

Action on NCDs across borders – the European cancer policy perspective

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About the European Cancer Organisation

42 Member Societies

21 Patient Advocacy Groups

**Working together to build consensus
and achieve improvement
in cancer care**

Mission: *To reduce the burden of cancer, improve outcomes and the quality of care for cancer patients, **through multidisciplinary and multiprofessionalism***



Our Members





Our Patient Advisory Committee



Patient Advocates are at the heart of the European Cancer Organisation, with 21 patient advocacy groups



The Patient Advisory Committee is involved in all policy-making and activities, including the Focused Topic Networks



Our strategic pillars of activity

Pillar 1: Policy and Advocacy

- On behalf of our [Member Societies](#), we strive to be a leading organisation in the development of oncopolicy and advocacy at the European level
- On behalf of our [Member Societies](#), we are available as a resource to European institutions to convene and facilitate across disciplines, professions and with patient advocates
- We advocate on key policy issues, speaking with one voice on behalf of our [Member Societies](#) and patient groups, to enhance the impact of their expertise and experience

Pillar 2: Convenor and Facilitator around Focused Topics

- We act as the "federation" of the European cancer community – amplifying the important work of our member societies and [Patient Advisory Committee](#).
- We convene our [Member Societies](#), patient groups and other stakeholders for discussion and exchange, building consensus and co-ordinating activities, including through our [Focused Topic Networks](#).
- We believe in collaboration, bringing together those who share our [Mission and Vision](#) to promote multidisciplinary and multi-professionals for the benefit of patients, as well as advocating across Europe for our agreed [policies](#).

Focused Topic Networks

Prevention,
Early Detection
& Screening Network



HPV Action Network



Health Systems and
Treatment
Optimisation
Network



Quality Cancer Care
Network



Survivorship and
Quality of Life
Network



Digital Health
Network



Inequalities Network



Workforce Network



Special Network
Impact of Covid-19
on Cancer



ECO-ASCO
Special Network:
Impact of the War
in Ukraine on Cancer



European Code of Cancer Practice

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:



1. EQUAL ACCESS



2. INFORMATION



3. QUALITY,
EXPERTISE &
OUTCOMES



4. SPECIALISED
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
CARE



5. SHARED
DECISION-MAKING



6. RESEARCH &
INNOVATION



7. QUALITY OF LIFE



8. INTEGRATED
SUPPORTIVE &
PALLIATIVE CARE



9. SURVIVORSHIP &
REHABILITATION



10. REINTEGRATION



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Promoting a vision of what Europe can achieve on cancer together: a journey to realisation

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The EU and Cancer: It's time for a bold vision Mr Juncker

In 1976, a doctor, M.F. Weiner, wrote an article in *Medical Economics* titled 'Don't Waste a Crisis – Your Patient's or Your Own'. In it, he urged doctors to think about how a medical crisis can be used to improve aspects of personality, mental health, or lifestyle. I would like to give the European Union the same advice at this moment. I fear 'Brexit' is only the most recent example of the public losing its appetite for the spirit of cooperation that gave birth to the 'European project' sixty years ago in Rome. So what is to be done? Those of us working in cancer know the improvements that collaboration brings. That clearly refers to the vitally important collaboration across disciplines required to provide the best cancer

Credible polling by organisations like Ipsos-MORI also informs us that, year-on-year, within health, cancer is at the forefront of citizens' concerns. So with that in mind, is it really right or sensible for the response to euroscepticism to be for the EU to do less on health and cancer? Sometimes the EU (and its members) don't do enough to promote what has been achieved. In health, this includes remarkable improvements in collaboration, such as: centralised authorisation of medicines; harmonisation of clinical trial regulations; automatic recognition of professional qualifications across borders; and groundbreaking public health collaboration in areas such as tobacco control. I could continue the list, but I want to





2019: Commitment to that vision from the top of the EU



Speaking as one to the European Union

Free from Cancer:
Achieving Quality of Life
for All Cancer Patients
and Survivors



