



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

A graphic for a symposium. It features a large, light blue, irregular shape on the left containing the date "21.09 2023" in white. To the right of this shape, the word "SYMPOSIUM" is written in large, bold, light blue letters. Below "SYMPOSIUM", the text "Belgian Europe's Beating Cancer Plan Mirror Group" is written in smaller, dark blue letters. To the right of this text is a small version of the BE-EBCP MIRROR GROUP logo, which consists of a blue silhouette of a person running and the text "BE- EBCP MIRROR GROUP" in white.

## Symposium - "Strengthening together Belgium's efforts against cancer: from concept to reality"

**21SEP**

We are glad to invite you to participate in the first symposium of the Belgian 'Europe's Beating Cancer Plan' mirror group, which will take place in Brussels.

This symposium will bring together key representatives of European and Belgian institutions to foster dialogue and exchange about the impact of the EBCP in Belgium thus far, and what still needs to be done to improve the outcomes and quality of life of Belgian cancer patients and survivors.

This event is free and open to all. It will be held in person and in English only. It will take place on the 21st of September from 09.30 to 17.45, at BIP (Rue Royale, 2-4 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium).

Register here

More info

## Past meetings

**28JUN**

**Patients' workshop meeting** : we were glad to organise an in-person workshop on patient involvement in the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and other initiatives in Belgium.  
[Read the report of the event in French.](#)  
[Read the report of the event in Dutch.](#)

## Ongoing projects

**GDI**



**Full title:** European Genomic Data Infrastructure

**Main areas:** RESEARCH

**Timeline:** 01/11/2022 - 01/10/2026 (4 years)

● The GDI project has released a 'Starter Kit' to enable access across borders to genomic and phenotypic data. GDI - co-funded by the Digital Europe Programme - is a collaborative project to build secure sustainable data infrastructure required to fulfill the ambitions of the 1+ Million Genomes (1+MG) initiative, which aims to realise the practice of genomic medicine across Europe. The GDI Starter Kit is a key project output that supports federated data access workflows. It will benefit not only the national nodes of GDI, but also in future public institutions and companies who can use the software technologies to increase legal, organisational, semantic and service interoperability by including these software and standards into their own environment.

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 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

## **EOSC4Cancer WP5 kick-off meeting - Cancer Data Support Professionals Network** **6 September 2023**

Do you work on cancer data projects? WP5 invites you to join the cancer data support professionals kick-off meeting September 6, 13 CEST, online. Led by Dutch Techcentre for Life Sciences and Health-RI, the network aims to unlock the expertise in handling cancer related data.



Register

## **How can the EU Pharmaceutical legislation be a success for children and adolescents with cancer?**

**7 September 2023**

SIOP Europe and CCI Europe will once again mark the Gold September – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month campaign through this annual flagship policy event hosted by MEP Loucas Furlas (EPP, Cyprus) in Brussels in cooperation with the MEPs Against Cancer (MAC) Interest Group. This event is timed to take place during the negotiations on the EU Pharmaceutical legislation proposal and include all relevant stakeholders - including EU institution representatives, parents and patients, academia, industry, and healthcare professionals and approximately 100 participants. The aim is to gather perspectives and trace the way towards an EU regulatory environment that is best positioned to address unmet medical needs.



[More info](#)

## **Webinar: What does the European Health Data Space mean for cancer control?**

**7 September 2023**

The Regulation on the European Health Data Space (EHDS) aims to regulate the sharing and (re)use of health data across the EU for both private individuals and researchers or policymakers. With this event, the MEPs Against Cancer (MAC) Interest Group aims to inform the cancer community about the shape the initiative is taking and to discuss: - The impact of the EHDS on cancer prevention, treatment, and survivorship as well as the work of healthcare professionals - The challenges and opportunities for academia and researchers working on improving the cancer research - The role of robust health data for strengthened evidence-based public health and cancer policymaking



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## **Horizon Europe Proposal Workshop**

**20 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](#)

## **European Health Forum Gastein: session on “Boosting mental health of young cancer survivors”**

**27 September 2023**

This hybrid session will be host by the Cancer

Mission at the European Health Forum Gastein to exchange with experts as well as young cancer survivors on the topic of mental health throughout cancer survivorship. Register for free online participation or join in Gastein, and explore the different approaches to improve the mental health and quality of life of young cancer survivors.



