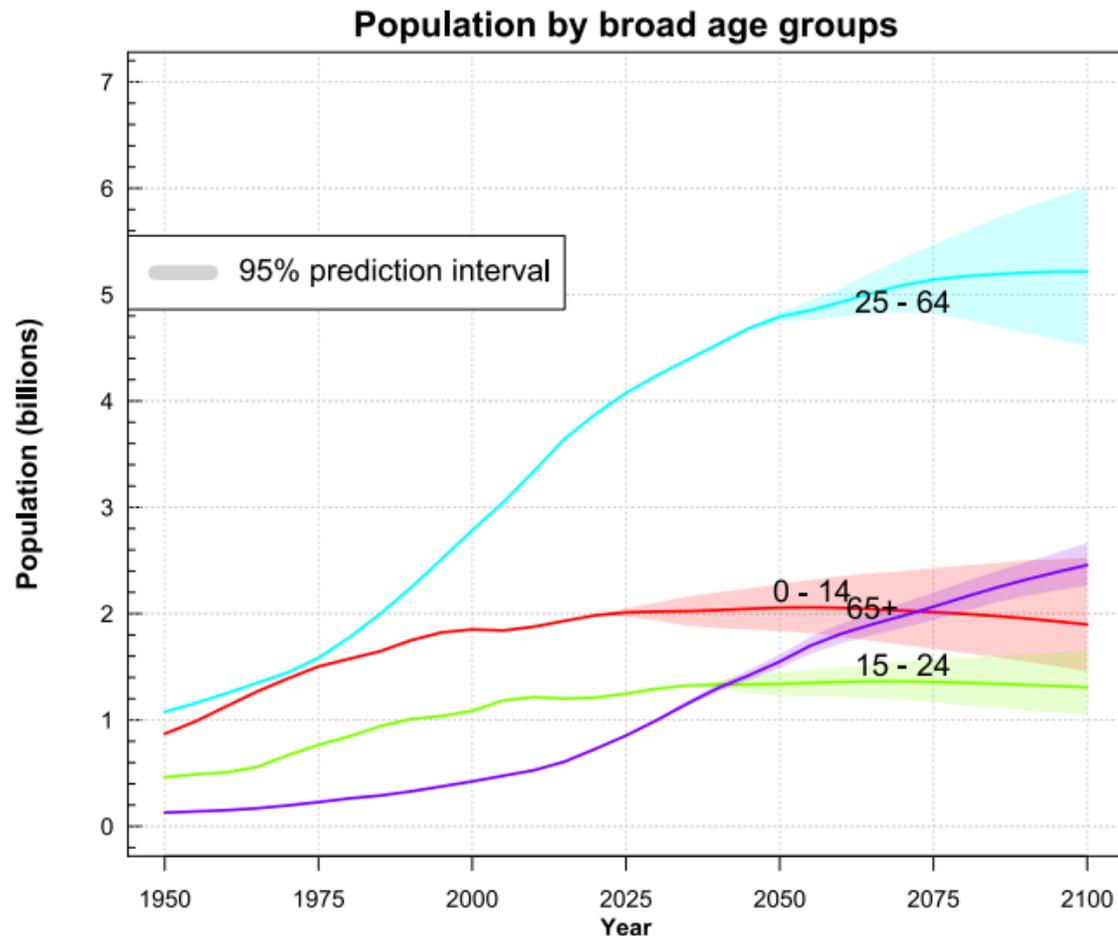
Bringing cancer to the attention of global leaders

- Engaging United Nations agencies, UICC members, civil society and other stakeholders to achieve the implementation of global cancer and non-communicable disease (NCD) commitments
- Keeping our members' perspectives at the forefront of global health discussions, strategies and events
- Ensuring that all countries develop and implement a national cancer control plan and that national health investments in cancer control and other NCDs increase over time

Using policy to improve care for older adults with cancer



The 'longevity revolution' globally

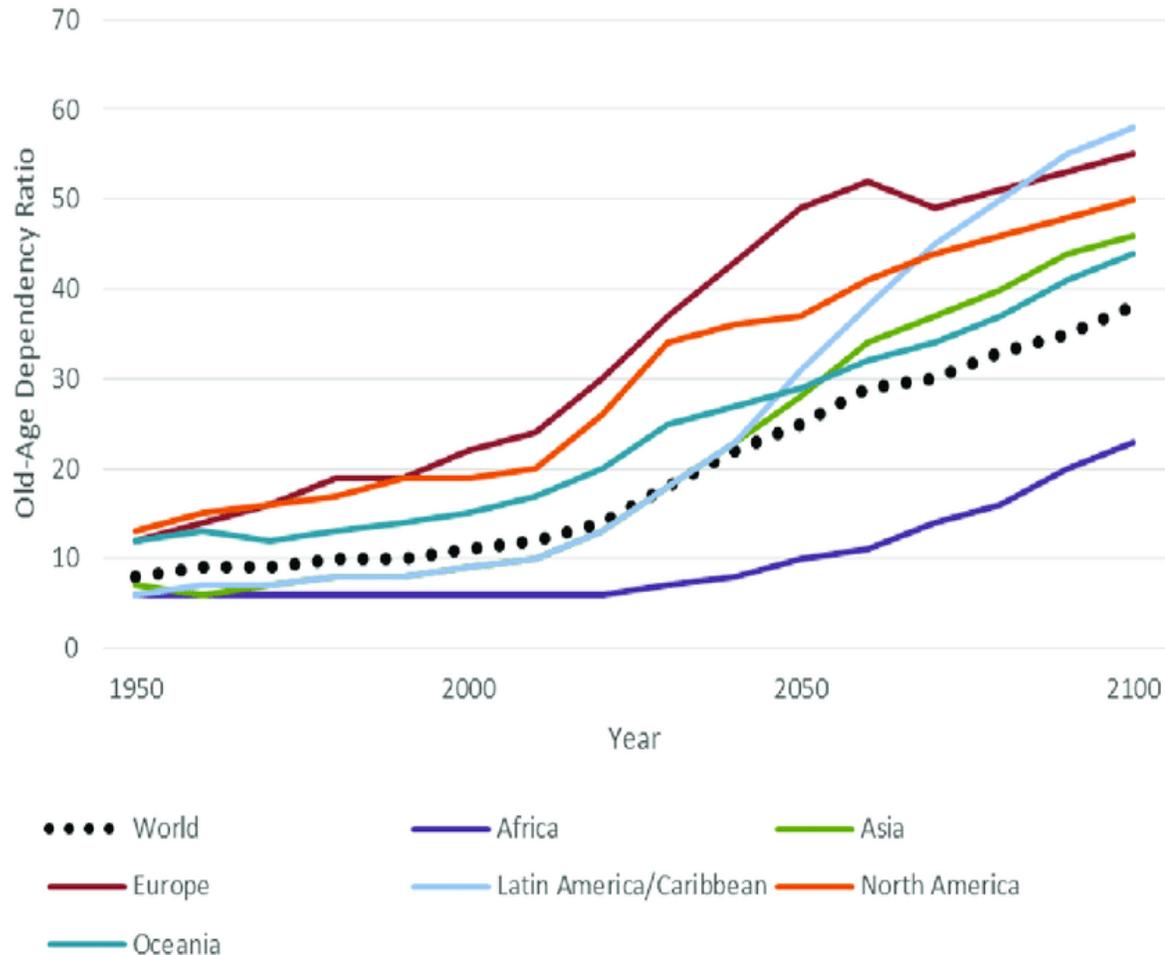


Global population is ageing:

- In 2019, 703 million above the age of 65 globally (9.1% of the global population or 1 in 11)
- In 2050, UN estimates suggest a rise to 1.5 billion over-65s (15.9% of the global population or 1 in 6 people).

‘Longevity revolution’ shaping social, political and economic landscapes. Greatest increase in LMICs, but **all countries and regions will need to respond.**

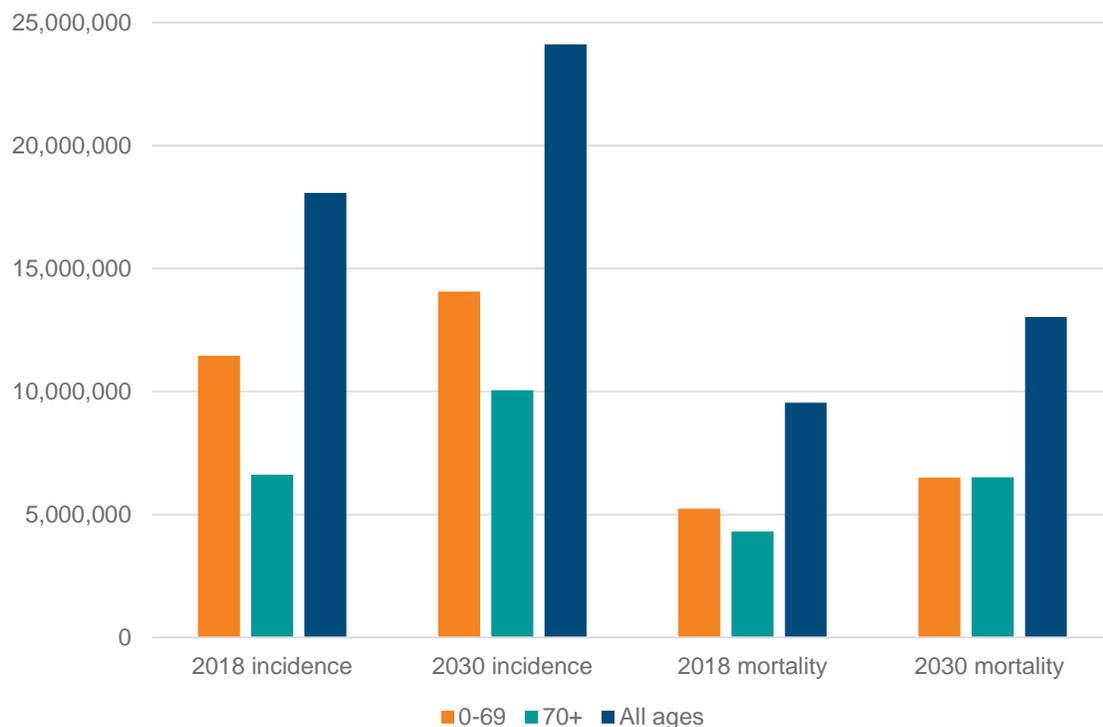
Europe's situation echoes the situation around the world



- Regionally, the proportion of people aged 65+ is forecast to increase from 14% in 2010 to 25% in 2050
- While people are living longer, the likelihood of maintaining good health and well-being during these additional years vary within and between countries
- Need urgent policy response that:
 - Improves health promotion and disease prevention
 - Builds health systems responsive to the needs of older adults
 - Supports older adults

The 'longevity revolution' in cancer

Forecast increase in global cancer incidence and mortality over the next 10 years (2018-2030)



Models suggest increase in cancer incidence and mortality seen amongst the 70+ in the next 10 years:

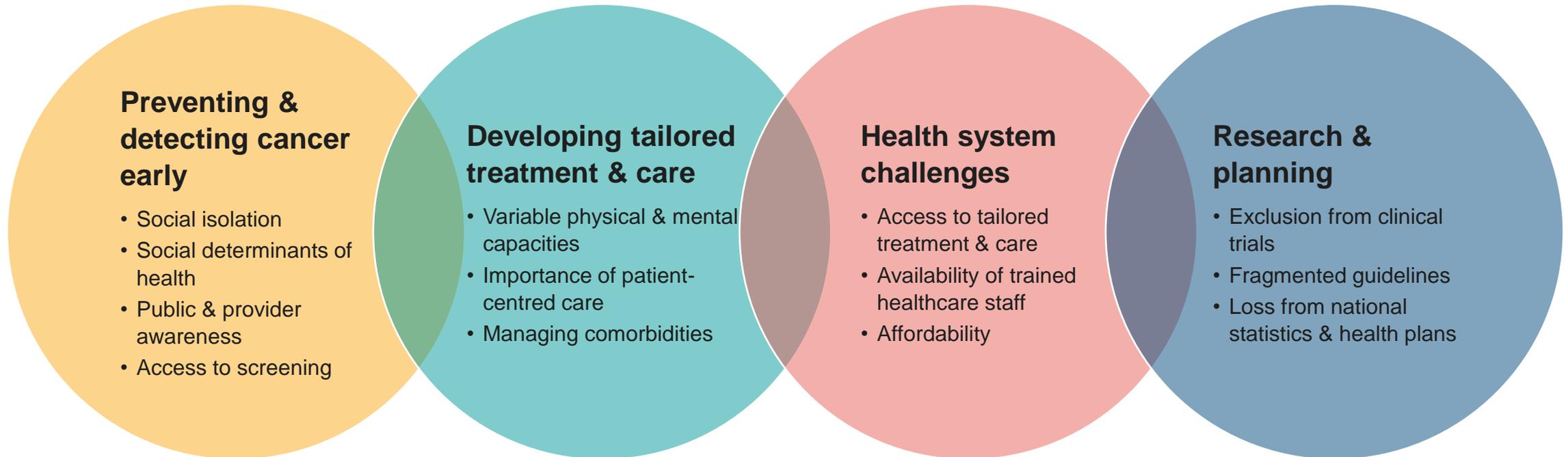
- Anticipate 34% increase in cancer incidence and 33% increase in cancer mortality globally

In Europe, IARC modelling suggests:

- **22% increase in cancer incidence** (over 560,000 additional cancer cases per year)
- **21% increase in cancer mortality** (over 317,000 extra cancer deaths)

Recognising unique needs

Older adults have a series of unique needs which interact and introduces additional complexity in managing cancer across every health system.



