



## ECPC WORK ON IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY

### WHAT IS IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY?

Immuno-oncology, often referred as the 4<sup>th</sup> pillar of cancer treatment, is an innovative series of treatments that use the immune system against cancer. While immuno-oncology (IO) is becoming a reality and treatments are becoming available to patients in Europe, few patients and patients' advocates know what immuno-oncology is about.

For this reason, ECPC put together, in partnership with ESMO, ECCO, CIMT, LUCE, the Royal Marsden, IOD and "Let's Win Health" an independent Expert Group on Immuno-Oncology, which produced two documents:

- The Patients' guide to "What is Immuno-Oncology", translated into 23 EU languages;
- A series of policy recommendations for European and national policy makers to provide patients with innovative cancer treatments such as immuno-oncology.

The documents were officially launched at the European Parliament, during an event hosted by MEPs Philippe de Backer (Belgium) and Christian Busoi (Romania) in November 2014.

### INFORMATION TARGETED TO EUROPEAN CANCER PATIENTS

The Guide on What is Immuno-Oncology was just the first step of a larger ECPC strategy towards enhancing cancer patients awareness on immuno-oncology.

In autumn, ECPC will launch the first European knowledge hub on immuno-oncology, providing patients and general practitioners with simple, scientifically validated information on what is IO, how does it works, and what are the treatment options existing.

This project, called Immuno-Oncology Academy, will enjoy the support of a group of experts, including several that already collaborated with us on the first Guide.

### HAVE YOUR SAY!

What do you know about immuno-oncology? What do you want to know about it?

During the second session of the AGM, dedicated to immuno-oncology, you will have the chance to know more about it and, most importantly, ask yourself questions to the experts.

A member of the ECPC staff will also present you the blueprint of our Immuno-Oncology Academy, and we will be glad to have your input on how to make it more adherent to your needs.