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Innovative collaboration for Inter-specialty cancer training across Europe (INTERACT-EUROPE)

Project starting date	1 June 2022
Project duration	18 months
Consortium	29 beneficiary organisations and 4 associated partners from 16 EU Member States and Switzerland



Consortium members







General Framework - EU's high priority

- Cancer is the second leading cause of premature mortality and morbidity in Europe, and as such a major public health concern for Europe, today and for the decades ahead.
- Cancer has been a strong policy priority by the EU for the 2019-2024 period and has been one of the five Missions included in the new <u>Horizon Europe Programme</u>.
- In response to the pandemic and its impacts on healthcare across Europe the EU has launched the <u>EU4health Programme</u> for 2021-27.
- ECO to coordinate INTERACT-EUROPE as part of Europe's <u>Beating Cancer</u> plan developed to address the urgency of improving cancer control and outcomes across Europe.



The case for inter-specialty cancer training

Science & practice developments increase the need for close multidisciplinary collaboration



Addressing patient rights

As cancer care gets ever more complex, it can only work at its best when the many involved disciplines and specialties **work closely** to bring their respective areas of expertise forward.

As promoted by the European Code of Cancer Practice, <u>every cancer</u> <u>patient in Europe should expect to</u> <u>receive care from a specialised</u> <u>multidisciplinary team as a right.</u> Inter-specialty training is designed to underpin successful multidisciplinary working. With healthcare professionals learning together, and better knowing each other's area of expertise and contribution, a <u>strengthened culture of</u> team working can emerge.

The challenge of fostering strong inter-speciality understanding is <u>a</u> <u>common challenge for Europe's</u> <u>cancer care delivery systems</u>. In the context of Europe's Beating Cancer, meeting the challenge together can be demonstrated as a success for the EU's emerging Health Union.



Improving cultures of team working



Addressing a challenge as Europe, together



INTERACT-EUROPE in brief



- Main objective is to develop an EU inter-specialty cancer training curriculum and programme (ISCTP) and foster a patient-centric and inclusive approach (geographically & professionally - multiple consultation opportunities) to quality cancer care.
- Designed for: all main oncology disciplines and professions, cancer centres and patient groups, based on relevant needs assessments.
- Prepare and support trainees and cancer centres interested to participate to the programme ensuring readiness for the later delivery of the programme.
- Elements of the training curriculum will be translated into technology-enhanced learning scenarios, to ensure wide access to such training tools across the EU.



Timeline and milestones







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