What this means for individuals



- Doreen Shotton was a mathematics professor then worked for the NHS in the UK, and was a Director at Age UK Mid Mersey.
- Doreen's cancer journey is emblematic of many of the challenges faced by older adults:
 - Sought care only after severe symptoms
 - Delayed diagnosis at primary care level
 - Delays in accessing treatment meant treatment was no longer curative
 - Palliative radiotherapy took a significant physical toll and reduced her quality of life

[Listen to Doreen's story](#)

Starting a coordinated policy response

The window of opportunity for countries is getting smaller:

- 150 years for France's over-60s to increase from 10% to 20% of the population
- WHO estimates suggest 20 years for Brazil, China and India to navigate the same demographic change



National

- Include older adults in National Cancer Control plans (NCCPs) and other national strategies
- Collect, disaggregate and monitor cancer outcomes for older adults
- Scale-up prevention and improve the availability of information
- Invest in multidisciplinary care and the development of national guidelines for older adults
- Ensure financial protection for older adults

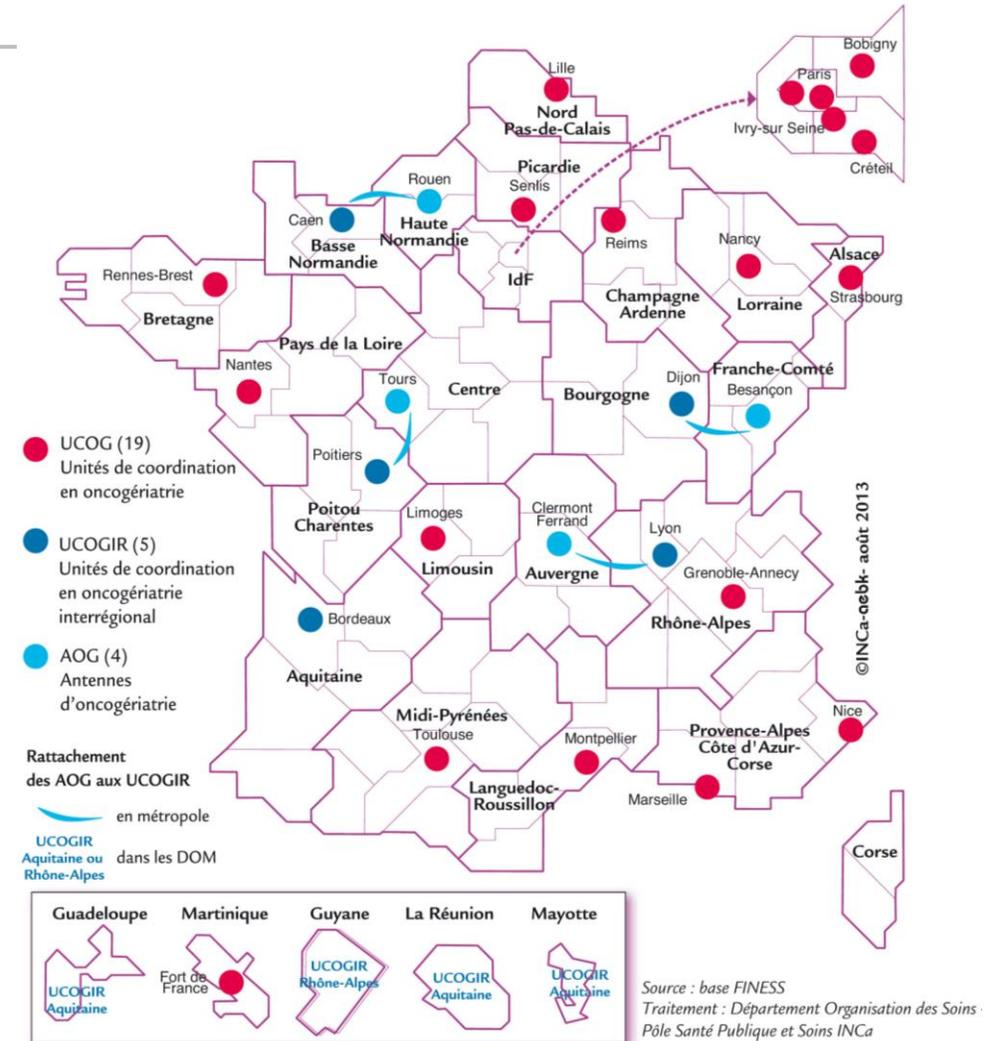


Regional and Global

- Recognise and integrate older adults in global and regional strategies
- Share best practices, training, and guidelines
- Better understand the costs and financial case for investment in older adults
- Support inclusion of older adults in research

Driving change in France

- Older adults included in three successive national cancer plans
- Identified a number of priority actions and networks to lead these:
 - Developing coordinated network of geriatric oncology centres
 - Developing national guidelines and training oncology teams in non-specialist centres to treat geriatric patients
 - Increasing geriatric oncology research under the DIALOG network, including removing age barriers
 - Informing patient, families and the public about cancer
- Coordinated investment by Government est. €5.2 million per year



How we can respond?

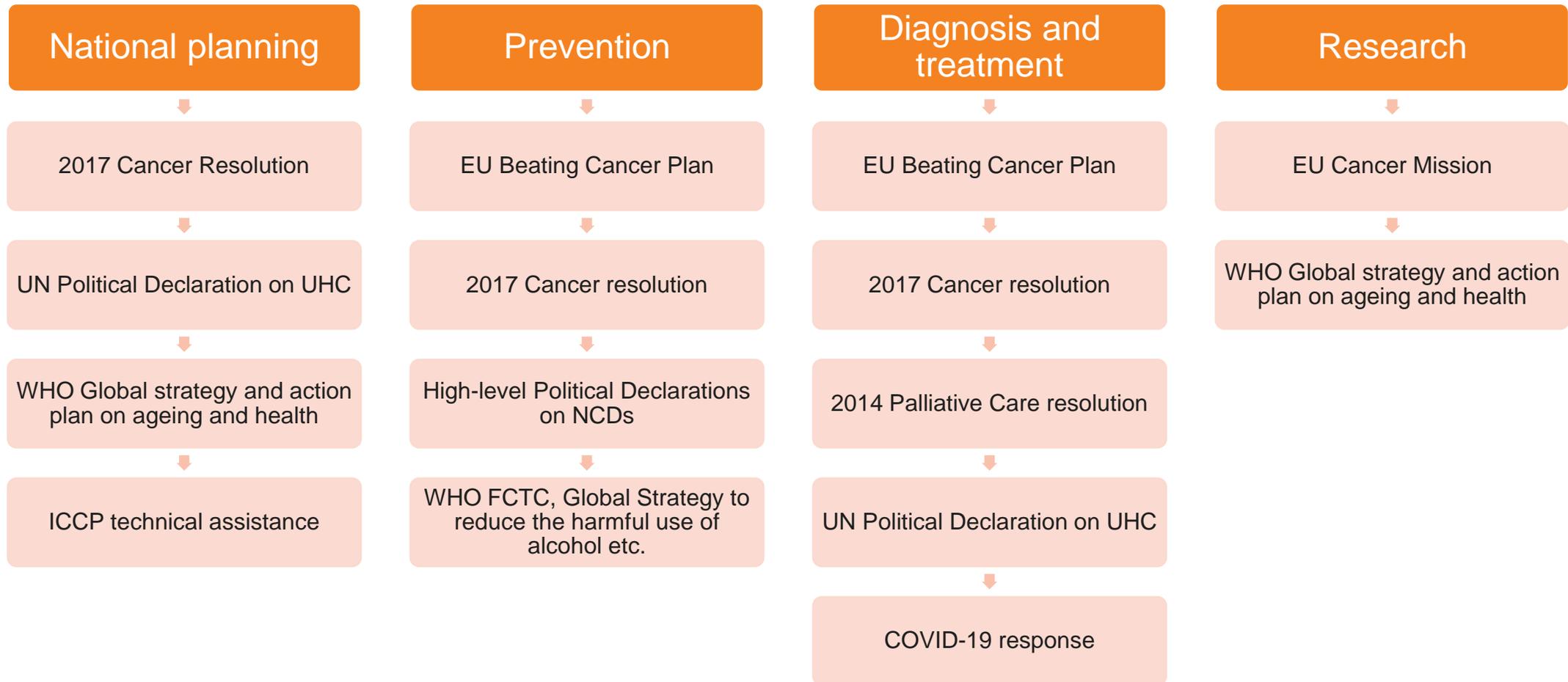


Need comprehensive advocacy nationally, regionally and globally.

Seeing a global movement – opportunity to connect common themes to drive progress:

- EU Beating Cancer Plan
- Decade of Healthy Ageing
- Pursuit of Universal Health Coverage & responding to the impact of COVID-19
- EU's role as a global actor and agenda setter

Connecting different levels of action





Connecting action

- **We need strong policies and health systems to deliver patient-centred care.**
 - Supporting cancer advocates to make the case for older adults
 - Working with technical experts to develop and disseminate guidance for cancer planners & clinical teams
- **Common needs across the NCD community = opportunity for joint advocacy**
 - Improving information on prevention, signs and symptoms
 - Increasing population living with comorbidities requires a joint response e.g. lifecourse approach to health planning, strong PHC, access to essential medicines and technologies
 - Engaging patient voices – recognising older adults as a key demographic

Global snapshot

	Incidence	Incidence 65+	65+ incidence as a % of regional incidence	Mortality	Mortality 65+	65+ mortality as a % regional mortality
AFRO	811,228	235,129	28.98%	533,877	190,242	35.63%
EMRO	676,508	218,152	32.25%	418,955	168,645	40.25%
EURO	4,573,972	2,718,762	59.44%	2,144,253	1,494,790	69.71%
SEARO	2,003,789	675,542	33.71%	1,336,026	523,794	39.21%
PAHO	3,791,517	2,159,920	56.97%	1,371,024	908,486	66.26%
WPRO	6,218,238	3,105,537	49.94%	3,748,973	2,342,877	62.49%
Global	18,078,957	9,113,698	50.41%	9,555,027	5,629,910	58.92%

Estimated incidence and mortality from cancer globally in 2018, by WHO region and age group (IARC, 2018)

Source: http://gco.iarc.fr/today/online-analysis-pie?v=2018&mode=cancer&mode_population=income&population=900&population



Thank you!



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European Commission



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Member of the European Parliament
Portugal



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Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of Digital Health

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Despite the Obvious Challenges, Some Chinks of Light in the Past 12 Months



Significant alignment of circumstances that could precipitate **a real step change** in cancer care across Europe

- **New European Parliament** and a European President who has clearly identified **health as an EU priority**
- **New European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (with a significant cancer focus)**
 - **Seven fold increase** in the health budget (**EU for Health**)
 - European **Beating Cancer Plan / EU Cancer Mission**
 - Lancet Oncology **European Cancer Groundshot**
 - **Refocussed and re-energised** European Cancer Organisation
 - Launch of **European Code of Cancer Practice**

Important that these new opportunities are realised for all of Europe



- Critical that we **grasp these opportunities**
- **Political momentum** towards cancer at European level is **encouraging**
- But we must **use this opportunity wisely**
- Important as we grasp the nettle that we redouble our efforts to **close the cancer inequalities divide**
- Must be a **key focus** of our cancer control and cancer research efforts, particularly in **Central and Eastern Europe**

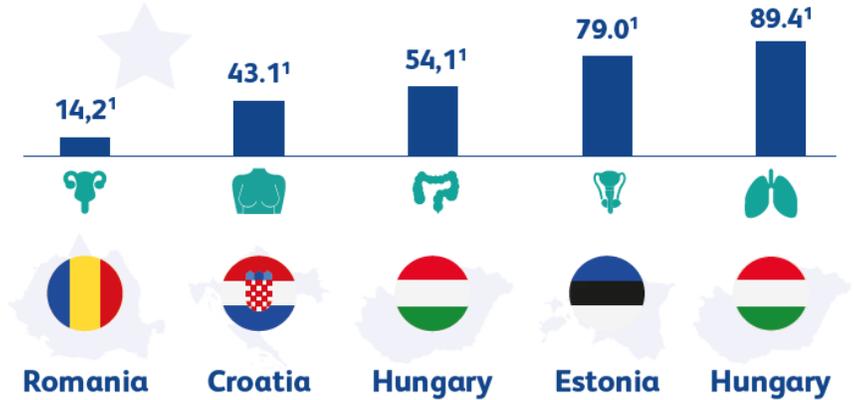
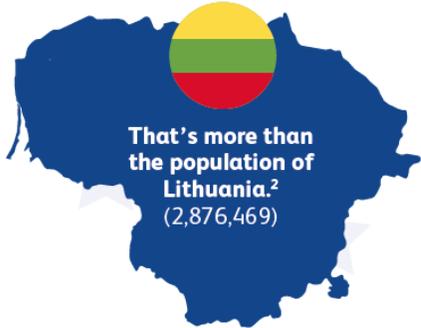


Cancer Data that Highlight our Collective Challenge



3.91 million

new cancer diagnoses in Europe in 2018¹



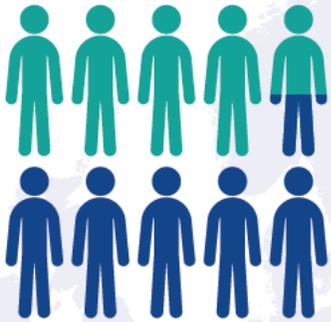
EU Member States with the highest death rate per cancer.²

European Age Standardized Rate (per 100,000 people)

The Primacy of Operational, Appropriately Resourced National Cancer Control Plans



46%

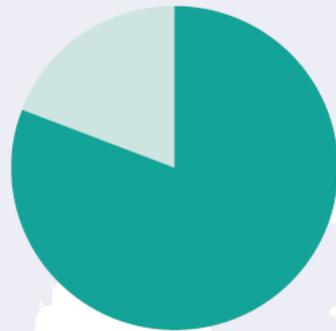


54%

More than half (54%) of CEE countries **do not have national cancer control plans** (NCCPs).¹