Comprehensive Cancer Care
Across the EU: Advancing the Vision
Position Paper

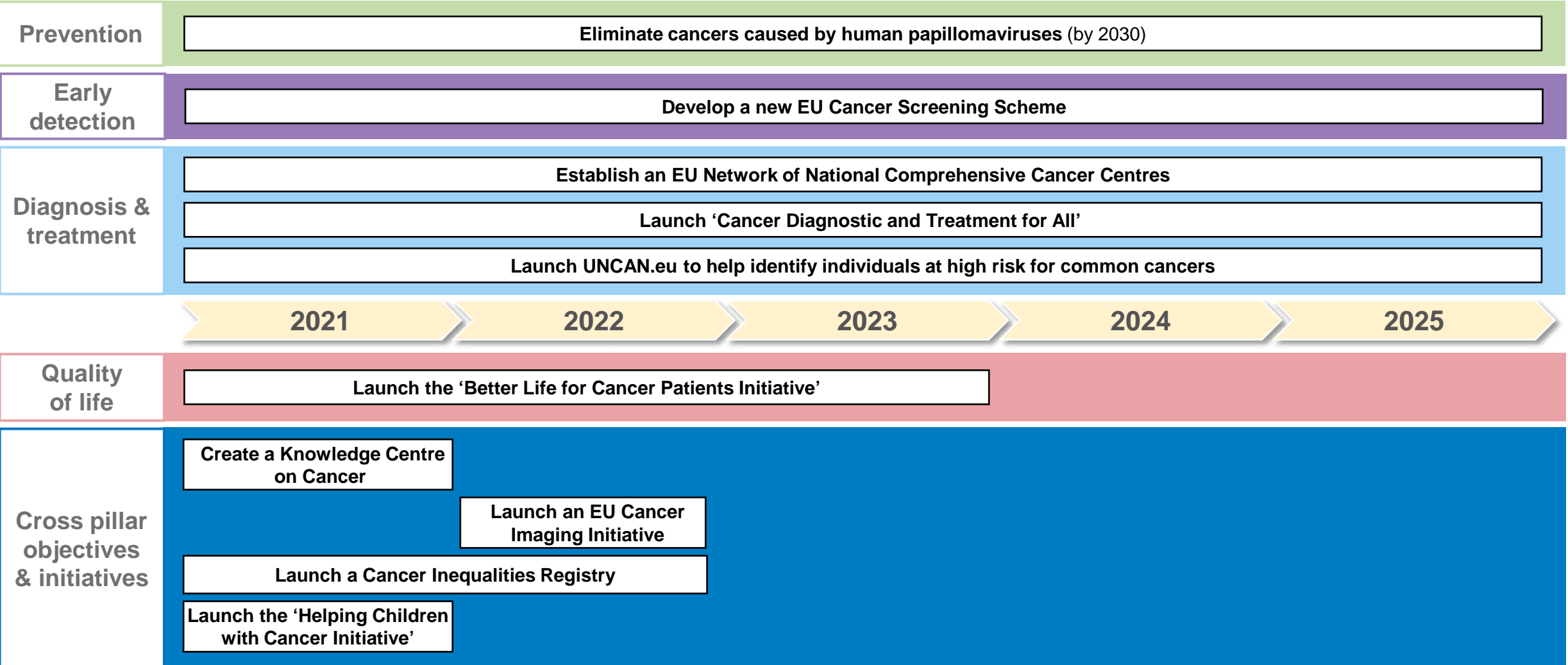


Working Against Cancer:
Giving Professionals the
Right Tools for the Job





The Beating Cancer Plan's Flagship initiatives 2021-2025





A big step forward: Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. A response to the community's calls

5.2. Ensuring a high-quality health workforce



The Commission will launch an **'Inter-specialty cancer training programme'** in 2021. Focusing on oncology, surgery and radiology, the programme will set out to deliver a more skilled and mobile cancer workforce through cross-border training and information-sharing. The training will also include a focus on patients' quality of life and well-being, including mental, psychosocial and nutritional

support, along with patient empowerment. It will help Member States address skills gaps and equip their health workforce with personnel trained in cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and survivorship.

The programme will help optimise collaboration among cancer specialists and ultimately benefit diagnosis, treatment and follow-up for cancer patients. It will feed into the work of the Pact for Skills large-scale partnership in the health sector announced in the Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience⁵⁸ which aims at securing training opportunities for health professionals to up and re-skill. It also complements ongoing trainings offered through the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and the Erasmus+ programme.



