

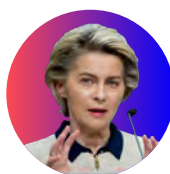


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EU Health Union: Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

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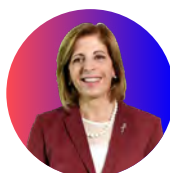
"In 2020, while we were all fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us were fighting a silent battle. The battle against cancer. In 2020, we lost 1.3 million Europeans to this disease. And sadly, the number of cases is on the rise. This is why we present Europe's Beating Cancer Plan today. The fight of those battling cancer is our fight as well, in Europe."

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission



"Honouring one of this Commission's central pledges, we present today an anthropocentric Plan for cancer that addresses all angles: prevention, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. It is about health but beyond health policy. A whole-of-society effort. In a strong European Health Union, cancer becomes a shared political, operational and scientific priority."

Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President of the European Commission



"This is first and foremost about people. About celebrating and reinforcing resilience and treating cancer as a disease that can and must be overcome. A strong European Health Union is a Union where citizens are protected from avoidable cancers, where they have access to early screening and diagnosis, and where everyone is empowered with access to high quality care, at every step of the way. This is what we want to achieve with our Cancer Plan."

Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety



	ACTIONS	TIMETABLE
	A MODERN APPROACH TO CANCER: NEW TECHNOLOGIES, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AT THE SERVICE OF PATIENT-CENTRED CANCER PREVENTION AND CARE	
	Knowledge Centre on Cancer: better coordination of scientific and technical related initiatives at EU level.	2021-2022
	European Cancer Imaging Initiative: innovative solutions for greater accuracy and reliability in diagnostic imaging.	2022
	SAVING LIVES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE CANCER PREVENTION	
	Vaccinate at least 90% of girls and a significant increase of boys against human papillomaviruses by 2030 with support from EU funds and investment in infrastructure.	2021-2030



With its **ten flagship initiatives** and **multiple supporting actions**, the Cancer Plan will help Member States turn the tide against cancer.

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	IMPROVING EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER	
	EU Cancer Screening Scheme: including updating Recommendations on screening and new Guidelines and Quality Assurance schemes .	2022-2025
	ENSURING ACCESS TO HIGH STANDARDS IN CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT	
	EU Network linking recognised National Comprehensive Cancer Centres in all Member States by 2025.	2021-2025
	Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment for All initiative: access to innovative cancer diagnosis and treatments.	2021-2025
	European Initiative to Understand Cancer (UNCAN.eu): planned under the foreseen Mission on Cancer, to help identify individuals at high risk from common cancers.	2021-2025
	IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND SURVIVORS	
	Better life for cancer patients initiative: Cancer Survivor Smart-Card and European Cancer Patient Digital Centre .	2021-2023
	REDUCING CANCER INEQUALITIES ACROSS THE EU	
	Cancer Inequalities Registry: reducing inequalities between Member States and regions.	2021-2022
	PUTTING CHILDHOOD CANCER UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT	
	Helping Children with Cancer Initiative , including EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors .	2021-2023

€ 4 billion for actions addressing cancer, including **€1.25 billion from the future EU4Health programme**, plus financial support through the Horizon Europe Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and the Digital Europe programme.