Globally, **81%** of countries have an operational cancer plan.²

19%



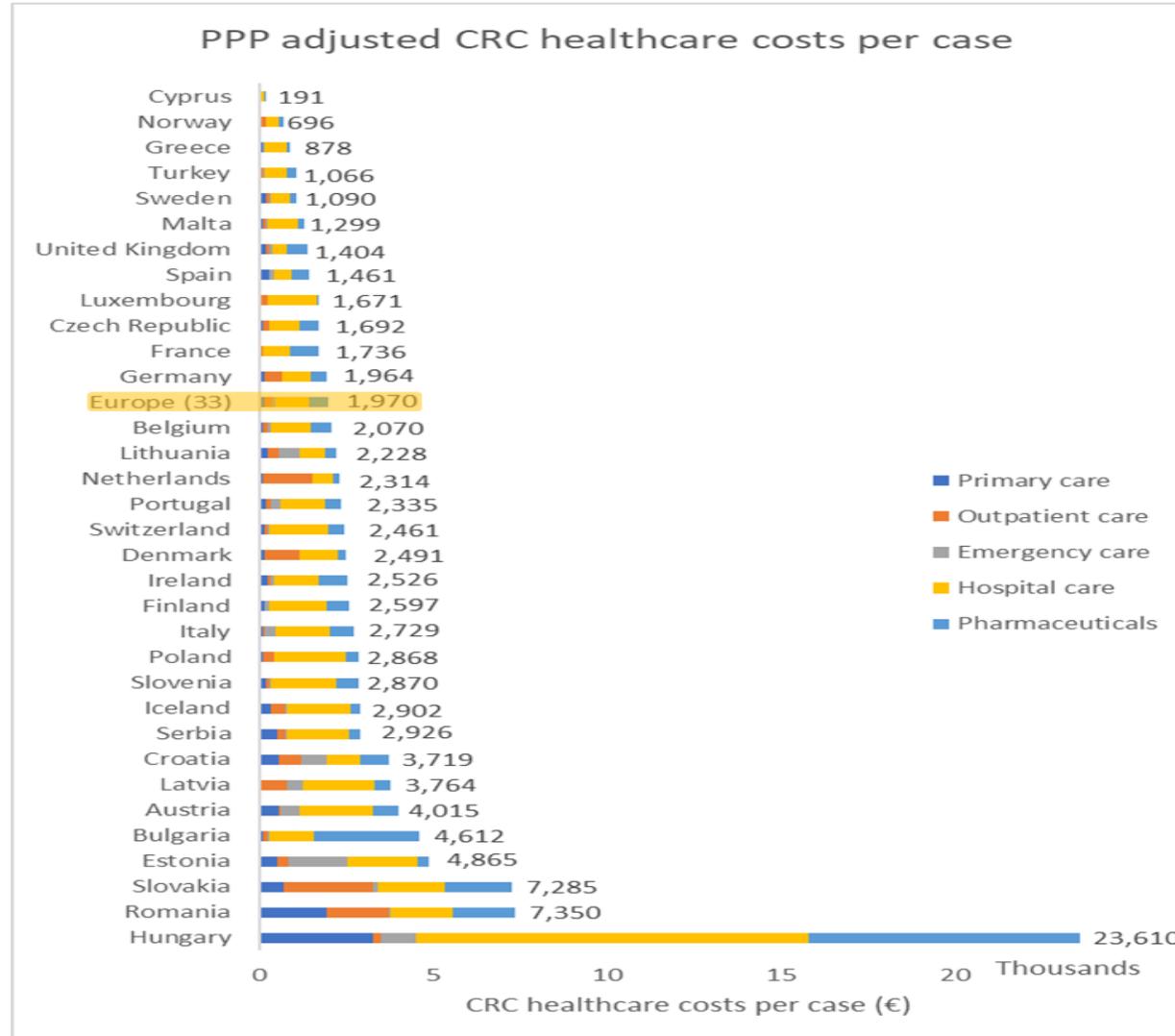
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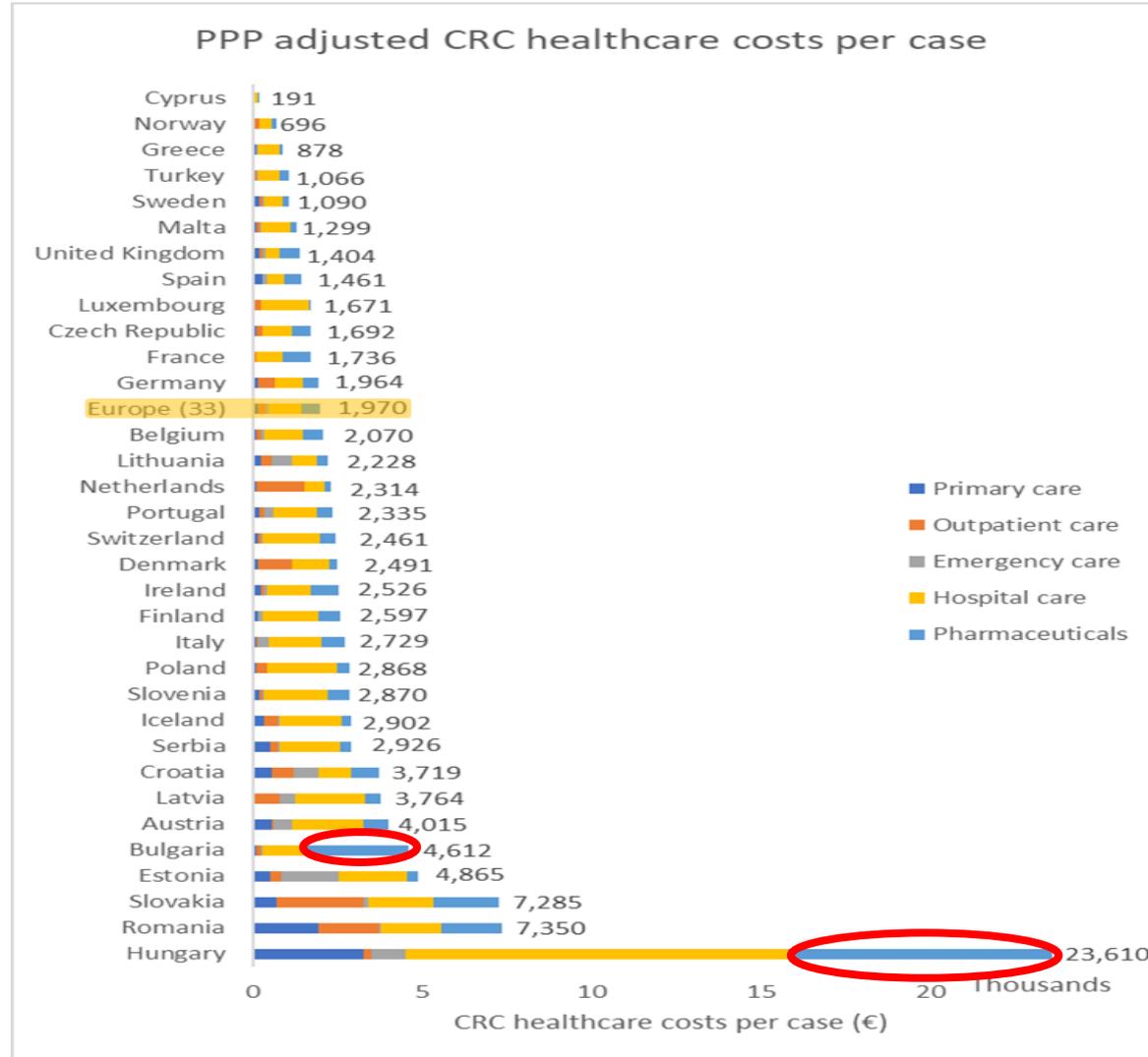
Total **healthcare spending*** falls **below the EU average** in all **CEE countries**.

*Current health expenditure (% of GDP)

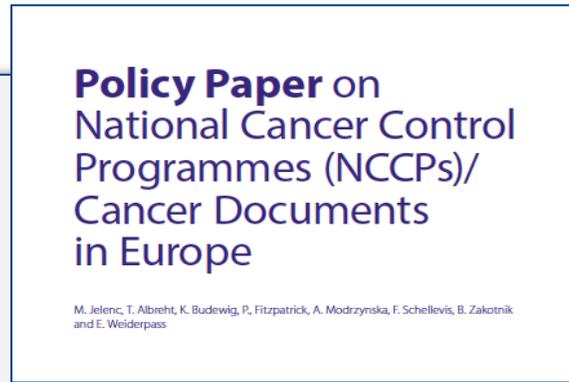
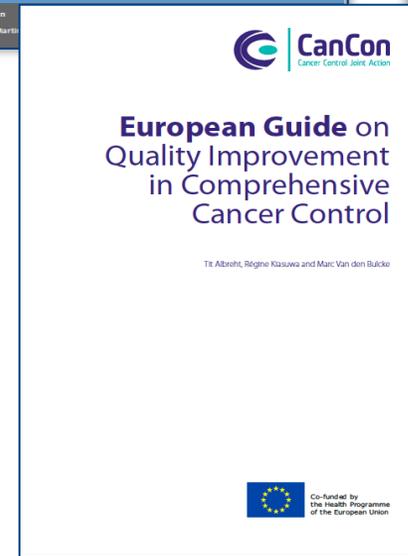
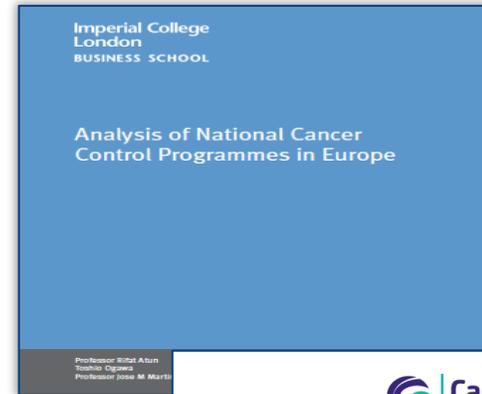
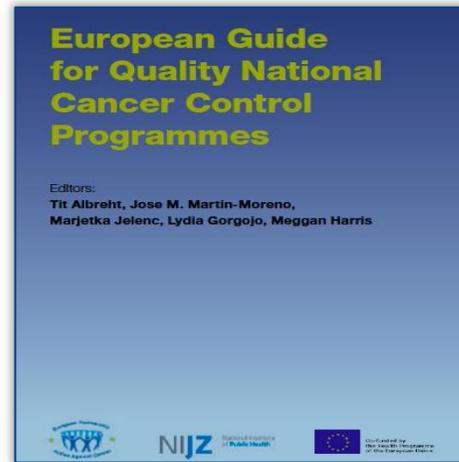
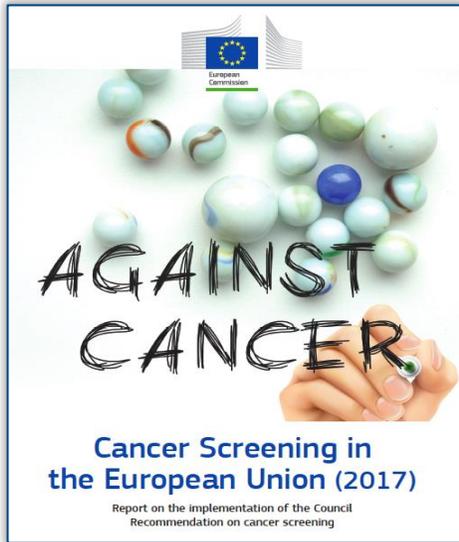
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It's the Way that You Spend It...



Data and Cancer Intelligence Must Be the Clear Enabler of ACTION!



Empowering Enhanced Cancer Control Through Use of Data



- **Access to reliable data (including patient-reported data) and its robust evaluation are key drivers for improved cancer control**
- Data are critical to **underpinning** the introduction of **innovation** within cancer care pathways and health systems
- **Cancer policy** must be **informed** by use of **data** that **reflect** local and regional **context**
- Our data on **cancer disparities** underpinned the development of the **European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights**^{1, 2}
- **Led to the prestigious 2018 European Health Award**



European Code of Cancer Practice

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:



1. EQUAL ACCESS



2. INFORMATION



**3. QUALITY,
EXPERTISE &
OUTCOMES**



**4. SPECIALISED
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
CARE**



**5. SHARED
DECISION-MAKING**



**6. RESEARCH &
INNOVATION**



7. QUALITY OF LIFE



**8. INTEGRATED
SUPPORTIVE &
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**9. SURVIVORSHIP &
REHABILITATION**



10. REINTEGRATION



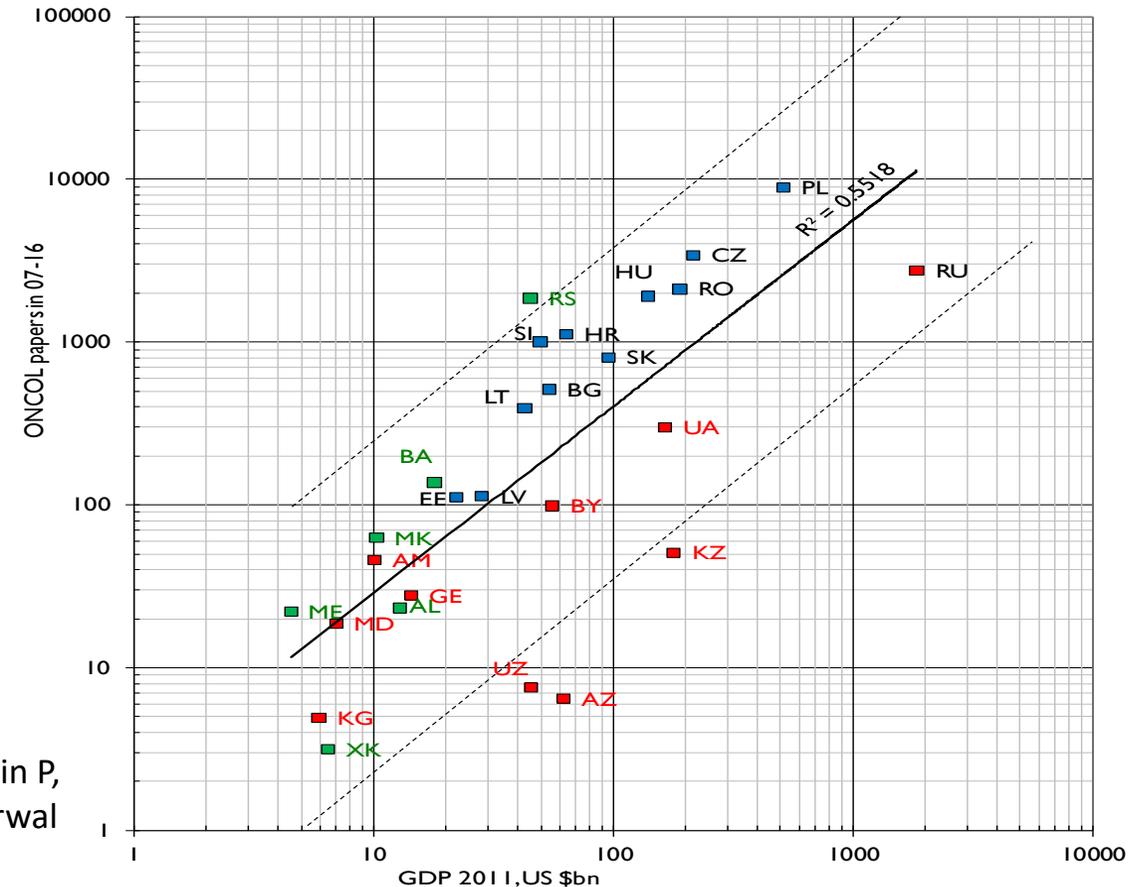
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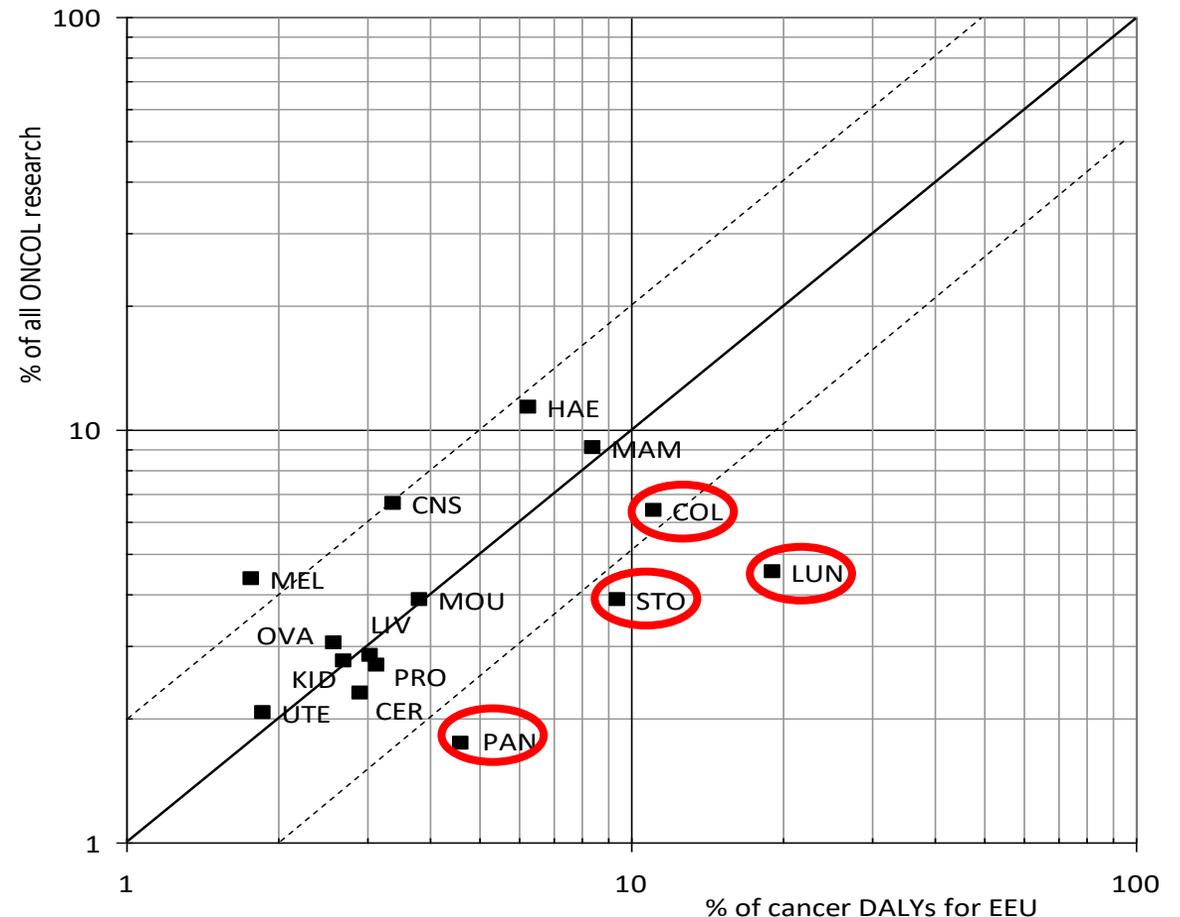
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Many countries not doing enough cancer research

