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## European Cancer Patient Coalition

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19 February 2021  
10:30 - 12:30  
Online Webinar

**14 million reasons to discuss life after cancer:**

**Implementing the Right to be Forgotten across Europe**

**#R2BF**

### 14 Million Reasons to Discuss Life after Cancer: Implementing the Right to be Forgotten across Europe

Join us at a webinar to know more and discuss the right to be forgotten for cancer survivors: “14 Million Reasons to Discuss Life after Cancer: Implementing the Right to be Forgotten across Europe”.

We are pleased to invite you to an online event entitled “14 Million Reasons to Discuss Life after Cancer: Implementing the Right to be Forgotten across Europe” which will take place on Friday **19th February 2021 from 10:30 to 12:30 (CET)**. Have a look at the final agenda [here](#). Registration can be done [here](#).

This crucial event will therefore focus on the implementation of [the Right to be Forgotten](#), a right which can help ensure that former cancer patients no longer suffer from financial discrimination for financial services such as getting loans and mortgages following the end of their treatment. This event will provide **a platform for key stakeholders** to collaborate on identifying the **right path for the implementation of this right across Europe**.

Given the **growing number of cancer survivors in Europe**, we now have over 14 million reasons to discuss not only the need for an EU approach to the **Right to be Forgotten**, but also the implementation of a right which has now been widely recognised by European policymakers as it is mentioned in both the Beating Cancer Plan and in the report from Cancer Mission board

[Check the list of speakers](#)[Find the agenda of the event here](#)

## The Netherlands implemented the Right to be forgotten for cancer survivors



From 1st January 2021, the Right to be forgotten for cancer survivors entered into force in the Netherlands.

The Netherlands represents the fourth Country currently implemented a legal provision to promote access to financial services for cancer survivors, avoiding form of discriminations.

For Dutch Cancer patients and cancer survivors, the NFK (Dutch Federation of Cancer Patient Organizations) has at your disposal a dedicated webpage with [Tips for taking out life insurance after cancer](#) and [General questions about life insurance and cancer](#) (Available in Dutch).

To know more about the R2BF in these 4 EU Member States, please to check our update [factsheet on the Right to be forgotten in the EU National Legislations with all the relevant information](#).

## The law on the "Right to be forgotten" under monitoring procedure for improvements in Belgium



In Belgium, the “right to be forgotten” was adopted by the law of 4th April 2019, allowing people, as of 1st February 2020, who have been declared cured of cancer for at least 10 years or with a chronic health problem to take out insurance contracts concerning mortgage and professional loans without additional premium.

Two reference grids are annexed to the law of 4th April. The first establishes a list of cancerous pathologies for which the 10-years period can be reduced. A second reference grid lists the chronic diseases for which special arrangements are provided for access to outstanding balance insurance.

The KCE (Federal centre of expertise in healthcare) was tasked with re-evaluating these grids every two years based on medical progress and available scientific data.

From 2nd December 2020 until 22nd January 2021, any person or association concerned by a cancerous or chronic pathology (citizen, healthcare provider, patient or consumer advocacy association, organization, political decision-maker, etc.) has been invited to respond to a call for submission for data relating to a revision of the current criteria or conditions of access for the already included or new pathologies in the reference grids.

More information can be found on the website of the [KCE](#).

**The Right to be forgotten in the EU’s Beating Cancer Plan**



On 3rd February 2021, the European Commission launched the much-awaited Europe's Beating Cancer Plan as the EU's response to the growing burden of cancer deaths. European Cancer Patient Coalition is pleased to see that the fight against cancer remains a top priority for the European Commission despite the unprecedented reach and proportion of the coronavirus health crisis.

Nevertheless, as regarding quality of life and specifically the Right to be forgotten for cancer survivors ECPC advocate for the need of target actions and appropriate solutions facilitating access to financial services as the implementation of legal framework coherent and consistent with the consumers rights and the EU Treaties.

Our press release is available [here](#).

Our article 'ECPC advocates for patients' needs at the BECA Committee meetings' can be read [here](#).



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