



# Treating Cancer

The EU's commitment  
To tackling cancer inequalities

**28 October 2024**

**9.30-13.30**

*Roundtable*

**14.30-16.00**

**Rome**

**Venue CNR**

**Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7**



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## Institutional greetings

— **9:30 - 10:15**

**Welcome speech**  
Europe Direct Roma Innovazione

**Maria Chiara Carrozza**  
President National Research Council

**Carlo Corazza**  
Director of Office of the European Parliament in Italy

**Antonio Parenti** *(in videocall)*  
Director DG SANTE B - Public health, Cancer and Health security

**Elena Grech**  
Acting Director - Representation European Commission in Italy

**Francesco Saverio Mennini**  
Head of Department for Programming, medical devices and National Health system policies - Ministry of Health

**Patrizia Ravaioli**  
Formez PA Director

**Andrea Urbani**  
Director of Health and Social integration Directorate - Lazio Region on behalf of Lombardy Region

**Giovanni Apolone**  
Scientific Director of National Cancer Institute of Milan (INT)

### Chairman

**Piervirgilio Dastoli**  
President of European Movement

## Speakers

— **10:15 - 10:35**

**European Cancer Inequalities Registry (ECIR): a key data tool on cancer prevention and care**  
*Agnieszka KINSNER-OVASKAINEN- Disease Prevention, Directorate General Joint Research Centre  
Directorate F - Health and Food, European Commission*

— **10:35 - 10:55**

**WHO data and point of view on cancer inequalities with a focus on breast and cervical cancer**  
*Marilys Corbex- Senior Technical Officer NCD Management at the WHO Regional Office for Europe  
in Copenhagen*

— **10:55 - 11:15**

**Mission Cancer: the EU flagship initiative**  
*Walter Ricciardi, President Mission Board for Cancer - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*

— **11:15 - 11:35**

**The future of European research and its impact on cancer inequalities** *(in videocall)*  
*Giuseppe Curigliano, Director Development of New Drugs for Innovative Therapies, IEO*

— **11:35 - 11:55**

**European Cancer Pulse and SmartCARE project**  
*Silvia Romeo, Policy officer -European Cancer Organisation*



- **11:55 – 12:25**  
**A project that established the first Center for Breast Cancer Prevention in Palestine**  
*Vittorio Altomare, Director of the Breast Unit of the Campus Bio University Hospital Doctor, Full Professor of Surgery*  
  
**The impact and the inspiration of this project (the first Breast Unit in Palestine) and how it succeeded in saving many women lives**  
*Ghadeer Salhab "Breast Unit" Coordinator - Beit Jala Hospital*
- **12:25 – 12:45**  
**Dress p.i.n.k project**  
*Michela Franchini Institute of Clinical Physiology of the CNR*
- **12:45 – 13:05**  
**Presentation of the Health Care and Training Project of the S. Elisabeth Center in Phnom Penh and in the villages of the neighboring provinces (Cambodia)**  
*Stefana Agatea and Pav Sochinda Association Cam to Me*
- **13:05 – 13:25** Q & A
- **13:30 – 14:30** Lunch break

## Roundtable with key stakeholders

- **14:30 – 16:00**  
 MoU for joint actions and key steps for raising awareness among governments and other key players on the importance of reducing cancer inequalities)

**Scientific coordinator**      **Raffaella Giavazzi** *Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research*  
**Roundtable facilitator**      **Dario Manna** *EU Policies expert*

## Roundtable panelist

**European Oncology Nursing Society** *Grazyna Suchodolska* <https://cancernurse.eu/>  
**OECI - Organisation of European Cancer Institutions** *Annalisa Trama* <https://www.oeci.eu/>  
**Cancer Patients Europe** *Antonella Cardone* [www.cancerpatientseurope.org](http://www.cancerpatientseurope.org)  
**ALL CAN** *Matti Aapro* <https://www.all-can.org/>  
**European Cancer League** *Daniela Giangreco* <https://www.cancer.eu/>  
**Anticancer Fund** *Patricia Vandamme* <https://www.anticancerfund.org/>  
**European cancer organisation** *Silvia Romeo* <https://www.europeancancer.org/>  
**Asociación Española Contra el Cáncer** *Marta Puyol* <https://www.contraelcancer.es/es>  
**Poznan University of Medical Sciences - Lifestyle Medicine Lab** *Agnieszka Pluto-Pradzynska*  
**Fondazione ANT** *Raffaella Pannuti* <https://ant.it/>  
**Campus Biomedico** *Antonella Grasso* <https://www.policlinicocampusbiomedico.it/>

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## The EU's Commitment to Cancer Inequalities

The information day **“Treating Cancer: The EU's Commitment to Cancer Inequalities”** aims to present the framework of cancer inequalities at EU and international level and to illustrate projects that can contribute to the exchange of experiences and collaboration between countries to address a global challenge and contribute to the reduction of cancer inequalities.

In continuity with the initiative implemented by some Italian Europe Direct Information centres **“Yes, we can (no can/cer) information cycle: Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. Focusing on breast and lung”** carried out in 2023, the event will focus on the **“European Cancer Inequalities Registry”**, a flagship initiative of **Europe's Beating Cancer Plan** aimed at providing valid and reliable data on cancer prevention and treatment to identify trends, disparities and inequalities between Member States and regions. The Registry proposes a framework at European level to monitor disparities and report on trends in cancer prevention and treatment at regional, national and EU levels. As the purpose of the Registry is to monitor the entire cancer journey, the four pillars of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: prevention; early diagnosis; diagnosis and treatment; quality of life – are at the heart of the scoreboard.

A total of 29 country cancer profiles (EU-27, Iceland and Norway) were produced for the first publication, with the help of the OECD, which serve as a tool to identify inequalities in cancer prevention and treatment. They highlight the main achievements, challenges and disparities within each country and compare the performance of individual countries with the situation in the EU as a whole. This helps policymakers and helps to steer investment and action at regional, national and EU level under the umbrella of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

Profiles show that EU countries spent substantial sums, almost €170 billion, on cancer treatment (in 2018). Another important finding is that there are also large inequalities in cancer death rates between and within EU countries. This can be partly explained by the different degrees of exposure to cancer risk factors, but also by the different capacities of health systems to ensure timely and free access to early diagnosis and the high quality of cancer care and treatment. The profiles show that identifying challenges and sharing best practices among Member States can help countries reduce cancer inequalities.

## Organizational info

### Morning session

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Italian/English with simultaneous interpretation.

### Roundtable

Working language

English

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