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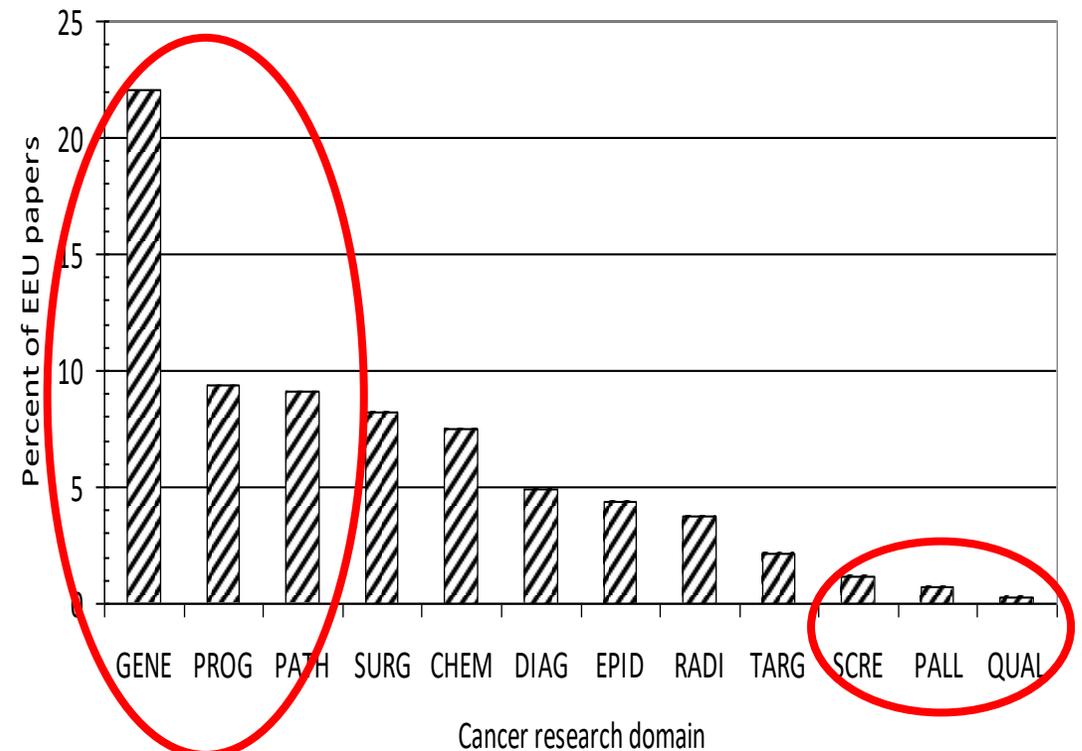


Lack of focus on the cancers that need more research

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- Analyses were also performed by **research focus** (e.g., fundamental cancer biology, surgery etc).



Lack of focus on the research domains that are required

Central and Eastern European Cancer Action Group (CEECAG)



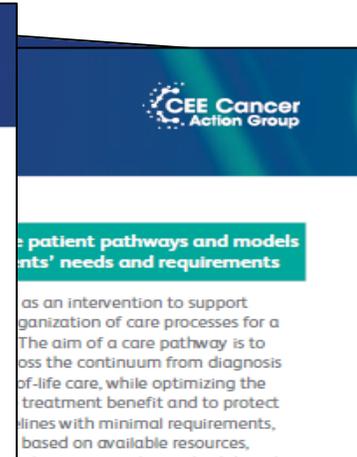
Established over 3 years ago

Multi-stakeholder group: Patient Advocates, Clinicians, researchers, cancer system experts, industry, Seven countries initially: Bulgaria, Croatia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Turkey and Northern Ireland

Reviewing the cancer landscape in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

Developing **new tools and collecting cancer intelligence** that will help improve Cancer Care in CEE Countries

CEECAG Consensus Recommendations



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INTRODUCTION

By 2035, the number of global cancer cases is expected to almost double, creating one of the greatest public health crises of the 21st Century.¹ Optimizing health policies and systems to ensure robust cancer control and the best possible outcomes, within available resources, is therefore of critical importance at national, European and global levels. Patients must be at the center of this process and work together in an equal partnership with healthcare professionals to address cancer research inequalities across Europe, with the ultimate aim of ensuring an average of 70% survival for all cancer patients by 2035 (The European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights' 70:35 vision).^{2,3} Within Europe, there is a particular need to address cancer inequalities and their sequelae within Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), so as to ensure an optimal level of cancer control across the region.

This document articulates a Call to Action for policymakers in CEE countries to prioritize the development and comprehensive implementation of National Cancer Control Plans (NCCPs) in line with WHO guidelines, so as to ensure enhanced cancer control and improved outcomes for citizens of the region.

This Call to Action sets out where immediate action is required from stakeholders including, but not exclusive of policymakers, patient groups, clinicians, scientists and industry.

BACKGROUND

The global burden of cancer is rising, despite increasing public and political attention to this common disease. Between 2005 and 2015, the global number of cancer cases increased by 33%, and this trend is expected to continue.⁴

Europe has one eighth of the world's population, but the region is a major contributor of global cancer deaths.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Implementing a cancer control pathway is not independent of other domains within the healthcare system, so the allocation of resources and delivery of cancer control is inevitably in balance with other healthcare needs. We urgently need more investment in policy in general, but it must be allocated appropriately to ensure effective implementation. Notably, some countries with lower national per capita products comparable to or, in some cases, lower than those in several CEE countries, have achieved effective management of highly treatable cancers.⁵ Also, within the region, significant differences exist regarding outcomes of cancer control in different countries. An equally important issue is ensuring the efficient organization and quality assurance of cancer care with thoughtful allocation of the available resources.

Investment in cancer control for patients, health systems and economies will only be realized when NCCPs are developed and fully implemented. Yet only 13 of 13 CEE countries have produced an NCCP, and many of those that do have NCCPs, face significant problems in their implementation.⁶

Developing and implementing a comprehensive NCCP takes time and resources, and input from multiple stakeholders (both individuals and organizations), but there are actions that can be taken in the interim that are achievable and can provide tangible benefits for patients and health systems. We therefore call on healthcare providers, policymakers, cancer organizations, professional associations, the clinical community and patient advocacy groups to work together to:

Develop a cancer intelligence to inform an evidence-based approach to decision making and policy for equitable, high quality, and equitable cancer control

Cancer intelligence is an important tool in helping to reduce the burden of cancer and to improve outcomes for people diagnosed with cancer.

Cancer registries are the backbone of a cancer control system, tracking incidence, prevalence, mortality, and regional variations. However, many CEE countries still lack comprehensive national registries nor cancer data.

Information on cancer prevention, patterns of care, treatment, side effects and patient reported outcomes is extremely important in a fully functioning cancer control system.

Develop patient pathways and models of care that meet patients' needs and requirements

Developing an intervention to support the organization of care processes for a patient's journey. The aim of a care pathway is to ensure continuity of care from diagnosis to end-of-life care, while optimizing the treatment benefit and to protect patients with minimal requirements, based on available resources, and collaboration between academia (both health and life sciences), health authorities and patient organizations.

Start with an understanding of the needs of patients, taking into account cultural and national differences. Patient involvement in the consultation and decision making process is desirable, to ensure that cancer care is patient centered.

Ensure patient engagement, shared decision making and transparency in terms of how care plans are developed and implemented.

Develop a framework for patient organizations

Ensure equitable access to cancer care, in particular for underserved populations, and ensuring quality of care through knowledge and insight into best practices. Patient participation and collaboration between patient organizations and healthcare providers is essential, since they play a critical role in the development and implementation of cancer control programs. These organizations play a central role in promoting healthy living, identifying risk factors such as smoking, alcohol consumption, as well as increasing public awareness and organization.

Integrate patient organizations into their networks, as well as ensure a transparent conduit for informing decision making and increasing capacity to engage with healthcare providers.

Develop a European Cancer Patient Charter.

Making Change a reality: Intelligence as an Enabler



RECOMMENDATIONS

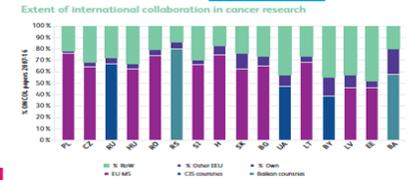
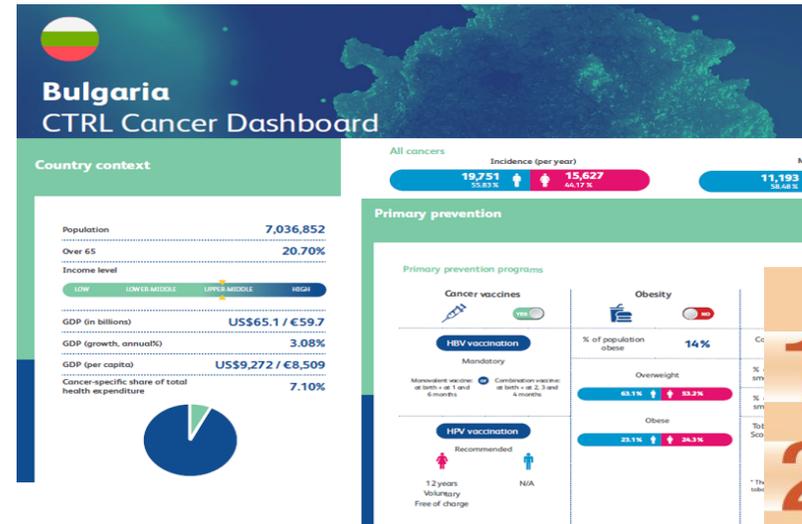
OBJECTIVES

1	IMPROVE CANCER INTELLIGENCE	Inform an evidence-based approach to decision making and policy for affordable, high-quality and equitable cancer control
2	INVEST IN RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TRAINING	Develop expertise and retain cancer professionals in the clinical, nursing and allied communities
3	DEVELOP AND STANDARDISE PATIENT PATHWAYS	Enhance the quality of care across the continuum from diagnosis through to treatment and end-of-life care, while optimising the use of resources
4	ENHANCE CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PATIENT ORGANISATIONS	Play a role in promoting healthy behaviours , targeting risk factors such as smoking, obesity and alcohol consumption, as well as increasing public awareness of cancer care financing and organisation

Critical Enablers for Central and Eastern Europe



- Robust Cancer intelligence
- Resilient National Cancer Control Plans (NCCPs)
- Patient-centred multidisciplinary teams
- A research and innovation-empowered culture



WHO stepwise framework

- 1 PLANNING STEP 1**
Where are we now?
Investigate the present state of the cancer problem, and cancer control services or programmes.
- 2 PLANNING STEP 2**
Where do we want to be?
Formulate and adopt policy. This includes defining the target population, setting goals and objectives, and deciding on priority interventions across the cancer continuum.
- 3 PLANNING STEP 3**
How do we get there?
Identify the steps needed to implement the policy.

The planning phase is followed by the policy implementation phase.

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|---|--|
| Implementation step 1
CORE | Implement interventions in the policy that are feasible now, with existing resources. |
| Implementation step 2
EXPANDED | Implement interventions in the policy that are feasible in the medium term, with a realistically projected increase in, or reallocation of, resources. |
| Implementation step 3
DESIRABLE | Implement interventions in the policy that are beyond the reach of current resources, if and when such resources become available. |



NCCP, National Cancer Control Plan; WHO, World Health Organization. Images: World health Organisation. National Cancer Control Plan. <https://www.who.int/cancer/nccp/en/> (Accessed September 2020); Oncology Central. <https://www.oncology-central.com/videos/the-importance-of-a-multidisciplinary-team-in-the-care-of-head-and-neck-cancer/> (Accessed September 2020).