[More info](#)

## News

### **New webpage provides info on EU4Health funded projects delivering on Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan is a political commitment to turn the tide against cancer, as part of a strong European Health Union. Europe's Beating Cancer Plan is made up of 10 flagship initiatives and 32 supporting actions. The plan focusses on the entire disease pathway and is structured around four key action areas: prevention; early detection; diagnosis and treatment and; quality of life of cancer patients and survivors. With a €4 billion budget, the EU Cancer Plan makes use of all available funding instruments, including dozens of projects financed by the EU4Health programme. The Commission is happy to announce that a new webpage has been created, with information on the currently ongoing 28 EU4Health financed cancer projects, including a video and factsheet. See the link to the webpage, below.



[More info](#)

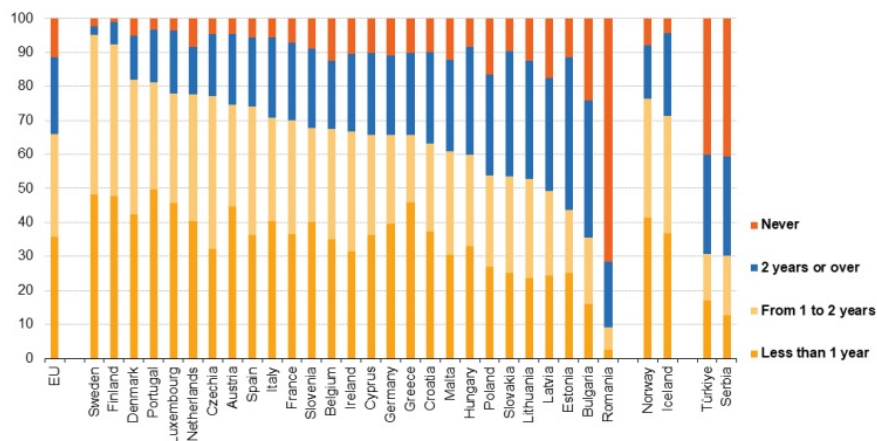
### **Cancer screening statistics**

Eurostat recently published an article presenting an overview of European Union (EU) statistics related to cancer screening. This article is one of a set of statistical articles concerning healthcare activities in the EU which forms part of an online publication on health statistics. While most data in this article relate to 2019, the data from screening programmes are generally for 2021. As such, this article includes data that may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and its related restrictions. For this reason, particular attention should be paid when comparing the 2021 data with data from earlier years. In some EU Member States, healthcare resources were placed under intense pressure (particularly at the start of the pandemic) from an influx of patients with COVID-19. The pandemic also resulted in a range of knock-on effects including, among others, some services being curtailed/postponed due to the number of COVID-19 patients, staff shortages within hospitals and day care centres due to infection/quarantine procedures, and patients being hindered accessing medical services due to their own infection/quarantine as well as lockdown

or travel restrictions.

### Self-reported screening – proportion of women aged 50 to 69 years having had an X-ray breast examination within the specified time periods, 2019

(%)



Note: the figure is ranked on the proportion of all women aged 50 to 69 years having had an X-ray breast examination within the two years prior to the survey.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: hlth\_ehis\_pa7e)

eurostat

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### Survey for the study on mapping and evaluating the implementation of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

You are invited to participate in the survey for the study on mapping and evaluating the implementation of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. This will inform the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan review scheduled by the end of 2024. The survey will collect the views (qualitative and quantitative data) of entities involved in or impacted by the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan.

The survey links can be found below:

For health professionals: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/c019de64-6b43-c73a-e54e-f9c55f39bd2b>

For Industry associations / companies:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/2e7e87be-2714-9987-03b9-e73989d32aa2>

For Civil society organisations:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/0f160e9f-24a6-cf29-27fc-b173e7daaa77>

The survey will be open until the 22nd September 2023. You have to have an account on the EU platform.

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!



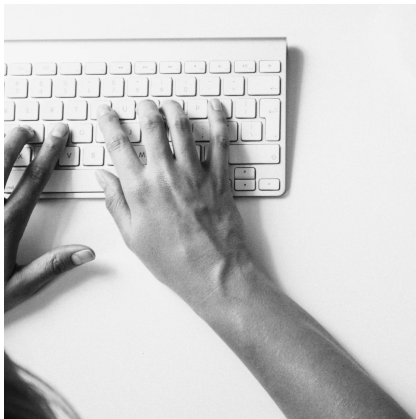
## Workspace

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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## Contact us.



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