The case for inter-specialty cancer training



Science & practice developments increase the need for close multidisciplinary collaboration

As cancer care gets ever more complex, it can only work at its best when the many involved disciplines and specialties work closely to bring their respective areas of expertise forward

With healthcare professionals learning together, and better knowing each other's area of expertise and contribution, a strengthened culture of team working can emerge.



Improving cultures of team working



Addressing patient rights

As promoted by the European Code of Cancer Practice, every cancer patient in Europe should expect to receive care from a specialised multidisciplinary team as a right. Inter-specialty training is designed to underpin successful multidisciplinary working.

The challenge of fostering strong inter-specialty understanding is a common challenge for Europe's cancer care delivery systems. In the context of Europe's Beating Cancer, meeting the challenge together can be demonstrated as a success for the EU's emerging Health Union.



Addressing a challenge as Europe, together



INTERACT EUROPE

The INTERACT-EUROPE consortium represents the breadth of the European oncology community with **33 organisations** involved from **17 countries**, and including key consultative partner organisations such as ESPEN.

The consortium is also supported by the participation of leading cancer centres and the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OEI).



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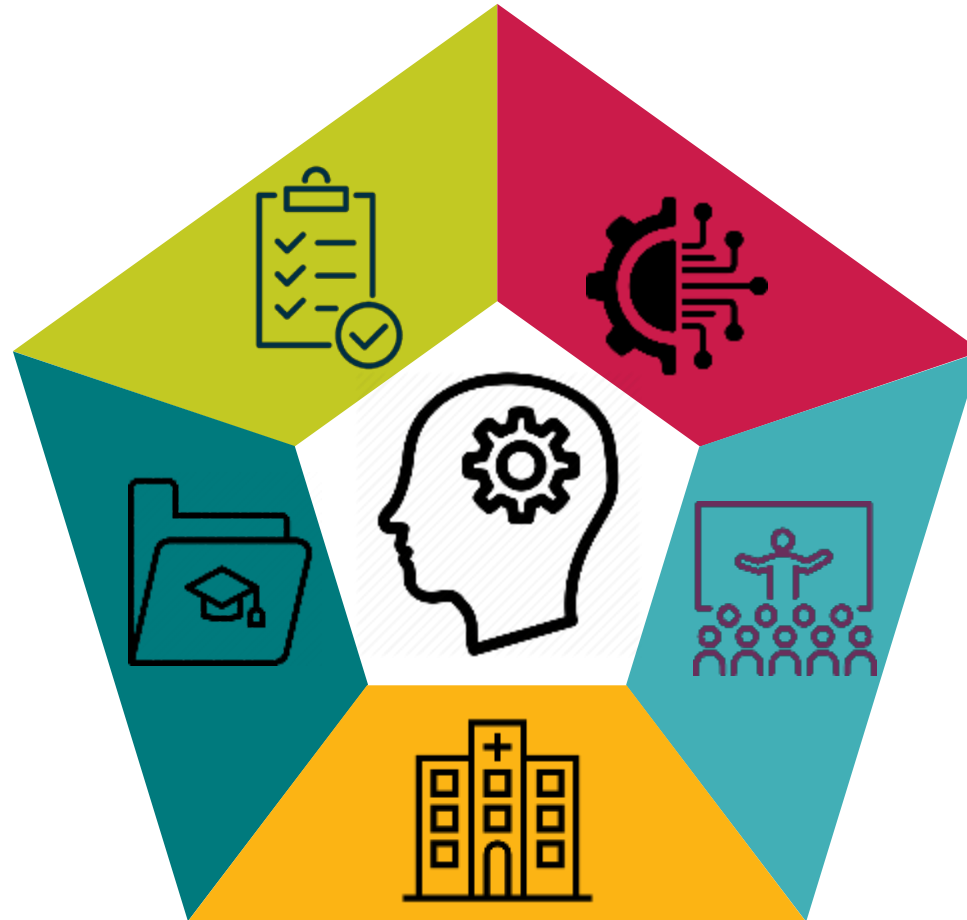
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Core elements of INTERACT-EUROPE