Cancer Country Dashboards: *Intelligence to Inform Policy Change*



- Develop a cancer “**learning environment**” that benefits and informs cancer policy in CEE by highlighting key **challenges** and **inequalities** across the region
- Ensure that **evidence** becomes an effective **enabler of action** for stakeholders
- Leverage key cancer policy indicators to **measure progress** over time and provide a **benchmark** for best practice sharing across the region

Cancer control plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Year introduced	1993
Specified goals/targets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aim: Diagnosing malignant neoplasms at the earliest possible stage in order to enable effective treatment, through increasing the efficiency, public awareness and acceptance of secondary prevention (screening)	
Specified timeframe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Designated implementation authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National Health Insurance Fund of Hungary, National Public Health and Medical Officer Service	
Designated evaluation authority	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Specified annual budget	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Public reporting of plan outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Cancer registry

National Paediatric Cancer Registry of Hungary

ENCR Member:

Population-based?

National Subnational

Age: All ages Paediatric

Type: All sites Site specific

Last available data:



The CTRL Cancer Country Dashboard: An Enabler of cancer policy change?



Why Create Country Dashboards?

- Easy-to-use infographic-style **country dashboards** to show the **current status of cancer care, cancer research and key components** within NCCPs
- Standardised **benchmark to monitor, measure and communicate** on NCCP progress in CEE countries

CTRL Cancer Country Scope



16 Countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, and Ukraine

Time to Grasp the Nettle



- Key **challenges, inequalities** in Central/Eastern Europe, fostering **an East West Divide**
- **European Code of Cancer Practice – a patient-centred enabler**
- **Intelligence** on cancer control/cancer research activities **illuminating the path to take**
- **Cancer country dashboards** can capture key intelligence, underpinning cancer policy decision- making and monitoring progress, locally, nationally and regionally
- Developing a cancer **“learning environment”** which would **benefit** the entire CEE region
- **Less Talk ...MORE ACTION**
- We have a great opportunity here... **LET’S GRASP IT!**



Thank you!



Catalysing Action to Advance Cancer Care: Learnings from the Field



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Slovenia and the Status of its Cancer Care



- Slovenia has been committed to cancer care and cancer control
- On 2nd October 2020 we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the national population cancer registry, which is one of the oldest in the world
- This fact enabled very precise monitoring of cancer care and facilitated the introduction of screening programmes
- Cancer is a ‘protected’ disease in terms of health insurance as its diagnosis and treatment enjoy full coverage from compulsory health insurance

Slovenia and the Status of its Cancer Care (con't)



- Slovenia has all three recommended cancer screening programmes functioning and covering the entire populations envisaged by guidelines
- We managed to significantly lower the incidence and mortality of all three cancers in question
- The latest data on five-year survival show that in 2017 it has reached 61% for women and 55% for men (source: Zadnik V, Žagar T. SLORA: Slovenija in rak. Epidemiologija in register raka. Onkološki inštitut Ljubljana. www.slora.si (06.10.2020).
- There have been significant investments and improvements in access to innovative treatments over the past years.

Slovenia and the Status of its Cancer Care (con't)



- There was a clear commitment to prepare National cancer control programmes
- So far, there were two programmes, the first one, running from 2010 to 2014 and the second one from 2016 to 2021 (source: www.dpor.si , 06.10.2020)
- The first one was important for the mapping of services and the role given to ensuring access to high quality care
- The second one brought about the concept of survivorship, which had been a neglected topic in the past and thus raised it to the level of other aspects of cancer care and control

Lessons and Challenges from Slovenia



What we have learned

- High level policy commitment and priority setting offering cancer a special status and ensuring resources and investments at all levels
- Clear allocation of funds to finance screening programmes in their entirety
- Establishment of multidisciplinary teams in the treatment of all major tumours
- Concentration of care in the cases of infrequent cancers, e.g. testicular cancer
- Development of a joint guideline with GPs for treatment of pain in patients undergoing end-of-life palliative care

Some of the important challenges

- Exploration of the introduction of other screening and early detection programmes (e.g. lung cancer, prostate cancer)
- Economic evaluation and HTA at all levels and phases of oncological care
- Establishment of secondary oncological centres (already envisaged in the NCCP) a more consistent development of activities related to the survivorship challenges

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Slovenia's Involvement in the European Cancer Policy



Slovenia's presidency to the council of the EU revived the high priority given to cancer in the european health policy

- Recommendations included:
- Development of national cancer control programmes/strategies by 2013
- Building a closer co-operation among european member states on the topic of cancer policy
- The first recommendation resulted in 24 out of 28 EU member states having nccps by 2013
- The second recommendation led to the establishment of the european partnership for action against cancer (epaac)

Slovenia's Involvement in the European Cancer Policy



- Slovenia – similarly to the other member states decidedly worked towards the development of its first nccp in 2010 and built on the experiences of the first one developed the second one in 2015, which is now in force
- EPAAC was developed as a loose partnership but it needed operationalisation
- This led to the launch of a project – joint action – with the same name
- Joint actions are policy projects jointly financed by the eu and the member states providing advice and recommendations for both levels

Slovenia's Involvement in the European Cancer Policy



EPAAC

- The first joint action covering the entire cancer trajectory
- Deliverables:
 - Boosting Innovation and Co-operation in the European Cancer Control
 - European Guide for Quality National Cancer Control Programmes

CanCon

- The second joint action dealing mostly with cancer care and survivorship
- Deliverables:
 - European Guide on Quality Improvement in Comprehensive Cancer Control

iPAAC

- The third joint action covering selected topics in several aspects of cancer control
- Deliverable:
 - Roadmap towards implementing the policy recommendations of the EU Guide on quality improvement in cancer control



Summary



- Slovenia has kept its strong commitment to improving its national cancer policy and control across a long period of time
- It also showed determination in bringing cancer to the European agenda by promoting it during its Presidency to the Council of the European Union
- Through the co-ordination of the three joint actions, by developing an excellent epidemiological team at the cancer registry, which is actively involved at the activities at the EU level and by aiming at the accreditation of its national cancer institute by OEIC this commitment shows its international dimensions



Thank you!



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National Cancer Plan 2020-2030 (National Oncological Strategy)



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Aims of the National Cancer Plan



1. **Reducing** cancer incidence through **health education, promotion and prevention** measures including **shaping pro-health awareness** and **popularizing healthy lifestyle**;
2. **Improving prevention, early detection, diagnostics and treatment** of cancer patients;
3. **Developing the health care system** in the area of oncology through concentration of activities on the patient and his or her needs, with particular emphasis on **improving the quality of life** of patients and their families;
4. **Ensuring equal access to high quality cancer care benefits** according to current medical knowledge;
5. **Developing and introducing organizational changes** to provide cancer patients with an equal access to coordinated and comprehensive cancer health care;
6. **Developing training and educational activities** as well as educating medical staff in cancer care;
7. **Developing scientific research** to improve and increase the effectiveness and innovativeness of cancer treatment.

Prognosis of Cancer Incidence in Poland



- **Increased exposition** of Polish citizens on **cancer risk factors**, including these related to lifestyle (tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption, diet, lack of physical activity).

According to WHO data 50% of cancer deaths may be preventable

- Oncologists in Poland predict that within:
 - the **next five years the number of cancer patients may increase by 15%**,
 - the **next decade** – even by **28%**;
- In Poland about **990 000 people live after the diagnosis** of cancer, what indicates that oncological disorders are chronic nowadays.



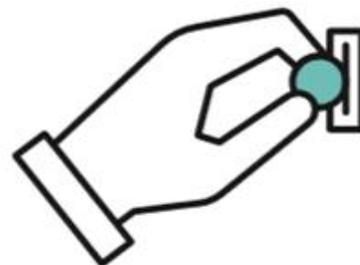
GENERAL COSTS OF THE ANALYZED CANCERS

Direct expenses of NFZ
of the analyzed cancers
(in general)



242,9 mln zł (2015)
262 mln zł (2016)
Increase 7,2%

Indirect costs
of the ZUS expenses on social insurance
benefits related to the
analyzed cancers



47,5 mln zł (2015)
53,5 mln zł (2016)
Increase 11,2%

Indirect costs
economic losses



878,1 mln zł
0,579 % PKB (2015)
↓
917,9 mlz zł
0,589 % PKB (2016)

Expected Results - Target Mortality Rates for Selected Types of Cancer in Poland



Indicator	Target rate in 2025*	Estimated rate based on APC model in 2025	Observed rate in 2016
The mortality rate for colorectal cancer (ICD10: C18–C21, ESP2013)	42.5 in men; 20.5 in women	47.2 in men; 22.7 in women	54.1 in men; 26.6 in women
The mortality rate for breast cancer in women (ICD10: C50, ESP2013)	22.8	25.3	32.3
The mortality rate for cervical cancer (ICD10: C53, ESP2013)	4.9	5.5	7.8
The mortality rate for melanoma (ICD10: C43, ESP2013)	2.9 in women; 4.1 in men	3.2 in women; 4.6 in men	3.2 in women; 5.4 in men
The mortality rate for lung cancer (ICD: C33–C34, ESP2013)	71.3 in men; 36.7 in women;	79.3 in men; 40.8 in women	114,4 in men; 37,9 in women

* For both genders 90% value of mortality rate forecasted in 2025 according to the model *age-period-cohort* (without closing *gender gap*).

National Cancer Plan – Scheme



Scope 1

Investing in medical staff – Improvement of the staff’s situation and quality of education in oncology

Scope 2

Investing in education, primary prevention and lifestyle – Decreasing cancer incidence through a reduction of risk in cancer primary prevention

Scope 3

Investing in patient, secondary prevention – Improvement of the secondary prevention effectiveness

Scope 4

Investing in science and innovations – Increasing the potential of scientific research and innovative projects in Poland in order to provide patients with the most effective diagnostic and therapeutic measures

Scope 5

Investing in the cancer care system – Improvement of cancer care system structure through providing patients with organizational conditions enabling the highest quality of diagnostic and therapeutic processes as well as comprehensive care across the entire “patient path”

National Cancer Plan

5 scopes, 23 actions, 98 measures



Scope	Actions	Measures
Investing in medical staff	1	13
Investing in education, primary prevention - lifestyle	6	15
Investing in patient - secondary prevention	5	22
Investing in science and innovations	4	14
Investing in the cancer care system	7	34

Scope 2: Investing in Education – Primary Prevention – Lifestyle

OBJECTIVE: Decreasing cancer incidence through reduction of cancer risk factors, investing in education and primary prevention



Responsibility

Expected results, by the end of 2030

- a) The percentage of **overweighted and obese adolescents shall be reduced** from 10.4% to 8% in girls, and from 19.2% to 17% in boys.
- b) The percentage of **non-smoking adolescents shall be decreased** from 83% to 77.3% in girls, and from 85% to 80% in boys.
- c) The percentage of **overweighted and obese adults shall be reduced** from 45.7% to 43% in women, and from 62.1% to 60% in men.
- d) The percentage of **adult smokers shall be reduced** from 20% to 15% in women, and from 30% to 25% in men.
- e) The **melanoma incidence shall be reduced** from 5.7 to 5.0; by this time it is also planned to **minimize the exposure of adult populations to UV radiation**.
- f) **By the end of 2028, 60% of adolescents shall be vaccinated against human papilloma virus (HPV)**.
- g) More than 50,000 medical employees in Poland shall become acquainted with the recommendations of the European Code Against Cancer.

1. **Ministry of Health**
1. **Ministry of Science and Higher Education**
1. **National Cancer Institute**

Example measures/actions for Scope 2

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY:

Ministry of Health



Ministerstwo Zdrowia

4. Introduction of HPV vaccination refunds for adolescents between ages 9 and 15

4.1 Starting from 2021, one will launch a HPV vaccination procedure for two relevant age group of girls.

4.2 By the end of 2023, all the relevant age groups (9-15 years old) of girls shall be vaccinated.

4.3 In 2026 a HPV vaccination procedure for boys between ages 9 and 15 shall be launched.



5. Implementing legal regulations to support healthy nutrition

5.1 In 2021, one will introduce a simple food labeling system to provide information on the nutritional value and potential health impact of a full product contents.

5.2 In 2022, one will introduce an excise on excessive amounts of sugars in food products.

5.3 In 2021, one will introduce new standards for mass nutrition of children and adolescents as well as patients in medical institutions, taking into account dietary needs for selected diseases.

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY:

Ministry of Health



Ministerstwo Zdrowia

6. Implementing legal regulations to support tobacco prevention policy



6.1 **By the end of 2021**, one will **modify Tobacco Disease Prevention Program** [Pol.: “Program Profilaktyki Chorób Odtytoniowych”] (including Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and **adjust it to the challenges indicated in the Maps of Health care Needs**.

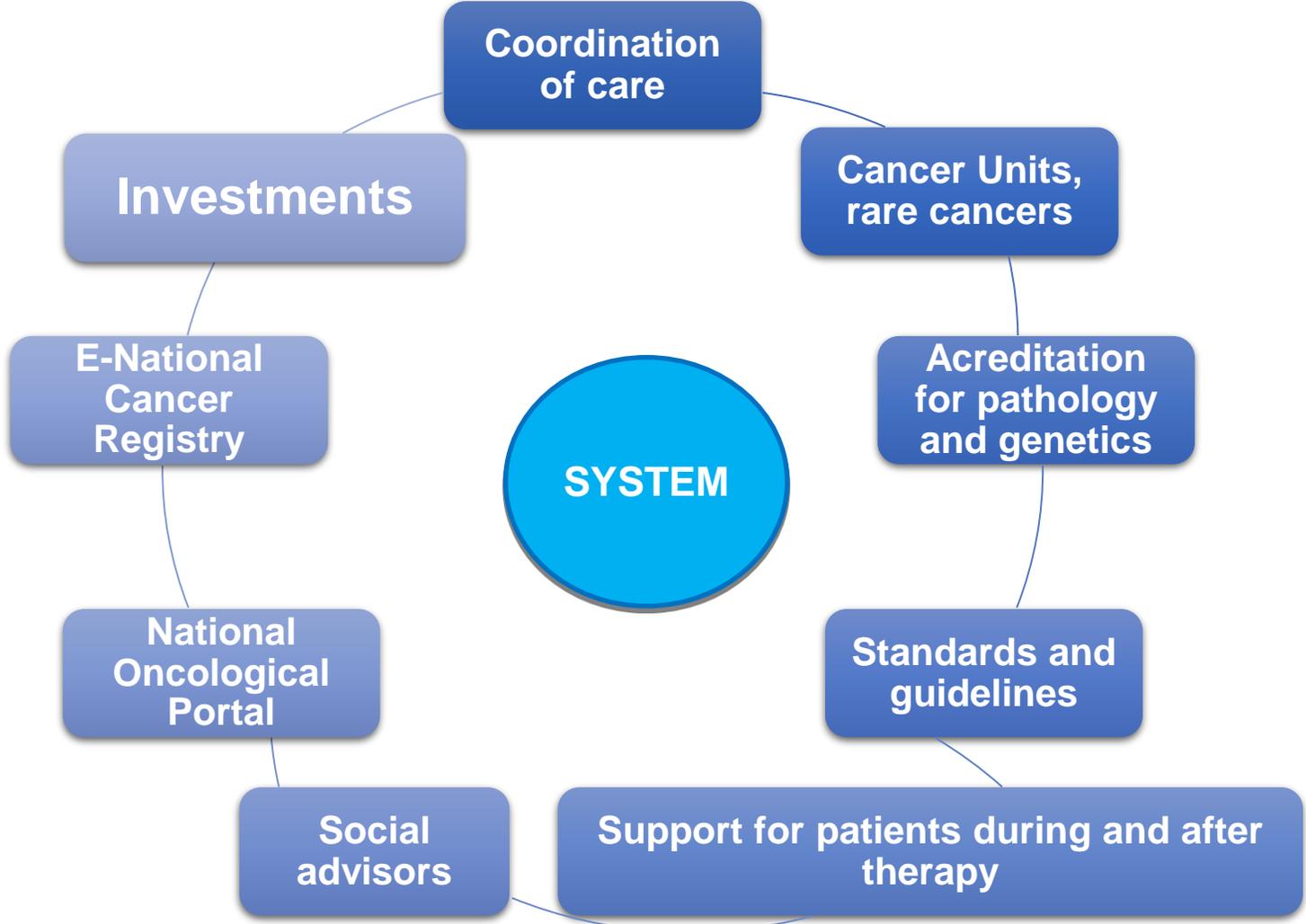
6.2 **By the end of 2023**, **Smoking Cessation Clinics** [Pol.: “Poradnie Pomocy Palącym”] will be **established in each province**. They will be responsible for coordination of educational measures on tobacco prevention as a part of the National Smokers Support Network [Pol.: “Krajowa Sieć Pomocy Palącym”].

