



This newsletter will provide you with monthly updates on the [Belgian 'EBCP' mirror group initiative](#), as well as on the latest EU cancer calls and projects (Europe's Beating Cancer Plan & Mission on Cancer). [Subscribe here](#) to receive the next issue of this newsletter in your mailbox!

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UPDATES FROM THE MIRROR GROUP

Next meetings

Patient workshop meeting

28JUN

We are glad to invite you to participate in an in-person workshop on **patient involvement in the Europe's beating Cancer Plan in Belgium**.

This workshop will focus on two questions:

1. How should patients and patient organizations be involved in EBCP and other cancer control initiatives?
2. On what issues is it necessary to involve patients and patient organisations?



[Register here](#)

Mini symposium on the DRUP initiative

03JULY

We are glad to invite your to a mini-symposium on the current status of **the DRUP** ("Drug Rediscovery



The DRUP initiative aims to establish clinical trials that describe the efficacy and toxicity of commercially available, targeted anticancer drugs prescribed for treatment of patients with advanced cancer with a potentially actionable variant as revealed by a genomic or protein expression test. DRUP also aims to simplify patient access to approved targeted therapies that are contributed to the program by collaborating pharmaceutical companies and to perform next generation sequencing on tumor biopsies for biomarker analyses.

We are very honoured to welcome **Hans Gelderblom** (LUMC, NL) who will provide us the state-of play and outcomes of the DRUP trial in the Netherlands and **Kjetil Tasken** (Oslo Univ. Hosp., Nor) who will talk about the organisation of a DRUP-like trial in Norway and the EU4Health projects supporting to implement DRUP-like trials. **Marjan Willaert** (Pharma.be) will provide the view of the Belgian pharmaceutical industry on these initiatives and **Marc Van den Bulcke** (Cancer Centre - Sciensano) will present the new initiative "Belgian Cancer Research Alliance" for Bench-to-Bed Cancer research in Belgium.

The meeting will take place virtually on 3 July 2023 from 16.30-18.00.

Meeting link

Thematic working groups meetings

23JUN TWG Children, adolescents and young adults (CAYAs) with cancer - 14:30-15:30

27JUN TWG Diagnosis and treatment - 15:30-17:00

Past meetings

09JUN **TWG Prevention, early detection and screening**, discussing the policy brief being drafted, the Joint Action on Cancer Screening and upcoming EU calls. The presentation and recording from the last meeting are available on the SharePoint of the mirror group [hereby](#).

12JUN **TWG Survivorship and rehabilitation**, discussing

the following items:

- The WP7 of the Joint Action JANE (EU Network of expertise in survivorship)
 - The Belgian Handbook for (hemato-)oncological supportive care: state of play
 - EBCP opportunities to work together (cfr. CR-p-23-43 Study of the quality of life of cancer survivors)
- Please find [here](#) (on the SharePoint) the slides and the meeting's recording.

Ongoing projects

CANSCREEN - ECIS



Full title: Strengthening Cancer Screening data collection to update European Cancer Information System and improve quality and coverage of cancer screening programmes in Europe

Main areas: **EARLY DETECTION & SCREENING**

Timeline: 01/09/2022 – 31/03/2024 (2 years)

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- At the 1st and 2nd of June, the CanScreen-ECIS project organised a stakeholder workshop at IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer - Lyon, France). Data providers, screening programme coordinators, policy makers and researchers actively discussed on the data collection needed in preparation of the 3rd report on cancer screening in the EU, with subsequent data upload to the JRC ECIS (European Cancer Information System data) database. There was not only the focus on breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening, but also creating the opportunity to incorporate new screening programmes (lung, prostate).

More info

We are trying to have a **better view on the involvement of Belgium in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan** and the **Mission on Cancer**. If you are involved in EU project(s) or if you would like us to include information on your EU projects via this newsletter, contact us!

