



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!

UPDATES FROM THE MIRROR GROUP

Upcoming meetings

A banner with a purple-to-blue gradient background. The text "15/04 SAVE THE DATE" is in white. Below it, "PLENARY MEETING" is in large blue letters. A location pin icon is followed by the text "13h - 18h", "Sciensano", "Rue Ernest Blerot 1, 1070", and "Anderlecht, Belgium". On the right, there is a white silhouette of a person running on a track with the text "BE- EBCP MIRROR GROUP" and the Sciensano logo below it.

15 April 2024 | 13:00-18:00

Next plenary meeting: save the date!

We are pleased to inform you about the upcoming Belgian EBCP Mirror Group plenary that will take place on the 15th of April between 13h and 18h **at Sciensano's** offices of Eurostation, rue

Ernest Blerot 1, 1070 Anderlecht, Belgium. This will be an **in-person** event, and we invite you to kindly save-the-date.

It will be a unique opportunity to share with you updates about the BE EBCP Mirror Group activities and discuss the latest projects in Belgian cancer field.

[More info](#)

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23 April 2024 | Corda Campus, Hasselt

Big Data for Health & Care - "The Arisal of Data Spaces"

The aim of this symposium is to facilitate an in-depth exploration of data spaces and research infrastructures, elucidate challenges and best practices for large-scale projects, and engage in a panel debate on the feasibility of implementing and integrating various data spaces at different levels, all underpinning the advancement of healthcare data sharing and research.

[More info](#)



27 February

Thematic Working Group meeting on CAYA

The Thematic Working Group meeting on CAYA took place online the 27th of February. The slides of this meeting can be found on the Mirror Group's secured workspace (SharePoint).

[Access the slides](#)

5 February

European calls info session

On the 5th of February, the Belgian EBCP Mirror Group co-hosted alongside the Belgian National Contact Points (NCPs) and National Focal Point (NFP) the first "EU calls info session for the Belgian



cancer field". The slides and sessions's summary are available on the Mirror Group's secured workspace (SharePoint).

[Access the slides and summary](#)

Ongoing projects

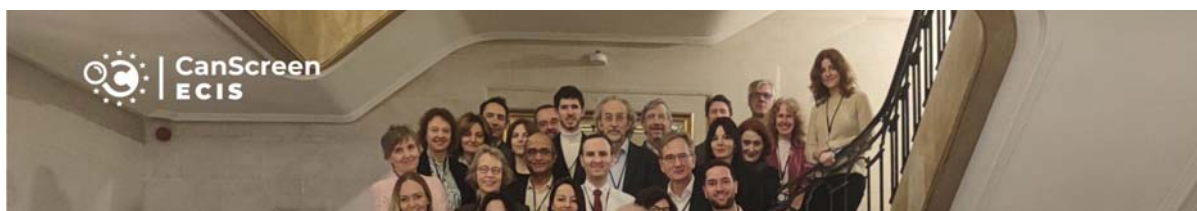
13-15 February 2024

Kick-off of the new Joint Action Prevent Non-Communicable Diseases (JA PreventNCD)

The Joint Action Prevent Non-Communicable Diseases (JA PreventNCD), which held a kick-off meeting from February 13th to 15th in Oslo, is a new four years **EU4Health** Prevention project that aims to reduce the burden of cancer and other NCDs and common risk factors, both at a personal and societal level and support member states by taking a holistic approach for the prevention of cancer and other NCDs, through coordinated action. The JA will address health determinants common to cancer and other NCDs, and their common underlying risk factors. The Cancer Centre of Sciensano will lead the Work Package 10 "Identify individuals at risk", and co-lead the Work Package 4 "Sustainability". The Health Information service of Sciensano will also be part of the initiative, in the Work Packages 5 (Regulation and taxation), 8 (Monitoring), and 9 (Health in all policies).



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22-23 February 2024

CanScreen-ECIS project comes to a close

The CanScreen-ECIS project, coordinated by scientists at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), has concluded. The goal of the project was to develop and pilot a new cancer screening data management system to be integrated into the existing European Cancer Information System (ECIS) of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission.

On the 22nd and 23rd of February, a final dissemination workshop was held within the context of this project highlighting mainly:

- Utility of good quality data for monitoring of cancer screening
- How CanScreen-ECIS project aims to improve quality and reduce inequalities in cancer screening in Europe
- Value of performance indicators in programme monitoring
- Snapshot of cancer screening performance in selected EU countries
- Sustaining the project activities and discussing the project learning programme to improve quality of cancer screening in the EU.

[More info](#)

Reminder

Your participation in EU calls

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:

- [AI in support of Quantum-Enhanced Metabolic Magnetic Resonance Imaging Systems](#)
Deadline: 29 May 2024
- [Support for Health Data Access Bodies to foster efficient pathways for AI in healthcare](#)
Deadline: 29 May 2024
- [Supporting patients' access to their health data in the context of healthcare services for citizens across the EU](#)
Deadline: 29 May 2024
- [1+ Million Genomes: sustainability and uptake](#)
Deadline: 29 May 2024
- [Demonstrating the in-service use of the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format \(EEHRxF\) in healthcare settings](#)
Deadline: 29 May 2024
- [Bio-printing of living cells for regenerative medicine](#)
Deadline: 11 April 2024
- [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
- [Clinical validation of biomarkers for diagnosis, monitoring disease progression and treatment response](#)
Deadline: 22 May 2024

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

Deadline: 22 May 2024

- [Development of evidence based practical guidance for sponsors on the use of real-world data / real-world evidence](#)

Deadline: 16 April 2024 ; 10 October 2024

- [EIC Accelerator 2024 - Short application](#)

Deadline: 24 December 2024

Events

22 March 2024

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

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.