6.3 **In 2024**, one will **introduce a ban on the promotion and advertising tobacco products**, including heated tobacco and e-cigarettes at the point of sale.

6.4 **In 2024**, one will **impose an obligation to use plain packages for tobacco products**.

6.5 **By the end of 2025**, one will impose **an obligation to carry out a medical interview concerning level of exposure to the tobacco smoke** (active or passive smoking) of patients in hospitals all over the country, as well as a **requirement to offer an appropriate medical support**.

National Cancer Plan



Cooperation for Monitoring of National Cancer Plan



- **6 index cancers:** lung cancer, breast cancer, colon/rectum cancer, prostate cancer, cervix/ovarian cancer, melanoma – opening report + annually monitoring
- **New Unit in MSCNRI:** for coordinating and monitoring of National Cancer Plan
- **Memorandum for cooperation between MoH, MSCNRI, NHF**



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A New National Oncological Portal



- **The National Oncological Portal is the basic source of information for Poland**
- To be ready until the end of 2022:
 - for patients and physicians
 - with statistics
 - guidelines
 - prophylaxis
 - list of centers
 - reports
 - quality data
 - base of clinical trials etc.
 - like in NHS or INCA France

The screenshot displays the homepage of the Institut National du Cancer (INCA) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the INCA logo and the slogan "ACCÉLÉRONS LES PROGRÈS FACE AUX CANCERS". Below this, a main banner features the text "DÉCONFINEMENT PROGRESSIF ET CANCER" and "L'INSTITUT VOUS ACCOMPAGNE S'INFORMER". The page is organized into several content blocks:

- PUBLICATION**: A section titled "Mots et attitudes face à la maladie" with a sub-heading "Son objectif est de donner quelques clés pour trouver les mots et les attitudes justes et agréables à lire".
- ACTUALITÉ**: A section titled "Le point sur le mélanome et le COVID-19" with a sub-heading "Une étude pose un effet protecteur de la routine contre l'infection au coronavirus COVID-19. Cette prise doit encore être confirmée...".
- APPEL À PROJETS**: A section titled "RESEARCH 2020" with a sub-heading "Cet appel à projets de type « Hauts risques/Gains élevés » a pour but de soutenir des projets de recherche fondamentale etc...".
- Navigation and Search**: A search bar and social media links (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram) are located at the top right.
- Footer/Bottom Navigation**: A row of buttons for "PRÉVENTION", "DÉPISTAGE", "LES DONNÉES", and "RESTEZ INFORMÉS". Below this, there are three main columns:
 - PATIENTS ET PROCHES**: Includes "S'informer sur les cancers" (Diagnoser par type de cancer pour comprendre les mécanismes de la maladie, les symptômes, les traitements proposés, leurs effets sur l'organisme et le suivi après les soins.) and "Ressources utiles" (Conseils spécifiques, associations, professionnels... Retrouvez les informations utiles pour vous accompagner tout au long du traitement de votre maladie mais aussi après).
 - PROFESSIONNELS DE SANTÉ**: Includes "Outils pour la pratique des médecins généralistes" (Retrouvez notre collection d'outils visant à accompagner les médecins généralistes dans leur pratique quotidienne auprès des patients atteints de cancer.) and "Carte interactive" (Retrouvez en quelques clics les BRZ (dépistements autorisés à traiter les personnes atteintes d'un cancer en France).)
 - PROFESSIONNELS DE LA RECHERCHE**: Includes "Note Bene Cancer, Onco Actu et Onco-seq" (Découvrez tous nos bulletins de veille et inscrivez-vous pour recevoir toutes les dernières informations scientifiques de la cancérologie.) and "Les PAIRS" (Les Programmes d'actions intégrées de recherche (PAIRS) abordent la recherche sur les cancers sous un angle transversal et multidisciplinaire. Dix PAIRS ont déjà été lancés.)
- Additional Sections**: "CANCER INFO", "REGISTRE DES ESSAIS CLINIQUES", "APPELS À PROJETS", "LE TERME POLYPE", "LE CHIFFRE 9/10", and "LA VIDÉO".

Joint Efforts and Multi-stakeholder Collaboration (at National and EU levels)



*Most of the **points identified in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan are in the line with the Polish National Cancer Strategy**



- It is justified to emphasize more clearly in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan the actions enabling patients to use the most effective diagnostic and therapeutic solutions, including participation in clinical trials. Increasing the participation of oncology and hematology patients in clinical trials as well as supporting and improving the organization of the research system and funding of clinical trials in oncology should also be the subject of the "cancer" mission under the Horizon Europe program, what would lead to decreasing the inequalities in access to new therapeutic options in member states.
- Joint multi-stakeholder collaboration is necessary for primary prevention measures as tobacco control, HPV vaccination etc.
- It is advisable that at the EU level, standardization of pathomorphological and molecular assessment of tumors is carried out. This standardization should include the possibility of obtaining a second pathomorphological opinion (in doubtful, difficult or rare tumors). The justification for introducing this condition is due to the fact that designated centers of reference within the network, eg. EURACAN, do not have the possibility to perform a "pathological review / second opinion".
- Access to proper molecular testing is also limited in some Member States.
- Additionally, it is recommended that the National Cancer Registries are based on histopathological results that are centrally digitized.



Thank you!



Catalysing Action to Advance Cancer Care: Learnings from the Field



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University Hospital Split, Croatia



NCCPs IN EUROPE

... EU27

... EU28 (Croatia)

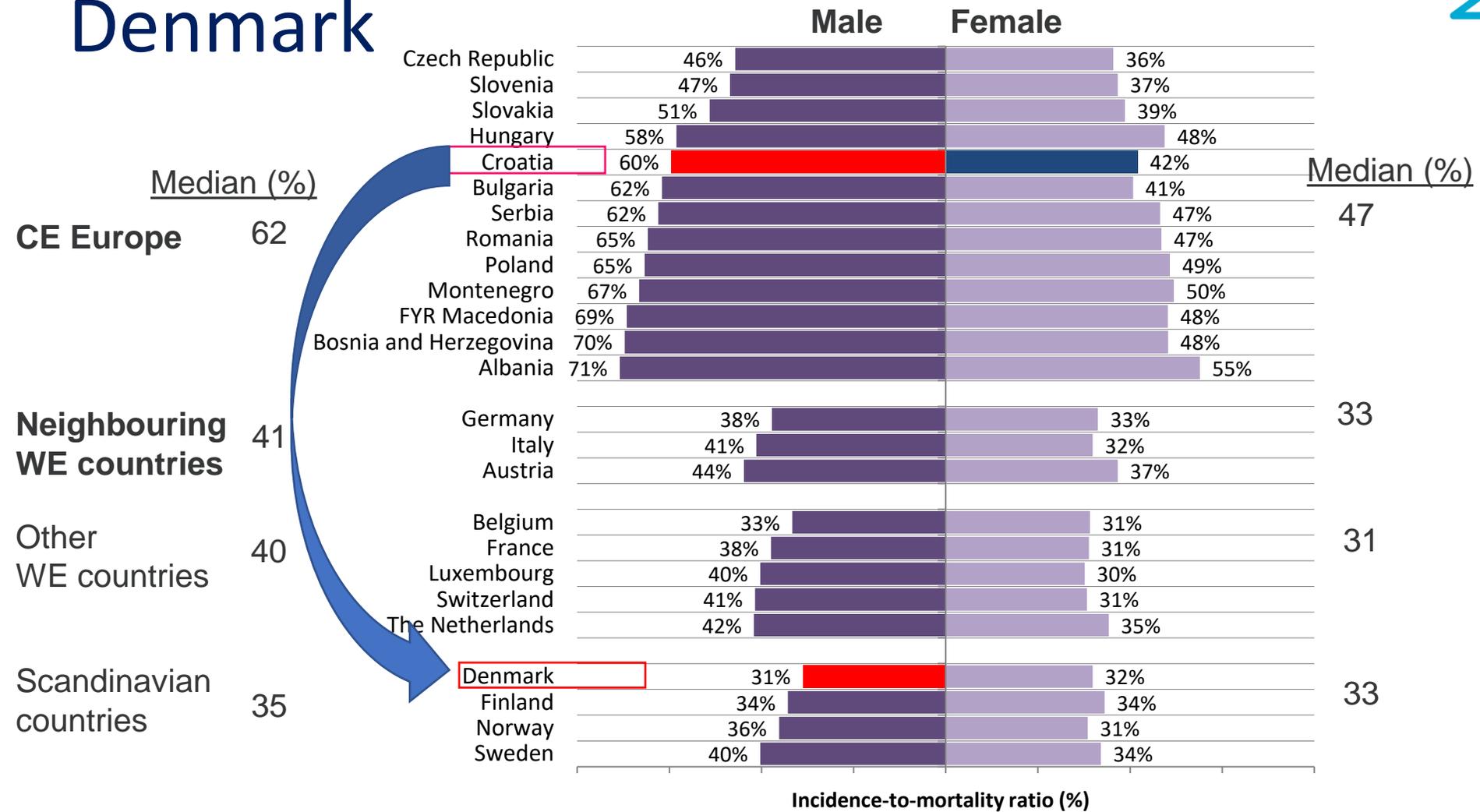
RISKS of not having effective NCCP:

- People will continue to unnecessarily die from preventable & treatable cancer
- Expenditures will increase, but will not be spent efficiently and outcomes will remain poor





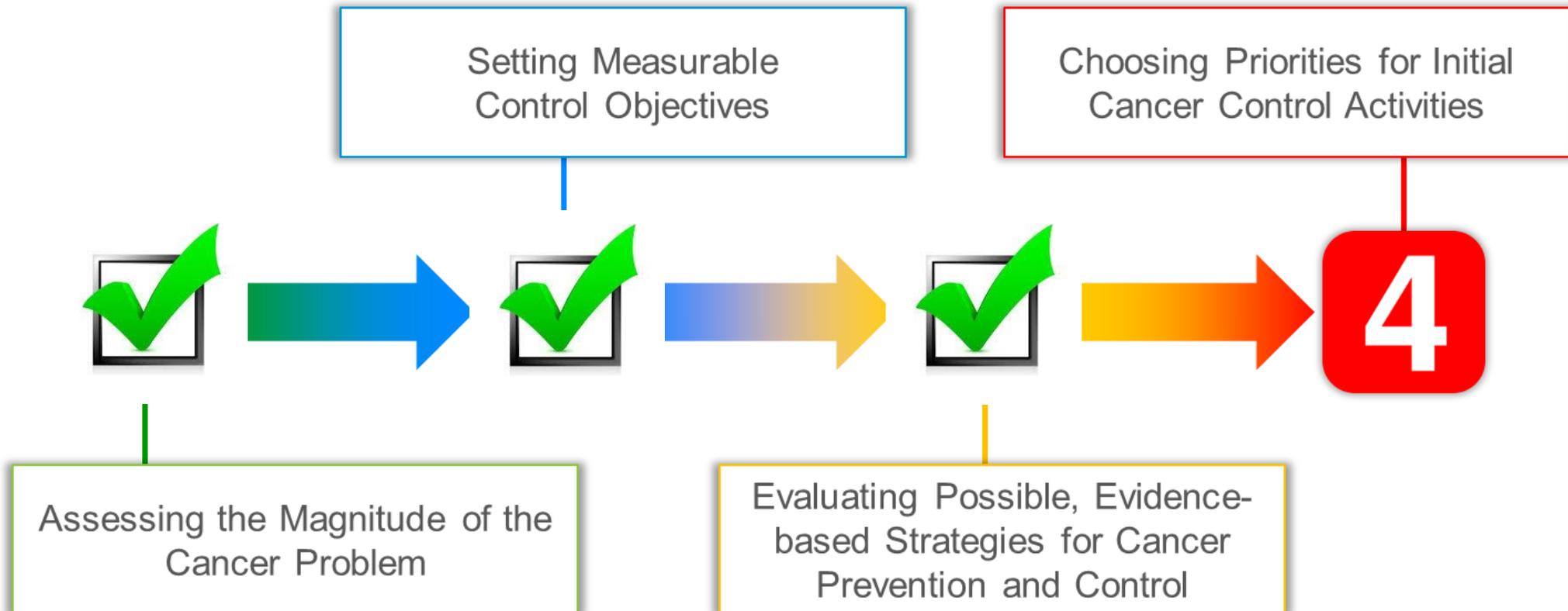
Probability of Male Cancer Patients to Die Due to Cancer in Croatia and Denmark



