Improving cancer control

Five fast facts about
Cancer Control Joint Action

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Fact 1: 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;
• at the moment there are 65 organisations 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.
Fact 2: 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.
Fact 3: 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)
Fact 4: 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 Albreht,
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.
Fact 5: Cancon and Member States

- Giving and gaining information
- Strengthens cancer control networks in Europe
- Participation gives better possibilities to influence on the decision making in the EU
- Cancon influences on national level e.g.:
  - providing new knowledge on cancer care
  - helping to launch, develop and monitor national systems of cancer screening
  - promoting development of rehabilitation services and other support for survivorship in a patient-centered way
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- Subscribe the newsletter at cancercontrol.eu/news-events/newsletters/
- We are also active on
  - Facebook;
  - LinkedIn;
  - Twitter and Instagram
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- The final conference at Malta in Feb 2017!
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