An EU inter-specialty cancer training needs assessment

An EU inter-specialty cancer training curriculum

Pan European recruitment of participating cancer centres and trainees



Deployment & testing of automatic translation technology to widen access to the programme

Live introductory learning for trainees and centre mentors



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Key outputs of INTERACT-EUROPE now delivered with first trainees commencing





Task 3.1 Early assessment of cancer centre needs

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Abstract: INTERACT-EUROPE brings together 33 partners from 17 countries aiming to develop a European inter-specialty cancer training programme involving all main oncology disciplines and professions, cancer centres and patient groups, based on relevant needs assessments. The project will foster a patient-centric approach to quality cancer care through the promotion of multi-disciplinary and multi-professional team working.





European Inter-specialty Cancer Training Programme Curriculum

**The following document is a prefinal version of the European Inter-Specialty Cancer Training Programme curriculum, circulated to international, European and national level stakeholder organisations with an open invitation to endorsement. Confirmation of endorsements should be sent to: shila.romao@european-cancer.org.*

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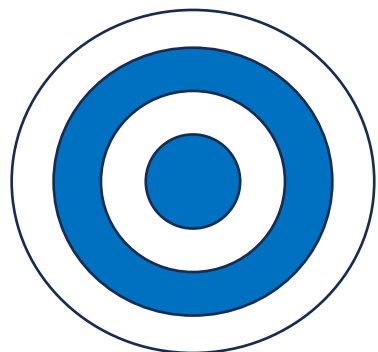
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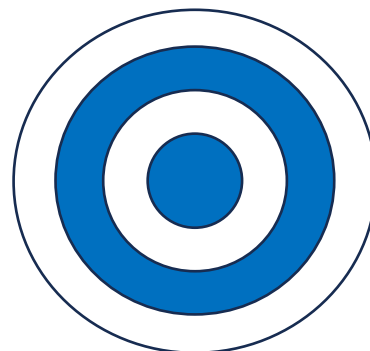
The next stages: In short summary

OVERALL OBJECTIVE: To establish Europe as an international leader in the utilisation of multidisciplinary cancer care for improved patient care and outcomes through the implementation of a technology-enabled inter-specialty cancer training programme throughout Europe..

To implement the Inter-specialty Cancer Training (ISCT) curriculum developed under the INTERACT-EUROPE project, INTERACT2 will:



Establish a dedicated digital learning management system adapted to the needs of oncology professionals.



Establish, and train trainers in, the programme, in at least 100 cancer centres in Europe in 15 countries

As well as produce and integrate two new modules:

- inter-specialty training in paediatric (incl. AYA) oncology; and
- specific needs of misplaced people with cancer (with specific focus on Ukraine) for all health care professionals in Europe.

TIMELINE

36 Months

About **smartCARE**

Develop a Cancer Survivor Smart Card to improve the quality of life and health status of cancer survivors, in the form of a mobile application, embracing the core attributes of patient centred care.

Key Facts



2 year project that started in January 2023



€2.5 million euro budget funded under the EU4Health Programme



Key deliverables:

- Extensive user needs assessment
- Results of the prototype



Organisations from 17 EU and 20 European Countries involved



Coordinated by the European Cancer Organisation



smartCARE: The App Empowering Cancer Survivors in Europe

The application will facilitate patient empowerment:

The Smart Card will facilitate patient empowerment, allowing survivors to have an easy access to their treatment summary, being able to share it with relatives and professionals but also having access to a broad range of resources and functionalities enhancing quality of life.

It will comprise of three main elements:

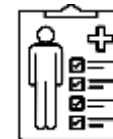
Treatment
summary



Resources
functions



Follow-up care plan and
self-management tools



How will it achieve this:

Running an extensive user needs assessment and support the technical development and piloting of the app prototype.

Work Packages (WP)



WP1 Coordination, Recommendations & Sustainability

This Work Package will lead the alignment of all consortium activities with the project goals and consistency across all Work Packages and convey a sustainability Plan for the app.

Leader:
[European Cancer Organisation \(ECO\)](#)



WP2 Users needs

This Work Package will achieve the fullest understanding of the range of survivor, caregiver & healthcare professionals' needs associated with the development of the smartCARE app.

