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# European Cancer Patient Coalition

Welcome to the **ECPC Newsletter!** Here you will find an overview of the latest information from **the EU cancer patient community, recent policy developments, upcoming events, and other exciting opportunities.** Check it out 

**Mind the gap: For equal access to cancer medicines and treatments**



ECPC will be at the **Beating Cancer committee (BECA)** meeting this **Thursday 28 January from 13.45 - 18.45.** **Kathi Apostolidis**, ECPC Board Member, and **Mark Lawler**, Scientific Committee Member will intervene during the session.

The Beating Cancer committee will discuss with **leading experts how to deliver the best possible care to cancer patients in the EU.** Topics will range from cancer drugs to multidisciplinary cancer care with a specific angle on pediatric and rare cancers and the social determinants

**Major EU project will harness AI and genomics for disease prevention**



Genomics has the potential to revolutionize healthcare, but **novel research is required** to leverage the large pool of genomic and health data in Europe and beyond **to advance personalised medicine.**

The **INTERVENE project** aims to develop and test next generation tools for prevention, diagnosis and

The preliminary agenda of the meeting can be found [here](#), the link for the web streaming is available on the BECA committee [web page](#).

## 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 **19 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 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.

diseases by **using advanced AI-based approaches**. Would you like to know more? [Keep reading here!](#)

## 8th LEGACy online course



Last Thursday 7th of January, **Mauricio P. Pinto, PhD**, gave an insightful presentation that was part of the [8th LEGACy online course: Gastric cancer in Chile: Molecular and clinical profiling of patients in a high incidence/high mortality country](#).

The speaker provided some interesting facts and figures as well as a comprehensive analysis regarding Gastric Cancer in Chile. **Did you miss it? Check the [LEGACy website!](#)** You can also check **the information brochure on LEGACy project in different languages [here](#)**.

## Learning lessons from across Europe – prioritising lung cancer after COVID-19



A report from the **World Economic Forum** in partnership with the **Lung Ambition Alliance** has just been launched: *Learning lessons from across Europe – prioritising lung cancer after COVID-19*. **Charis Chirvalaki**, **EU Affairs Manager from ECPC** has **contributed** to this report which can be read [here](#).

The **COVID-19 pandemic** has had a dramatic impact on the early detection of lung and other cancers. It has exacerbated some of the **existing challenges people faced in being diagnosed with lung cancer**.

Even prior to the pandemic, there was an **urgent need to take action** to improve lung cancer outcomes across Europe. The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened this need; but potentially also provided **opportunities for lessons to be learnt** that could be adopted in the longer term. [Do not miss the opportunity to read the report!](#)

## Precision Medicine Forum: Patient Week



## Palliative Care of Adults and Children with Cancer



**MyPal** is a H2020 EU-funded project that aims to enable both adults and children with cancer who require palliative care to report physical and emotional symptoms via an app using **Patient Reported Outcomes**. Their healthcare team monitor their input via a web portal on a **digital health platform**.

This enables prompt identification of important deviations in patients' **health and Quality of Life** and allows healthcare providers to focus on their specific needs empowering patients and their families to **actively participate in their disease management**.

Official project video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-dIKk7IULs&t=35s&ab\\_channel=INAB-CERTH](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-dIKk7IULs&t=35s&ab_channel=INAB-CERTH)

on the **perspective of patients, advocates and caregivers**. Panelists and attendees also include **healthcare practitioners, researchers, industry and patient groups** and those within their respective institutions who are tasked with building the necessary systems and solutions to harness the **full potential of precision medicine**.

The **event** will be held across four sessions each lasting two hours from **8 to 11 March 2021**. Have a look at the [agenda](#) and [register here](#)!

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## Survey: The corporate reputation of the pharma during the pandemic



The **COVID pandemic** has pushed the pharmaceutical industry into the public spotlight as never before. PatientView is asking patient groups to comment on **how effective pharma companies have been in supporting patients** during the COVID pandemic.

The **survey** is being conducted in 21 languages. You can fill in the survey [here](#)!

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