Managing National Cancer Control Programs



Four Basic Steps of NCCP Planning Process

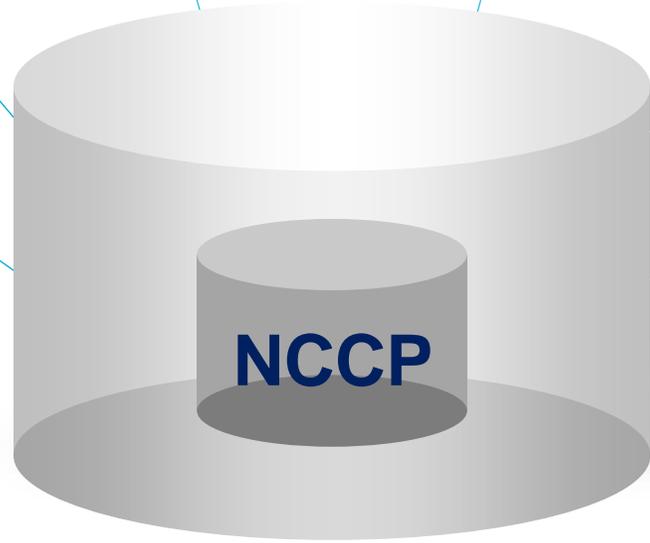




Croatia's NCCP in Numbers



Foreign experts have been involved in NCCP review



Foreign experts have been involved in the economic evaluation



STRUCTURE

- ▶ **INTRODUCTION**
- ▶ **VISION**
- ▶ **OBJECTIVES / SUB-OBJECTIVES**
- ▶ **MEASURES / ACTIVITIES**
- ▶ **STAKEHOLDERS**
- ▶ **RESOURCES**
- ▶ **ECONOMIC EVALUATION**
- ▶ **REFERENCES**

1. **PRIMARY PREVENTION**
2. **SECONDARY PREVENTION** (early detection)
3. **DIAGNOSIS OF CANCER** (imaging techniques, pathology and molecular diagnostic, genetic testing and counselling)
4. **TREATMENT OF CANCER** (promoting MDT, oncological surgery, radiotherapy, systemic treatment, psychological support, rehabilitation and reintegration of cancer patients)
5. **SPECIFIC ONCOLOGY AREAS** (pediatric oncology, malignant tumors of hematopoietic system, rare tumors)
6. **PALLIATIVE CARE AND PAIN RELIEF**
7. **CANCER EDUCATION**
8. **CANCER RESEARCH**
9. **CREATING A NATIONAL ONCOLOGY NETWORK, QUALITY CONTROL, REPORTING & MONITORING**
10. **INTEGRATED NCCP COST EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS**

STEP 4 – Choosing Priorities for Initial Cancer Control Activities



PRIORITY 1

National oncology network and patient registries

PRIORITY 2

Enhance and expedite primary and secondary prevention programs

PRIORITY 3

Improve access to modern radiotherapy

Creating a National Oncology Network, Quality Control, Reporting & Monitoring



VISION:

Existence of comprehensive, national oncological network where all patients will receive guidelines driven oncology care and with single and complete database which will generate continuous source of information about quality of oncology care.

- A. **NATIONAL ONCOLOGY NETWORK**
- B. **NATIONAL DATA BASE REGISTRY**
- C. **QUALITY CONTROL**
- D. **MONITORING & REPORTING**
 - Separate onco platform
 - Guidelines
 - Clinical research
 - OUTCOMES
 - Quality control

Building an Oncology Network and a Cancer Registry



**CREATING A NATIONAL
ONCOLOGY NETWORK,
QUALITY CONTROL,
REPORTING & MONITORING**





**Future patient journey:
full implementation of
networking, monitoring
and reporting**

early & accurate
diagnosis

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full access to optimal
care intervention



Primary Prevention



VISION: To have primary prevention programs fully implemented and controlled, consecutively public cancer awareness on the level of western EU countries average in order to reduce malignant disease incidence through primary prevention to the level of western EU countries average.

A. PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING HABITS AND REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

→ Number of measures identified plus the need to continuously introduce new effective measures, in line with EU strategies (https://ec.europa.eu/health/nutrition_physical_activity/platform_en)

B. PREVENTING SMOKING-RELATED CANCER

→ Number of measures identified plus the need to continuously introduce new effective measures, in line with EU strategies (https://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/overview_en)

C. REDUCING THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

→ Awareness, education, focus to adolescents

D. PREVENTING CANCER CAUSED BY INFECTIONS

→ Immunoprophylaxis and vaccination

E. PREVENTING CANCER CAUSED BY RISK FACTORS RELATED TO LIFESTYLE AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

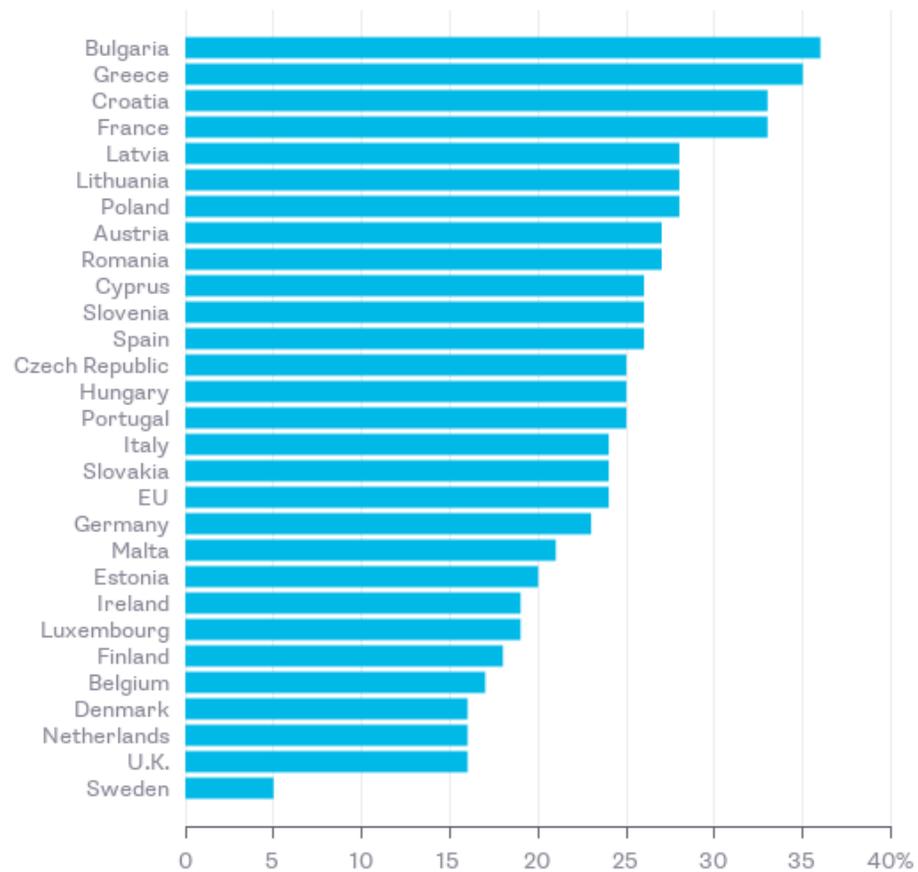
→ Regulation, regulation, regulation,...

Not to be proud of!



Smoking in Europe

Percentage of residents who smoke daily



Source: Eurobarometer 458, May 2017

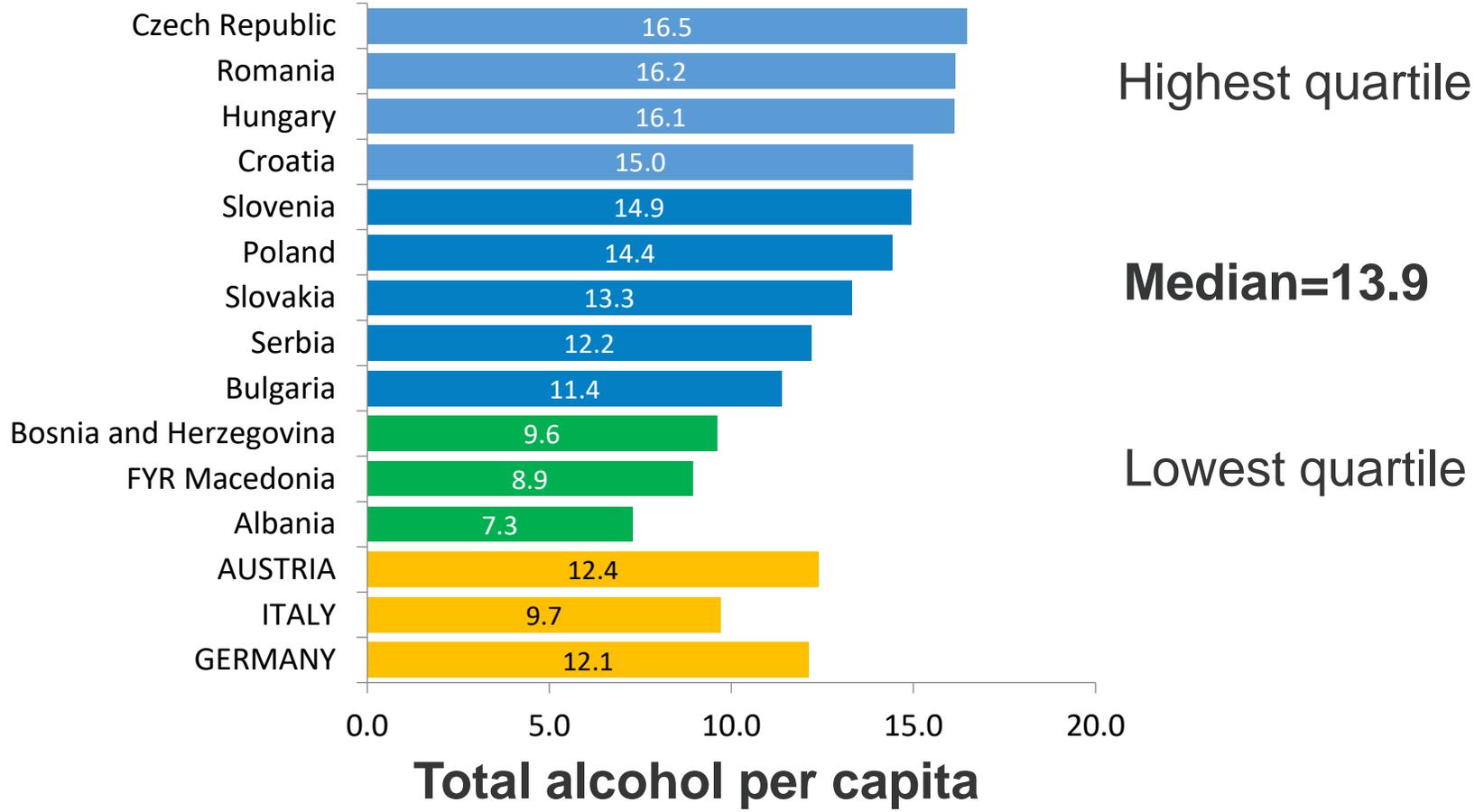
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Alcohol Consumption



Projections for total (recorded + unrecorded) alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (litres of pure alcohol per person per year), 2008

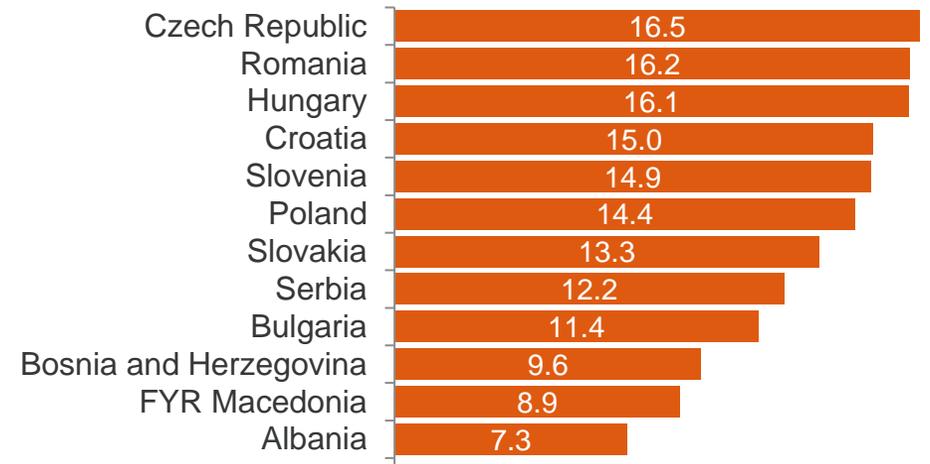




Population Obese: BMI ≥30 (Age Standardised)

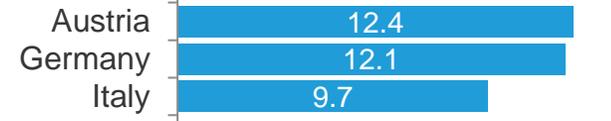


CE Europe



Median (%)
23.2

Neighbouring WE countries



20.1

Other WE countries



20.2

Nordic countries



20.6

BMI ≥30 (% of population)



Secondary Prevention (Early Detection)



VISION: Improve ratio of early to late stage cancers at diagnosis by 20%, for all cancer sites with implemented screening programs (breast, cervix, colon and lung) and implement new screening programs based on possible positive cost effectiveness analysis (prostate, gastric)

A. BREAST CANCER

→ Continue with current program + introduce new measures to improve response rates (e.g. KPIs for GP)

B. COLON CANCER

→ Continue with current program + introduce new measures to improve response rates (e.g. KPIs for GP)

C. CERVICAL CANCER

→ Re-initiate the screening program + introduce new measures to improve response rates (e.g. KPIs for GP)

D. LUNG CANCER

→ Implement low-dose CT screening program for tobacco-related risk groups

E. OTHER

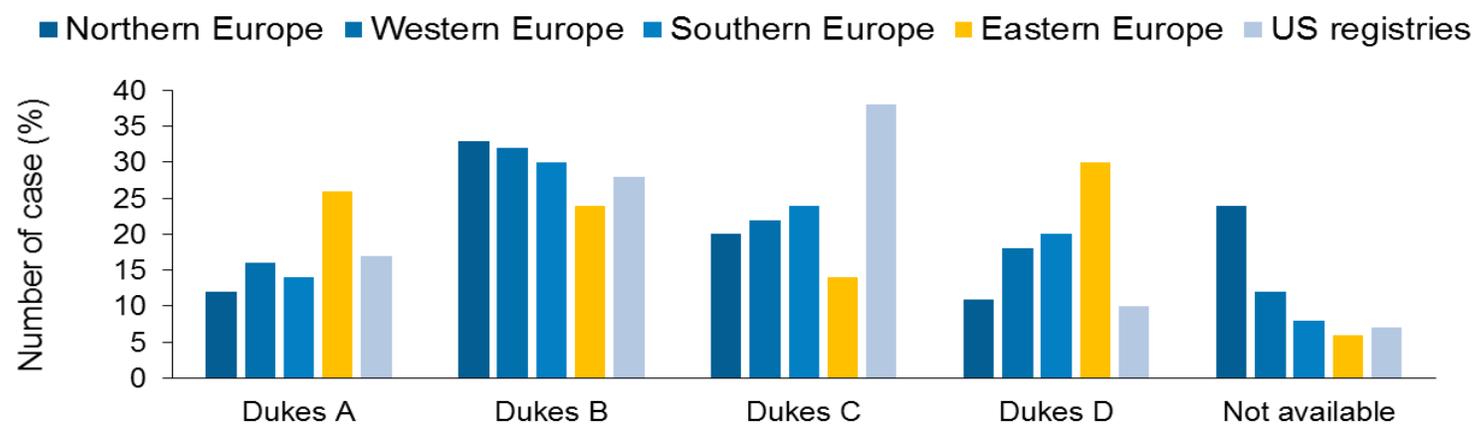
→ Perform cost effectiveness study for screening programs for at minimum prostate and gastric cancers and implement accordingly



Investing to Improve Earlier Cancer Diagnosis



- Stage at CRC diagnosis across Europe and the US: CONCORD high-resolution study
- Eastern Europe showed the highest mean excess HR (up to 5 years post-diagnosis), mainly among those with Dukes D stage tumours



Region	Resected with curative intent, %
Northern Europe	74
Western Europe	84
Southern Europe	76
Eastern Europe	62
US registries	85

• Allemani C, et al. BMJ Open 2013;3:e003055.



