



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

Upcoming meetings_

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EU Calls Information Session on EU funding opportunities for the Belgian cancer field:

We would like to invite you for the first meeting of the year for the Belgian EBCP Mirror Group on the 5th of February. The session will be co-hosted with the [National Contact Points](#) (NCPs) to share relevant European fundings with the Belgian cancer field.



The NCPs are nominated by the national/regional authorities in EU Member States and Associated Countries to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in [Horizon Europe](#) funding programmes and open calls in their countries. In this meeting, we will also welcome the [National Focal Point](#) for Belgium, which covers [EU4Health](#) funding programmes.

We highly encourage your attendance at this session, as it will provide valuable insights into funding opportunities that can significantly contribute to the advancement of the cancer field in Belgium. The session will be online.

Register here!

News_

Launch of the "AYA" project group with RIZIV/INAMI

On Monday, January 15, the project group "Adolescents and Young Adults" (AYA) was kicked off. The group, coordinated by Sciensano, will implement the agreement concluded between INAMI and 6 hospital establishments. Their goal is to finance AYA reference teams supporting tailor-made care for AYAs with cancer. The first year is dedicated to strengthening the expertise of the 6 reference teams and then devoting themselves to the mission of outreach to other hospitals and the front line during the following 4 years.



Ongoing projects

DigiONE i3

Full title: DIGital Infrastructure for ONcology in Europe

Main areas: CARE & CARE ORGANIZATION / AI / RESEARCH

● **On November 15, The EC Project “DigiONE i3” kicked off.**

Led by [DIGICORE](#), the initiative aims to establish a robust European Federated Digital Research Network, fostering connectivity among cancer centers across Europe. By facilitating seamless data sharing, advanced analytics, and collaborative research efforts, DigiONE i3 seeks to accelerate discoveries and innovations in digital cancer research.

● **Belgian partners in the project:** OncoDNA ; Grand hôpital de Charleroi.



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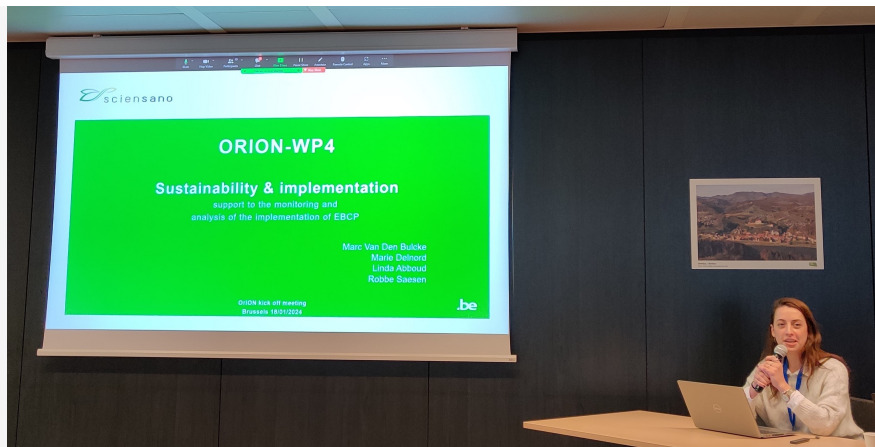
Full title: Joint Action on Contribution to the Cancer Inequalities Registry to Monitor National Cancer Control Policies

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

Timeline: January 2024 - 2026 (2 years)

● **The Joint Action OriON was kicked off in brussels on the 18th of January.** Led by the Slovenian national public health institute, the OriON project will develop and pilot a framework for monitoring the uptake and implementation of the EBCP in the Member States to maximise the impact of the knowledge and evidence generated as part of the actions set out under the Plan.

● **Sciensano is leading the work package 4 of the project**, entitled ‘Sustainability and implementation – support to the monitoring and analysis of the implementation of EBCP’.



More info

ECHoS



Full title: Establishing of Cancer Mission Hubs: Networks and Synergies

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

Timeline: 01/05/2023 - 01/05/2026 (3 years)

- The official website of the project is now online here: <https://cancermissionhubs.eu/>
- On the 10th of January, the executive board and the first meeting of the Strategic Advisory Board were held in Vienna. Discussions covered the establishment of **National Cancer Mission Hubs** (NCMHs) and more specifically NCMHs models, maturity map and multistakeholder engagement.



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

There are many EU calls that are relevant for cancer. Several of them will close on soon. You can have a look on Funding & tenders (europa.eu).

Search EU calls

Note that the Belgian EBCP mirror group is a unique opportunity to discuss relevant calls and identify potential partners for consortium.