Let us know

UPDATES FROM EUROPE

Calls and deadlines

Some European programmes still have open calls with approaching deadlines. See especially:

- [EIC Accelerator Challenge: Novel biomarker-based assays to guide personalised cancer treatment](#) (Deadline: 04 October 2023 17:00)

- [Call for tender: Development of a Code of Conduct on Fair Access of Cancer Survivors to Financial Services](#) (Forthcoming - latest possible closing date: 24 August 2023)

- [Call for proposals implementation of the agenda for medical ionising radiation applications \(Samira action plan\) - organisation of clinical audit campaigns as a tool to improve quality and safety of medical applications of ionising](#)
(Deadline: 17 October 2023 17:00)

- Action grants on mental health challenges for cancer patients and survivors:

- [Sub-topic \(a\): Mental health and Cancer](#)
- [Sub-topic \(b\): European Code for Mental Health](#)
- (Deadline: 17 October 2023 17:00)

- [Program on orphan medical devices, in particular targeting paediatric patients](#) (Deadline: 17 October 2023 17:00)

- [Action grants to contribute to the organisations of conference and events](#) (Deadline: 17 October 2023 17:00)

Upcoming events

Beating the odds - fostering cancer survival rates in the EU

27th June 2023 17.00 - 18.30

Two years after the publication of Europe's Beating Cancer plan, we need to keep the conversation going on the ways cancer care can improve and how we can increase the survival rates of European citizens. The aim of this event is to take the opportunity and discuss the implementation of the Europe's Beating Cancer plan and the ways to reduce the cancer mortality rate - are investments in early detection and new treatments the way to go? How can we better prepare for the future cancer patients and improve the quality of their life and care? These are just some of the topics to be discussed at this event.



Register

Online info session about EU Funding Opportunities for Research & Innovation in the health domain

29th June 2023 09.30 - 11.30 - Deadline to register: 26th June 2023

The Belgian Horizon Europe Health NCPs (NCP Brussels, NCP Federal Belgium, NCP Flanders and NCP Wallonie) are happy to invite you to an online information session on the EU Funding Opportunities for R&I in the Health domain.

Several funding opportunities are available at European level for health-related actors. Those programmes include Horizon Europe Cluster 1 Health & related Partnerships, Mission on Cancer, European Innovation Council, EIT Health, EU4Health Programme or Digital Europe Programme.

The aim of this session is to help you have a better understanding on those different programmes, who they target and how you can get involved. Every presentation will be followed by a concrete testimonial of a Belgian participant.

The webinar is open to all types of Belgian-based potential applicants

looking for EU funding opportunities for R&I in the health domain. Please note that consultants will only be accepted if they are planning to submit a project. The webinar will be held in English. Participation is free but registration is required.



[More info](#)

[Register](#)

Info session on EU4Health 2023 open calls for action grants

30th June 2023

The information session is organised by HaDEA with the participation of DG SANTE, DG HERA and DG ENER to present the policy context, objectives and expected impact as well as the procedure for this wave of open call.



[More info](#)

[Register](#)

Horizon Europe Proposal Workshop

20th September 2023

After a successful first edition in 2022, the Belgian National Contact Points (NCPs) are organising a second edition of the "Horizon Europe Proposal Workshop". After a general introduction about proposal writing, we will split into smaller groups to discuss proposals (mostly from Pillar 2 clusters) evaluated by the European Commission in the past. The discussions will be led by experienced evaluators and NCPs of this field. After a networking lunch, Marc Tachelet and Cecile Menetrey-Monchau, from the European Research Executive Agency (REA), will share key insights and highlights of the first Horizon Europe evaluations. **The target audience for this event is limited to the less experienced researchers in proposal writing from Belgian companies, universities, research organisations, public institutes, etc. willing to participate to the programme Horizon Europe as beneficiaries.**

[More info](#)

News

European Medicines Agency (EMA) annual reports and work programmes

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) publishes a full work programme and annual report, to provide an overview of the work of the Agency together with the



European medicines regulatory network.

[More info](#)

Joint Statement: health organisations define EHDS' opt out required for life saving research

On 6 June, 31 health stakeholders to share views on specific recommendations for a potential opt-out mechanism in the future EHDS.

These organisations and initiatives have joined forces because they all share the view that health data are precious and renewable resources that can power decision-making for clinical care, deliver life-saving innovations, and strengthen health systems in the 21st century.



[More info](#)

Join us.

With the support of the Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, the Belgian Cancer Centre at Sciensano invites you to join in the BE-EBCP Mirror Group.



Join the table

You want to join the discussion? Take part in one (or more) thematic working group? Let us know by filling the form below!



Workspace

Our shared workspace (SharePoint) will give you access to more detailed information on each of the projects and calls that are under discussion in Belgium. Fill the form below to get access.

[Fill the form](#)

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