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;
• 126 partners 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.
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*. 

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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)
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.
Cancon will help decrease cancer mortality by

- Improving the quality of cancer care among member states;
- Improving the quality of life of cancer patients and survivors with proposals on survivorship;
- Ensuring reintegration and palliative care and a decrease in inequalities at various levels of the cancer control field.

Increasingly, cancer patients are overcoming their disease. There is a shift from "how long" people live after diagnosis to "how well". We need to know how well they are coping.
The final full year of Cancon

• Overall status is good, Cancon is on its tracks to achieve all set objectives by the end of the joint action
• WP leaders and associated partners generally satisfied with the progress of the joint action
• Positive atmosphere characterises the partnerships within Cancon
• Work packages are busy; e.g. WP 9 Screening has had several meetings discussing guidance for colorectal and breast cancer
• eGuide will be ready by Christmas 2016, printed version ready in February 2017
• The final conference at Malta in Feb 2017
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