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

● [Capacity building to support the uptake of biosimilars in a multistakeholder approach - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

Deadline: 9 February 2024, 16:00

● [EU4Health call for a study on the quality of life of cancer patients and survivors](#)

Deadline: 1 March 2024, 16:00

● [Bio-printing of living cells for regenerative medicine](#)

Deadline: 11 April 2024 17:00

● [Developing EU methodological frameworks for clinical/performance evaluation and post-market clinical/performance follow-up of medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices \(IVDs\)](#)

Deadline: 11 April 2024 17:00

● [Support healthcare system resilience through a focus on persistency in the treatment of chronic diseases](#)

Short proposal submission deadline: 16 April 2024 at 17:00

Full proposal submission deadline: 10 October 2024 at 17:00

● [Improving clinical management of heart disease from early detection to treatment](#)

Deadline: 22 May 2024 17:00

● [User-centric technologies and optimized hospital workflows for a sustainable healthcare workforce](#)

Deadline: 22 May 2024 17:00

● [Clinical validation of biomarkers for diagnosis, monitoring disease progression and treatment response](#)

Deadline: 22 May 2024 17:00 (CET)

Upcoming events

European Commission World Cancer Day event

31 January 2024

The fourth high-level World Cancer Day event will be held by the European Commission in Brussels' Charlemagne Building, three years after Europe's Beating Cancer Plan was adopted. Successfully implementing Europe's Beating Cancer Plan requires ambitious investment and collaboration. The event will feature patients, healthcare workers, and experts discussing how the extraordinary EU mobilisation to enhance cancer care is benefiting the lives of all those affected by this disease. The event will also showcase cancer-related EU projects, funded from the € 4 billion Cancer Plan budget, which support cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care, and quality of life.



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22 MARCH 2024

Supportive cancer care in Belgium :
State of play and future directions.

15:30 | Eurostation
19:30 | 1, Ernest Blérot
Room Storck

BeONCOsup
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Symposium: Supportive cancer care in Belgium : State of play and future directions

22 March 2024, Brussels

The [BeONCOsup](#) project seeks to develop the 'Belgian Handbook for (Hemato-) Oncological Supportive Care', which aims on optimising the provision of supportive care for cancer patients and their relatives as well as for professionals in finding recourses to refer patients to appropriate support.

As this event is a crucial part of the project, we look forward to your participation, where we can collectively contribute to the advancement of supportive cancer care in Belgium.

[Register](#)

[More info](#)

 **Ending discrimination
against cancer survivors**

**High-Level Conference on Ending Cancer Survivor
Discrimination**

15 February 2024, Brussels

This event aims to address the financial challenges cancer survivors encounter after beating cancer. Speakers include cancer survivors, EU and national policymakers, legal specialists, and insurance company representatives. They will discuss hurdles in obtaining insurance or loans, sharing best practices to eliminate discrimination against cancer survivors in the EU.

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News





State of Health in the EU
Country Health Profiles: 2023 edition

Mark Pearson (Deputy Director, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD)
Josep Figueras (Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies)

15 December 2023

State of Health in the EU 2023: country health profiles now available

The European Commission, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and OECD have published Country Health Profiles summarising the health and health systems of 27 EU Member States, Iceland, and Norway. The 'State of Health in the EU' cycle is a 2-year process initiated by the European Commission, designed to improve country-specific and EU-wide knowledge in the field of health. The 29 reports by the Observatory and the OECD are concise, policy-relevant profiles based on a transparent, consistent methodology that uses quantitative and qualitative data and is flexible to each EU Member State.

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Some free training courses are coming about how to manage EU calls and projects

[Europa Media Trainings](#) is the training division of Geonardo and Europa Media Non-profit. It provides practical training courses for the European science and technology community. Their courses impart hands-on experience in developing and managing EU research and innovation projects, equipping individuals and organisations with the necessary knowledge and skills to successfully participate in EU-funded projects.



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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



Workspace

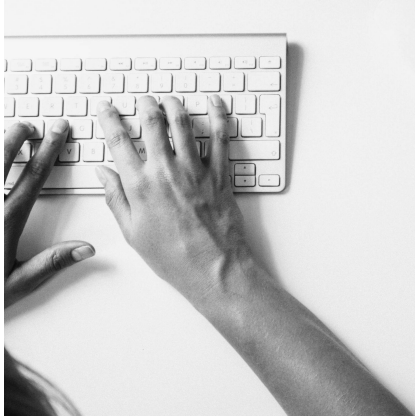
Our shared workspace (SharePoint) will give you access to more

working group? Let us know by filling the form below!

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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