



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

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**6NOV** **Thematic working group meeting:** The next meeting of the thematic working group "Children, Adolescents and young Adults with Cancers" will take place on Monday, 6th November, at 15:00 in Brussels.

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**8-11NOV** **European Public Health Conference:** The Belgian EBCP Mirror Group will be present at the 16th European Public Health Conference in Dublin. We invite to join our planned sessions:



● **Thursday, November 09 (16:40-17:40):**

**Skills building seminar** - Sharp Pencils, Clear Minds: Translating research to policy through effective policy briefs.

● **Friday, November 10 (9:00-10:00):**

**Round table** - Implementing Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: Challenges and opportunities from European countries

● **Saturday, November 11 (11:40-12:40):**

**Skills building seminar** - A seat at the table: Engaging patients and citizens in public health policy-making

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## Past meetings



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

**21SEP**

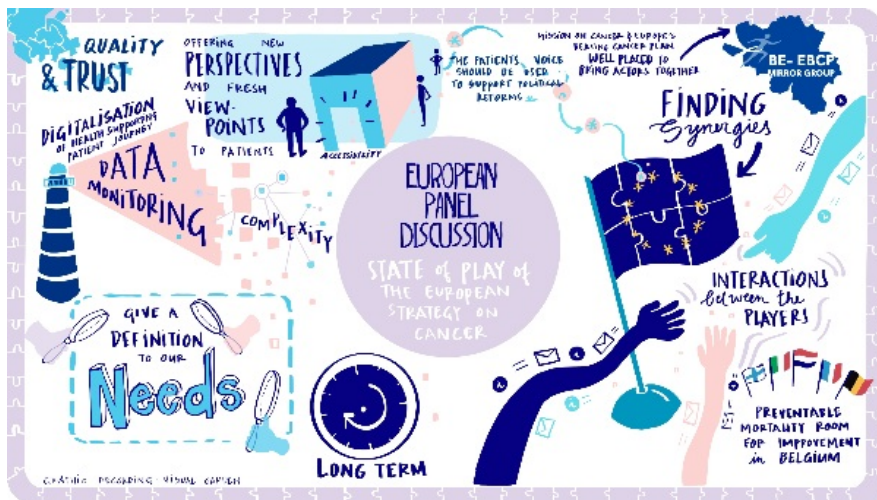
On September 21, The Belgian EBCP Mirror Group organised its first symposium titled " Strengthening together Belgium's efforts against cancer: from concept to reality".

The symposium brought together policymakers, healthcare professionals, researchers and patient associations to look at opportunities, challenges, and practices of Belgium's coordinated response in improving cancer control, prevention, and patients' care.

Read the summary with highlights from each session on our shared [SharePoint folder](#).

Discover also below the graphic recordings drew by Judith (Visual Garden) for the three main sessions:

- the first round table 'State of play of the European strategy on Cancer';
- the second round table 'How is Belgium meeting the 2030 objectives on cancer ?'
- the parallel sessions on three different themes 'Prevention and early detection', 'Diagnosis and treatment', 'Children, adolescents and young adults with cancer'.



# News

## New thematic working group 'Quality of Life' gathering previous working groups

We have decided to bring together the thematic working groups 'Quality of Life', 'Care Organization' and 'Survivorship and Rehabilitation' under new thematic working group 'Quality of Life'. The Belgian and EU projects related to these topics will be addressed by this new thematic working group, which will also include e.g. PROMs and PREMs, comprehensive cancer care/centres, return-to-work, psychosocial care, cancer care networks, etc.

## Ongoing projects

**JANE**



**Full title:** Joint Action on European Networks of Expertise

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

**Timeline:** 01/11/2022 - 31/11/2024 (2 years)

● **Sciensano and Unicancer held a joint meeting in Paris on 19th September 2023 to define the endorsement criteria for participation of centers, experts and healthcare providers in two future Networks of Expertise (NoEs) of the JANE JA : “Omics technologies” (Work package 9 led by Sciensano, BE) and “Hi-tech medical resources” (Work package 10 led by Unicancer and co-led by INCa, FR).** Both Work packages worked on a table of synergies between their future NoEs and the other stakeholders or networks of the European and National ecosystem. The goal is to elaborate the future NoEs' position in the general landscape, in order to clarify their missions, to fill gaps and to avoid duplication. Sciensano also participated in the discussion of endorsement criteria for the network of expertise on Adolescents and young adults (AYAs) with cancers. The Work Package is lead by INT (Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori), Italy.