Leader:
[European Cancer Organisation \(ECO\)](#)



WP3 Co-creation & Piloting

Work Package 3 will collaborate with the third-party App developer to co-create an interoperable Smart Card solution usable across a variety of healthcare infrastructures and readily available to survivors, their families and other end users.

Leader:
[The International Clinical Research Center of St. Anne's University Hospital in Brno \(FNUSA-ICRC\)](#)



WP4 Evaluation

This Work Package will ensure the quality of the project design & outputs by continual monitoring and review actions.

Leader:
[PanCare](#)



WP5 Communication

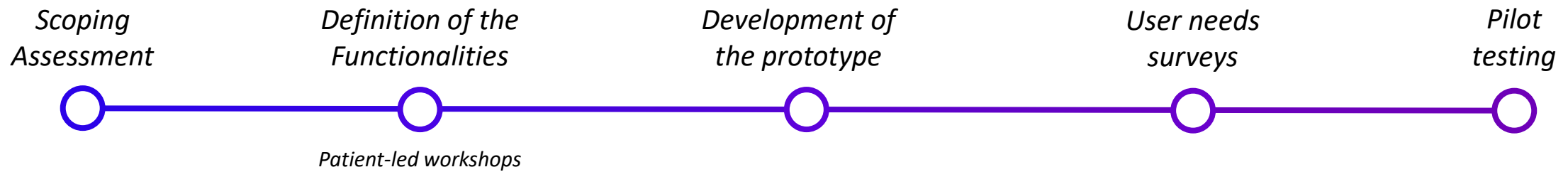
Work Package 5 will maximise project visibility and promote project results through the dissemination and exploitation of communication activities.

Leader:
[SIOPE Europe \(SIOPE\)](#)