Cancer Research

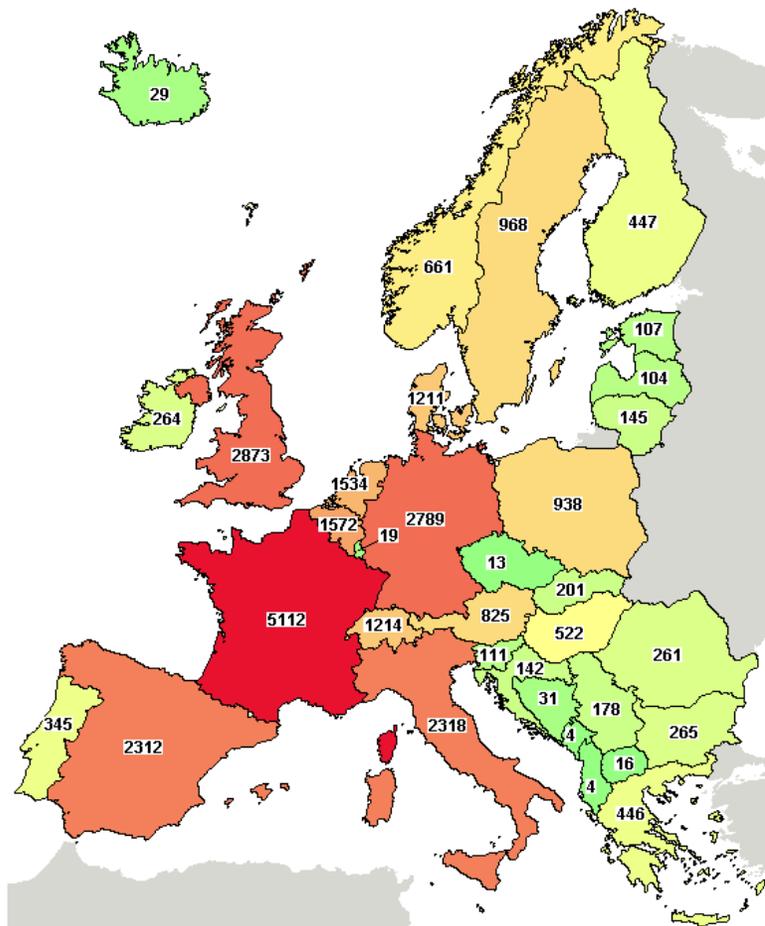


VISION:

To increase scientific coverage, output, in oncology to the level of western EU average.

- ▶ **Legislative part (especially considering new EU directive)**
- ▶ **Infrastructure (scientific unit) and staffing**
- ▶ **Professional education**
- ▶ **Institutional network and registry**
- ▶ **Promotion to healthcare professionals and public, involving patient associations**

Actively Recruiting for Clinical Trials across the EU



EU total (34 countries): **16.569**

33% of all World's studies

823 / per country

West EU av. (17 c., 413m): 1.441 / per country

East EU av. (17 c., 131m): **205 / per country**

7x

Excluding EU5 & PO from analysis due to population size

West EU av. (12 c., 90m): 757 / per country

East EU av. (16 c., 93m): **159 / per country**

5x

Clinical trial conduct can have a significant positive impact to healthcare in general, but also to national economy and GDP growth. It is estimated that if East EU countries would get closer to the average of comparable West EU countries, this could improve their **GDP growth by 0.2-0.5%**



Integrated NCCP Cost Effectiveness Analysis



VISION:

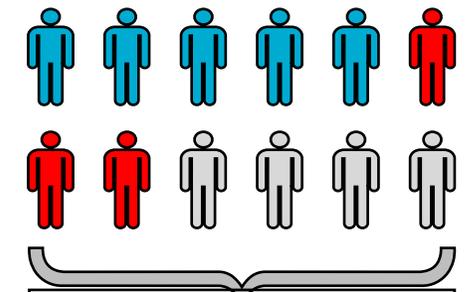
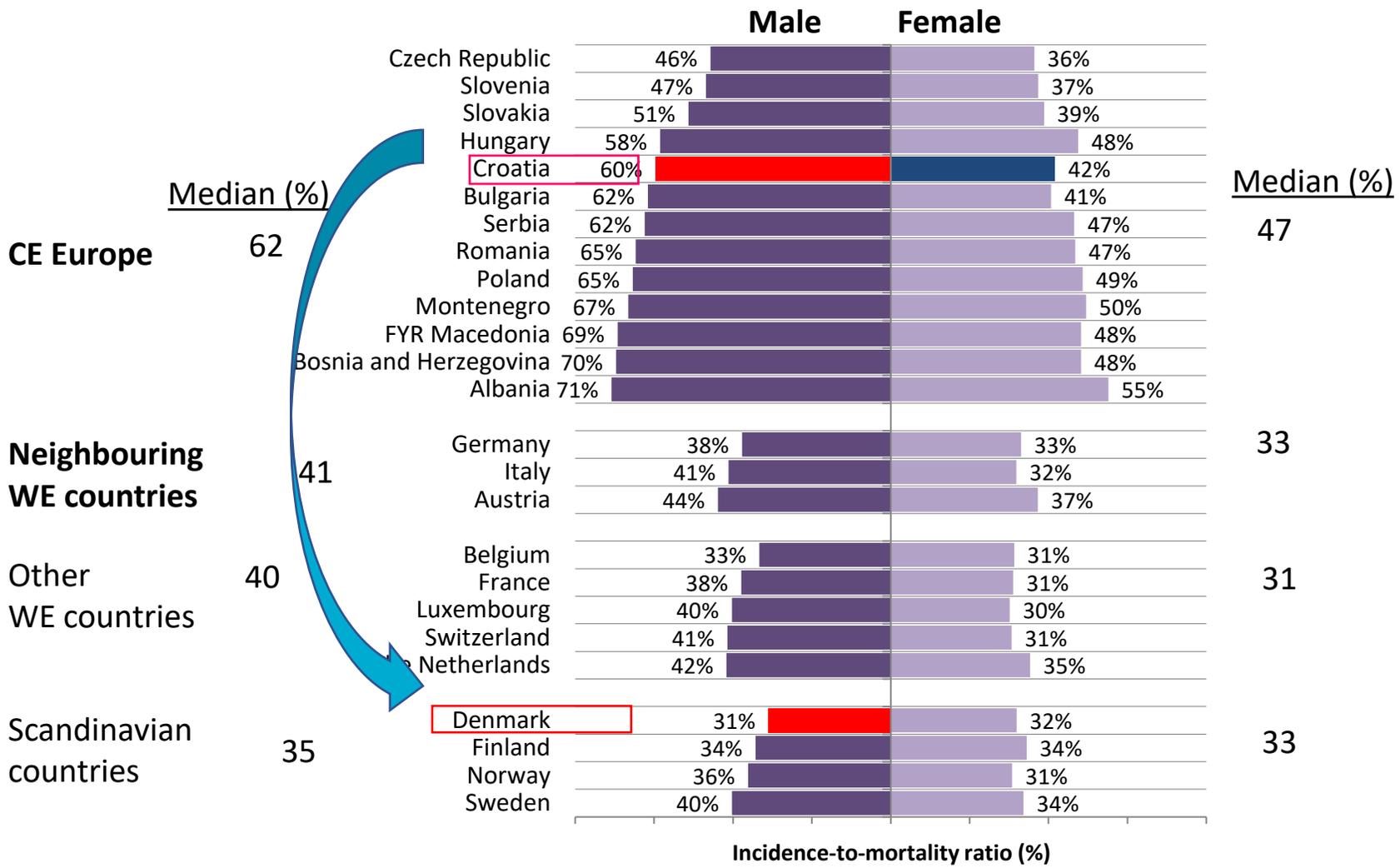
To ensure that all measures proposed in the NCCP and their respective combined outcomes will lead to a reasonable level of cost effectiveness, from both the payer and societal perspectives.

- ▶ Integrated economic evaluation of the costs and the effects of the entire NCCP from 2020-2030 was performed, as the individual chapters are highly interdependent.
- ▶ Two scenarios were compared: a) with all planned NCCP activities vs b) no NCCP activities.
- ▶ Economic evaluation included all direct and indirect costs with the methodology developed in collaboration with international experts
- ▶ Extensive sensitivity analysis was undertaken to test the robustness of results.
- ▶ Publication of the economic evaluation is planned

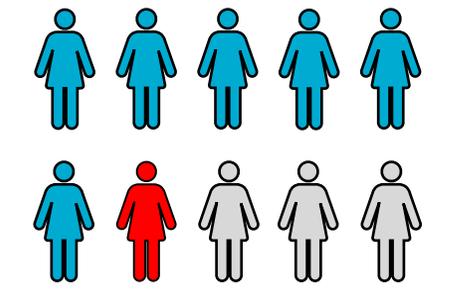


Leveraging Regional Evidence to Inform Action

Incidence and survival targets were set based on Croatian trends and Western European benchmarks >4.530 lives saved per year



Improving I/M from 60% to 31% could save **3.480 men** every year



Improving I/M from 42% to 32% could save **1.050 women** every year

Croatia's Highly Encouraging Results



The EUR 198 million investment in the implementation of the Croatian NCCP is **highly cost-effective**



- **5,296 people not developing cancer** due to better prevention = 3% of expected cancer cases avoided and improvements in incidence are expected to rise sharply in the coming years.
- **6,979 more people cured (8%)**. These individuals will reach average life expectancy.
- **113,392 life years gained**. This translates to cca. 88,000 QALYs (reduced by 30% to take account of quality of life).
- **EUR 45 million saved on indirect costs**: sick-leave, early retirement and informal care. Discounted at 3% annual rate.
- **Cost per QALY gained**: EUR 1,345
- **Sensitivity analysis**: If both cost are underestimated by 35%, and outcomes overestimated by 35%, cost per QALY rises to EUR 1,885
- **WHO recommended 3 x GDP per capita threshold** = EUR 38,863

Remember: Small Countries Can Do Big Things!





Thank you!



Intervention



Kathy Oliver

Vice-Chair, Patient Advocacy Committee
European Cancer Organisation



Closing Remarks



Linda Gibbs, BSc, MBA

Oncology Lead, Central/Eastern Europe
Pfizer Biopharmaceuticals Group

A Time for Policy Action in Europe!

Despite encouraging advances in science and technology, the inequality gap between CEE and Western Europe continues to rise

Mortality rates are higher in CEE than in Western Europe



LUNG CANCER [1]

The mortality rate for lung cancer in Hungary is 82.9 per 100,000 inhabitants vs. 52.9 per 100,000 inhabitants in the EU



RECTAL CANCER

5-year standardized net survival in 2010-2014:

- Norway (69.2%) vs. Malta (56.1%)
- Bulgaria (45.9%) vs. Slovenia (60%)



CERVICAL CANCER [2]

In Romania, the mortality rate for cervical cancer is 14.2% compared with an EU average of 3.7%



BREAST CANCER

5-year standardized net survival from 2010-2014:

- Iceland (89.1%) vs. Ireland (82%)
- Slovenia (83.5%) vs. Russian Federation (70.8%)

[1] <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/pdfscache/39738.pdf>

[2] <https://ecancer.org/en/news/7820-ecc-2015-cancer-health-disparities-in-europe-must-end>

[3] Allemani C, Matsuda T, Di Carlo V, et al. Global surveillance of trends in cancer survival 2000-14 (CONCORD-3): analysis of individual records for 37 513 025 patients diagnosed with one of 18 cancers from 322 population-based registries in 71 countries. *Lancet*. 2018;391(10125):1023-1075. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(17)33326-3

Making Change in Cancer Control a Reality across Europe



Collaboration with stakeholders including cancer policy experts, patient groups, government and industry is critical to improve cancer control across Europe



Evidence and robust cancer data is a key driver in enabling system stakeholder action



Momentum in Europe with the EU's Beating Cancer Plan is encouraging and experiences in countries like Croatia, Slovenia and Poland show that **great progress can be achieved**

Working together, we can drive change in
cancer control, improve patient outcomes and close the
inequality gap with Eastern Europe



Thank you!

Inequalities Network

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Thematic Network on Inequalities



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Priorities and activities



Immediate priorities for the Network, including a ‘call to action’ paper, have been identified on the following inequalities:

- **East-West** divide
- **Gender, ethnicity** and **age**
- Other **marginalised** and **neglected** patient groups

The ‘**call to action**’ report will be launched during the session on “Inequalities: Disparities and Discrimination in Cancer Care” during the Summit.

A **position paper** will also be prepared for *Journal of Cancer Policy*.



Inequalities: Disparities and Discrimination in Cancer Care 14:15-15:30 Wednesday 18 November

- **Dr. Lori J. Pierce**, President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology
- **Richard Sullivan**, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Cancer Policy, and Director, Institute of Cancer Policy, King's College London
- **Robert Greene**, Member of the European Cancer Organisation's Patient Advisory Committee
- **Masum Hossain**, President, International Developed Markets, Pfizer
- **Katie Reeder-Hayes**, Chair, Health Equity Committee, American Society of Clinical Oncology



Thank you!