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**eCAN**

**eCAN** Strengthening eHealth for Cancer Prevention & Care

**Full title:** 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

**Timeline:** 15/09/202 - 15/09/2024 (2 years)

● **Three randomized controlled trials exploring the role of teleconsultation and telemonitoring were set up in ten EU-member states and fifteen clinical centers.** The main objective of the pilots is to explore the effect of eight weeks of teleconsultation program and telemonitoring of patient reported outcome measurement (including quality of life, pain and distress) compared to usual care among patients with breast cancer, head and neck cancer or any types of advanced cancer. The eCAN JA is very happy to announce that the pilots was



launched in the end of September and that the first patients were enrolled. Looking forward to see the next step.

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## EUCAIM



**Full title:** European federation for CAncer IMages

**Main areas:** PREVENTION / EARLY DETECTION & SCREENING / DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT / AI / RESEARCH

**Timeline:** 01/2023 – 01/2027 (4 years)

● **EUCAIM unveils first release of groundbreaking platform to fuel collaborative innovation and data sharing across Europe.** The EUCAIM consortium and the European Commission are excited to announce the first public release of its platform, Cancer Image Europe, marking a major milestone in the project's development and an exciting step towards achieving its vision and goals. The first platform release brings benefits to researchers, clinicians and AI innovators across Europe and paves the way for the future of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Key features and highlights of EUCAIM's first platform release include:

- A public catalogue of cancer imaging datasets from the repositories of the EU-funded AI for Health Imaging projects, following a common metadata schema.
- A federated searching tool to understand the information available in the federated providers.
- Full integration with the Life Science Login Authentication and Authorisation Infrastructure.
- Reusing and adding value to key components of EU-funded research projects and infrastructure in the field of cancer.

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## REMED4ALL



**Full title:** Repurposing of medicines for all

**Main areas:** DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

**Timeline:** 09/2022 – 08/2027 (5 years)

● **REMED4ALL is building a sustainable European innovation platform to enhance the repurposing of medicines for all.** The platform has the potential to bring down times and costs of drug development by focusing on already approved, discontinued, shelved or investigational therapeutics. The REMEDI4ALL consortium brings together a unique combination of expertise to address the complexities of drug repurposing. Under the leadership of EATRIS, the European infrastructure for translational medicines, 24 organizations in the fields of clinical and translational research, clinical operations, patient engagement and education, regulatory framework, funding, governance, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and pricing and reimbursement will closely collaborate to make drug repurposing mainstream. This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation programme under grant agreement N° 101057442.

● **The Brussels-based organisation [Anticancer Fund](#) is one of the 24 consortium partners.** Together with the Istituto Nazionale Tumori

IRCCS (Milan, Italy), they represent the cancer specific organizations within the consortium.

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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:

- [Establishing novel approaches to improve clinical trials for rare and ultra-rare diseases](#) (Two-stage model. Deadlines: 08 November 2023 17:00; 23 April 2024 17:00)
- [Inclusive clinical studies for equitable access to clinical research in Europe](#) (Two-stage model. Deadlines: 08 November 2023 17:00; 23 April 2024 17:00)

### Upcoming events

**AI and Cancer: Unleashing Opportunities, Overcoming Challenges - Clustering event powered by INCISIVE and the AI4HI cluster, co-organised by EUCAIM project.**

**7 November 2023**

"A dynamic session where we will explore how Artificial Intelligence powered by health data sharing can transform cancer challenges into remarkable opportunities. At this gathering, you will have the unique opportunity to engage with distinguished physicians, legal and AI experts, pioneering companies, patient associations, and esteemed representatives from diverse institutions. It is your chance to connect with a global audience and collaborate with other experts. Don't miss this unique opportunity!"

