



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 22

We are pleased to share with you this **first issue of the Belgian Europe's Beating Cancer Plan Mirror Group (BE-EBCP MG) Newsletter**. This online publication will provide you with **monthly updates** on the latest EU cancer calls and projects.

MISSION

The European Commission is willing to tackle cancer through two major initiatives:

- 1) [Europe's Beating Cancer Plan \(EBCP\)](#) and
- 2) the [Mission on Cancer](#).

Given the current breadth of EU calls in the cancer field, there is a need for a coordinated response bringing the relevant stakeholders to work together and share experience at Member State, and especially at the Belgian level.

The Belgian EBCP Mirror Group is coordinated by the Belgian Cancer Center (Sciensano) and organised in Thematic Working Groups (TWGs). The TWGs mainly consists in experts from the field and patient advocates who contribute in an advisory capacity. The TWGs review the European Commission's proposals most relevant to address cancer needs and challenges in Belgium, and also by proposing relevant topics to include in future EU calls.

[Read more here.](#)

Our aim is to promote:

- better alignment of Belgium's cancer policy aims, and field activities with the EBCP
- systematic identification of EU funding opportunities for cancer research, care and control
- optimised allocation of resources in a competitive and complex tendering environment
- uptake of interventions that reduce the cancer burden, and improve the care, survival, and quality of life of patients in Belgium
- strengthened collaborations amongst national cancer stakeholders and EU counterparts

NEXT PLENARY MEETING

8 DECEMBER

- ▶ 15.00 – 17.00
- ▶ Online (Webex)
- ▶ Open Meeting

Interested to join? [Register here!](#)

Hosted by Sciensano, the next BE-EBCP MG plenary meeting will be an opportunity to provide you with the latest news on the European projects launched in Sept-Oct-Nov 2022, and to discuss the foreseen impact of these projects in the Belgian landscape.

15.00 – 15.40	Introduction to key EU projects launched in 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CRaNE – EU Joint Action on network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres• JANE - EU Joint Action on Networks of Expertise• CanHeal - Building the EU Cancer and Public Health Genomics platform• GDI - Genomic Data Infrastructure
15.40 – 16.40	Discussion on the main implications for Belgium Q&A
16.40 – 17.00	Conclusion Next steps

EU PROJECT UPDATES

The EU4Health 2023 Annual Work Programme has just been adopted!

[Find out here which calls will open in 2023.](#)

The Horizon Europe Work Programme for 2023-2024 has also just been published!

[Find out here which calls will open in 2023-2024.](#)

Here are the latest updates on current projects :

CAN.HEAL Building the EU Cancer and Public Health Genomics platform

Main areas: PREVENTION / EARLY DETECTION & SCREENING / DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

Timeframe: 01/11/2022 – 31/10/2024 (2 years)

The Cancer Centre (Sciensano) is coordinator for this EU project.

24&25 NOVEMBER

- ▶ Started on the 1st November 2022
- ▶ **Kick-off meeting is planned on 24-25th November 2022 (Brussels)**

[More info](#)

CanScreen-ECIS 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

Timeframe: 01/09/2022 – 31/03/2023 (18 months)

15&16 SEPTEMBER

- ▶ Started on 1st September 2022
- ▶ **Kick-off meeting took place on 15th & 16th September 2022 (Brussels)**
- ▶ A website is under construction

[More info](#)

CRANE Joint Action on network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres

Main areas: CARE & CARE ORGANIZATION / QUALITY OF LIFE / INEQUALITIES

Timeframe: 01/11/2022 – 31/10/2024 (2 years)

3&4 NOVEMBER

- ▶ Kick-off took place on the 3rd & 4th November 2022 (EU Permanent Representation of Slovenia)
- ▶ A website is under development.

[More info](#)

eCAN EU Joint Action on strengthening eHealth including telemedicine and remote monitoring for health care systems for cancer prevention and care

Main areas: CARE & CARE ORGANIZATION / QUALITY OF LIFE

Timeframe: 15/09/2022 – 15/09/2024 (2 years)

The Cancer Centre (Sciensano) is coordinator for this EU project.

20&21 SEPTEMBER

- ▶ Started on 15th September 2022
- ▶ Kick-off event took place on the 20 & 21st September 2022 (Brussels)

[More info](#)

GDI The European Genomic Data Infrastructure EU

Main areas: RESEARCH

Timeframe: 01/11/2022 – 01/10/2026 (4 years)

This €40M project is building on the preparatory work of 1+MG working groups, the B1MG project and investments of EU countries. It is creating and deploying the technical capacity for accessing genomic data. In this way, it will implement the vision of the 1+MG initiative.

- ▶ The European Genomic Data Infrastructure project officially began.

[More info](#)

JANE EU Joint Action on Network of Expertise

Main areas: PREVENTION / EARLY DETECTION & SCREENING / DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT / CARE & CARE ORGANIZATION / REHABILITATION / QUALITY OF LIFE / INEQUALITIES / PAEDIATRIC CANCERS / AI / RESEARCH

Timeframe: 01/11/2022 – 31/11/2024 (2 years)

14&15 NOVEMBER

- ▶ Kick-off meeting took place on the 14th & 15th September 2022 (Milan)

[More info](#)

PERCH PartnERship to Contrast HPV

Main areas: PREVENTION

Timeframe: 01/11/2022 – 30/03/2025 (30 months)

1 NOVEMBER

- ▶ Started on the 1st November 2022
- ▶ Kick-off planned on the 5th December 2022 (Brussels)

[More info](#)

4.UNCAN.eu A Coordination and Support Action to prepare UNCAN.eu platform

Main areas: RESEARCH

Timeframe: 01/09/2022 – 01/12/2023 (15 months)

8&9 NOVEMBER

- ▶ Kick-off event took place on the 8th & 9th November 2022 (Paris)

[More info](#)

<https://uncan.eu/>

JOIN US

With the support of the Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, the Belgian Cancer Centre at Sciensano invites you to join the BE-EBCP Mirror Group. Our [Sharepoint platform](#) will give you access to more detailed information on each of the projects and calls that are under discussion in Belgium. You can also express interest to join the thematic working groups, and get access to the SharePoint by completing [this online form](#).

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