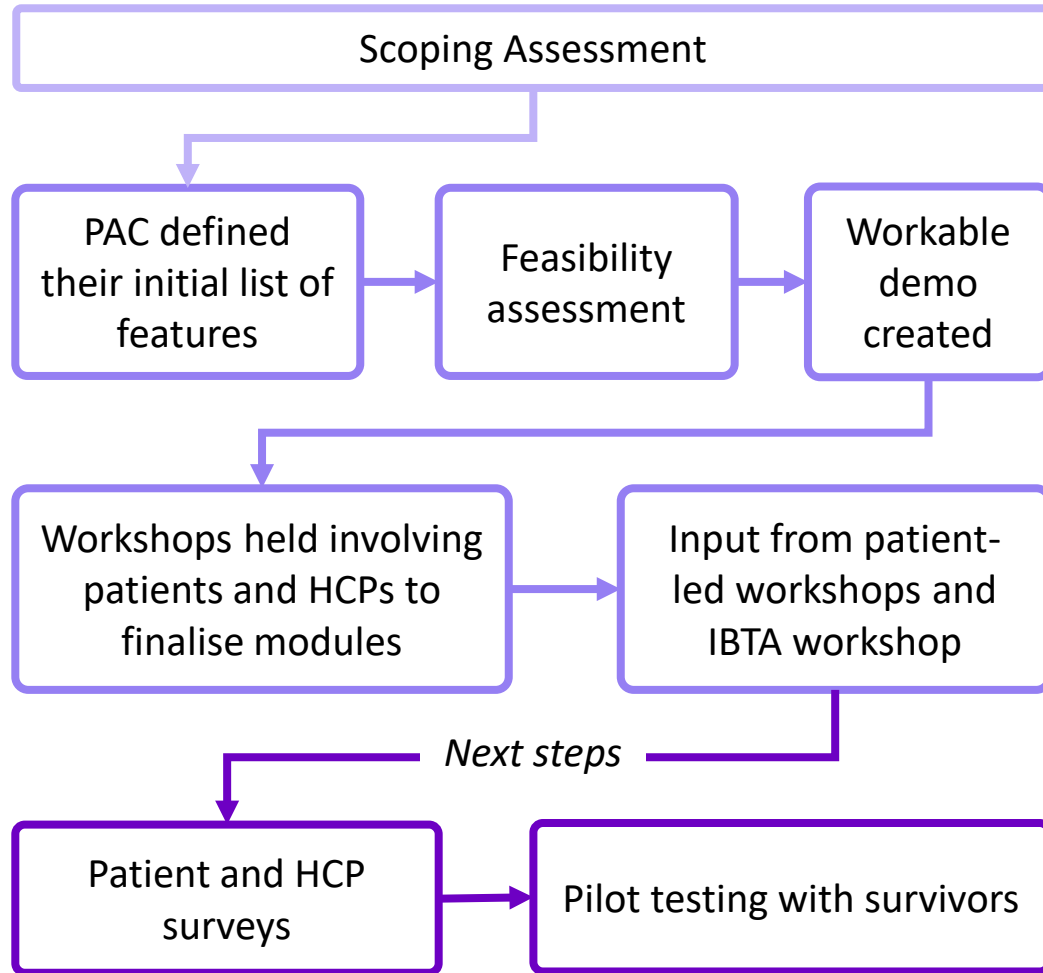
Our consortium



Project timeline overview



The Prototype

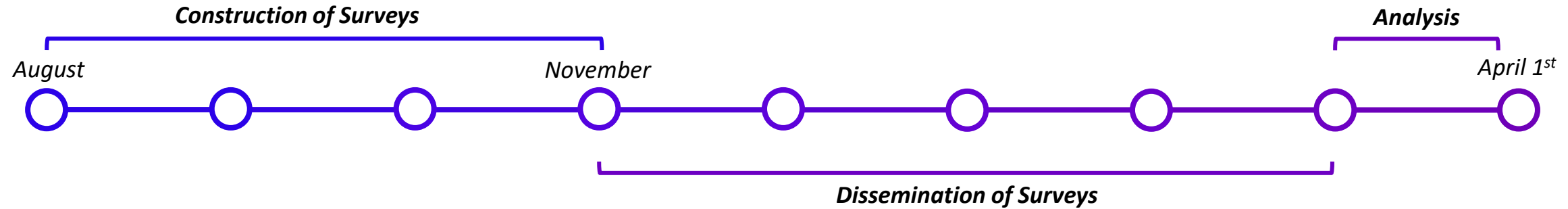


smartCARE Prototype Wire-Frame Demo



**The design, UI and exact wording is subject to change after discussions with the designer*

User Needs Surveys



- Understanding the needs related to **specific adult tumour types** (e.g. breast, prostate, bladder, colorectal)
- Understanding the needs related to **paediatric cancer survivors**
- Understanding needs related to survivors' experiences in respect of **co-morbidities and complications** (e.g., cardiovascular)

In addition:

- Understanding the perspective of **healthcare professionals** through a 2-hour roundtable/workshop

Piloting of the Prototype

Usability Testing

- Use-related safety assessment and usability measurement.
- Specifically prepared fictional scenarios will be prepared.
- This will involve scripted one-on-one interviews.
- Participants will perform scenarios with a conductor to avoid bias and will be observed by a trained monitor.

Observational Study

- Continued use of the prototype application in a close-to-real environment.
- Participants will be provided with the developed version of the prototype to interact with.
- Participants for the Observational Study will be recruited through 5 medical centers in four countries, covering both paediatric and adult cancer survivors and caregivers.



If you would like to connect with the smartCARE project please don't hesitate to contact:

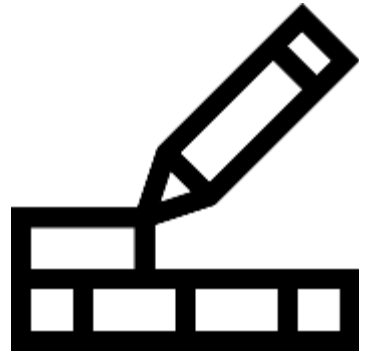
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Looking ahead: Building a European Cancer Manifesto together



Maintain political energy on EU cancer policy.



Showcase foundations for future progress already created by Europe's Beating Cancer Plan



Put forward fresh ideas and recommendations to heighten the Beating Cancer Plan's success.



Create the basis of an interactive campaign that members, patient organisations, politicians and citizens can engage with.



Maintain a political campaign through November 2023 to November 2024.

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