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#### **16th European Public Health Conference**

**8-11 November 2023, Dublin**

The 16th European Public Health Conference will take place in Dublin. This year's event is themed: "Our Food, Our Health, Our Earth: A Sustainable Future for Humanity." Many sessions will cover the topic of



cancer. Check the programme online!

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## News

**The European Parliament voted for a revised air quality law on September 13, 2023, to create a clean and healthy environment for Europeans.**



363 MEPs voted in favour, 226 opposed, and 46 abstained on the vote, which tightens the 2035 limit and target values for PM2.5, PM10, NO2, SO2, and O3. The new EU air quality rules would align with the latest WHO Air Quality Guidelines and protect human health, natural ecosystems, and biodiversity.

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**EOSC4Cancer had a consultation meeting on 17/10/2023 in Brussels to discuss their draft towards a roadmap to the federated digital infrastructure for advancing cancer research.**



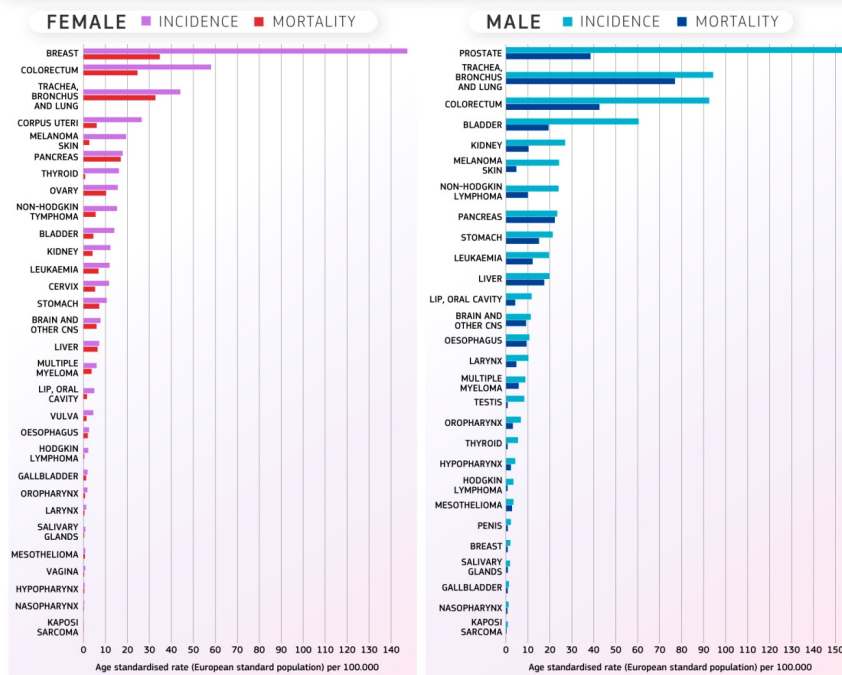
The meeting included presentations on the EHDS from DG SANTE and the Cancer Missions from DG RTD, followed by breakout sessions covering missing data types, missing data sources, national nodes and missing additional elements.

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**Cancer cases and deaths on the rise in the EU**

New cancer cases rose by 2.3 % compared to 2020, to reach 2.74 million in 2022. Similarly, cancer deaths went up by 2.4 % compared to 2020, according to the European Commission's estimates published in the [European Cancer Information System \(ECIS\)](#).

2022 ESTIMATED INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY BY CANCER TYPE FOR FEMALES AND MALES



European Cancer Information System (ECIS)

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## 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!



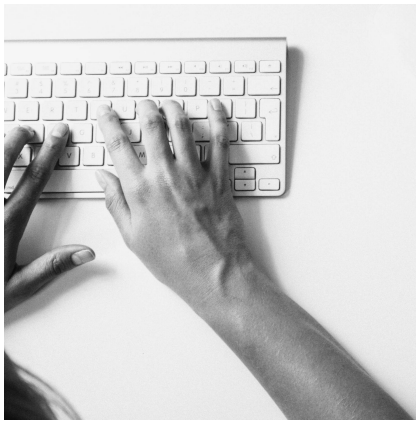
### Workspace

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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