[More info & registration](#)

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


7 March 2024

2nd European Mission Forum (EMIF)

As part of the Belgian presidency of the Council of the European Union events, the 2nd European Mission Forum (EMIF), showcases the results of nearly two years of TRAnsnational cooperation on the MIssion approach TRAMI project and other EU Mission results and success stories.

An in-person only event, EMIF will update the European Mission Network EMiN, the newly

founded EU Mission Citizen Observatory, and the Mission Data Platform. The EU Mission Implementation Platforms / Hubs will provide updates on their activities, and parallel & poster sessions and workshops will allow for deeper engagement with governance actors, private sector, and citizens, both traditional and "new" mission actors.

[More info](#)



The banner features a blue-to-pink gradient background. On the left, the text 'EBCC 14' is at the top, and '14TH EUROPEAN BREAST CANCER CONFERENCE' is written vertically. The center contains four circular images: a surgical team, a doctor with a patient, a woman smiling, and a doctor in a lab. On the right, the text reads 'SAVE THE DATE', 'Research & Innovation in the Multidisciplinary Management of Breast Cancer', and '20-22 March 2024 MILAN, ITALY'. The EBCCouncil logo is in the top right corner.

20-22 March 2024 | Milan, Italy

14th European Breast Cancer Conference (EBCC-14) - EORTC

European Breast Cancer Conferences (EBCC) provide a unique multidisciplinary setting for all breast cancer professionals to navigate, discuss, inform, and educate themselves about this evolving disease landscape, debate and deliberate about new data and developments, and determine what it means for patient treatment and care.

[More info](#)

News



The cover features a green and grey logo on the left. The text reads: 'OECD Health Policy Studies', 'Beating Cancer Inequalities in the EU', 'SPOTLIGHT ON CANCER PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION', and 'European Cancer Inequalities Registry'. The bottom part of the cover shows a circular image of two women talking.

OECD report | 31 January 2024

Beating Cancer Inequalities in the EU Spotlight on Cancer Prevention and Early Detection



Cancer causes almost a quarter of all deaths in the EU27, Norway and Iceland, with five new cancer cases diagnosed every minute in 2022. Assessing and improving cancer care from prevention to treatment is essential for promoting longer, healthier lives. This report addresses the latest trends in cancer incidence and mortality in the EU and reviews key cancer risk factors, cancer screening programmes and early diagnoses, and issues in the provision of high-quality cancer care. Country performance, cross-cutting challenges and new developments are examined with a particular focus on disparities by regions, socio-economic status and gender. The report provides policy makers with fiscal, regulatory and health systems organisation tools, as well as examples of initiatives that can be undertaken in primary care, workplaces, and schools to better control cancer and counter inequalities.

More info

WHO global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000–2030



WHO publication | 16 January 2024

WHO global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000–2030

Progress in reducing tobacco use is a key indicator for measuring countries' efforts to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control – target 3.a under the Sustainable Development Goals agenda. Countries have adopted this indicator to report progress also towards the tobacco reduction target under the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2020 and the WHO's Global Programme of Work triple billions target. This report presents WHO estimates of tobacco use prevalence for 2022, numbers of users, and trends projected to 2030. Estimates are at global, regional and country-level.

More info



February 2024

Updated Europe's Beating Cancer Plan Implementation Roadmap

The implementation roadmap of the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan has recently been updated by the European Commission. The document is accessible [here](#).

[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 and access the secured workspace

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

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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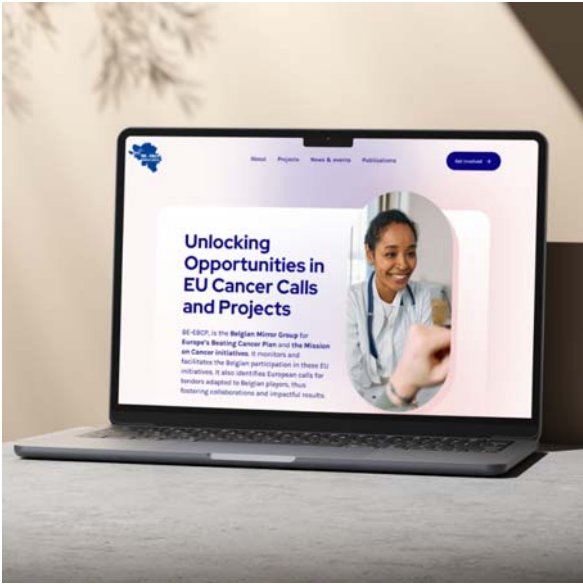
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www.beatingcancer.be

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Twitter/X

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