





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 

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Watch again the launch event: [Joint letter on COVID-19 and cancer](#)



On the occasion of the **World Health Day**, 7th April 2021, we launched a [Joint letter on COVID-19 and cancer](#) calling on policymakers to improve the situation of cancer patients during the pandemic. After the launch event, more organisations decided to sign the letter so a total of 320 **international, national and regional organisations** from all corners of

the World has supported the initiative. These include the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC), the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries (EFPIA) and the European Cancer Organisation (E.C.O).

The visuals we prepared to disseminate the initiative can be downloaded [here](#) in English and in Spanish and soon in Polish.

Call for members: On the occasion of the EU Survivorship Day... tell us your story!



ECPC is busy with the preparation of the launch of the first **European Survivorship Day**. Please help us with our video campaign and share with us your **stories** as well as the obstacles you experienced in connection with **surviving cancer**.

Would you like to know more? Please contact us via paulina.gono@ecpc.org

New European Medical Device Regulation



On 26th May 2021 the [new European Medical Device Regulation \(EU MDR\)](#) will become mandatory in all EU member states. It aims to strengthen transparency and traceability of information for consumers. There is more **emphasis on clinical evidence and proactive post-market surveillance** and vigilance.

Read more detailed information about it [here](#).

Extended deadline: Call for experts on Colorectal Cancer



The **European Commission Initiative on Colorectal Cancer (ECICC)** has been launched by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in collaboration with the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) with the aim to develop evidence-based guidelines for prevention, screening and diagnosis of colorectal cancer, together with a quality assurance scheme covering the entire care pathway. To achieve these objectives,

A group representing **organisations or entities** with particular interest in the activities of ECICC will be formed after the establishment of the ECICC Working Group. The JRC will seek **feedback** of this **stakeholder representatives** group when and as needed.

Extended application deadline: 16 May 2021. For more information and how to apply:

[Visit this website](#)

ECPC launches the HTA toolkit: “Patient Involvement in Health Technology Assessment” in Portuguese

The image shows the cover of a toolkit titled "Envolvimento dos doentes na Avaliação das Tecnologias de Saúde: UM KIT DE FERRAMENTAS PARA DOENTES E ASSOCIAÇÕES DE DOENTES". The cover features the European Cancer Patient Coalition logo and a network diagram with various icons representing healthcare, technology, and patient involvement. The text is in Portuguese and includes the date "Setembro de 2020".

A. VISÃO GERAL - A NECESSIDADE DE UMA ATS CENTRADA NO DOENTE

B. CONTRIBUIR PARA A ATS: UM GUIA PRÁTICO PARA OS DOENTES

C. ENVOLVIMENTO A NÍVEL REGIONAL E NACIONAL: UMA SECÇÃO DE APOIO ESPECÍFICO PARA CADA PAÍS

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Envolvimento dos doentes na Avaliação das Tecnologias de Saúde: UM KIT DE FERRAMENTAS PARA DOENTES E ASSOCIAÇÕES DE DOENTES

Setembro de 2020

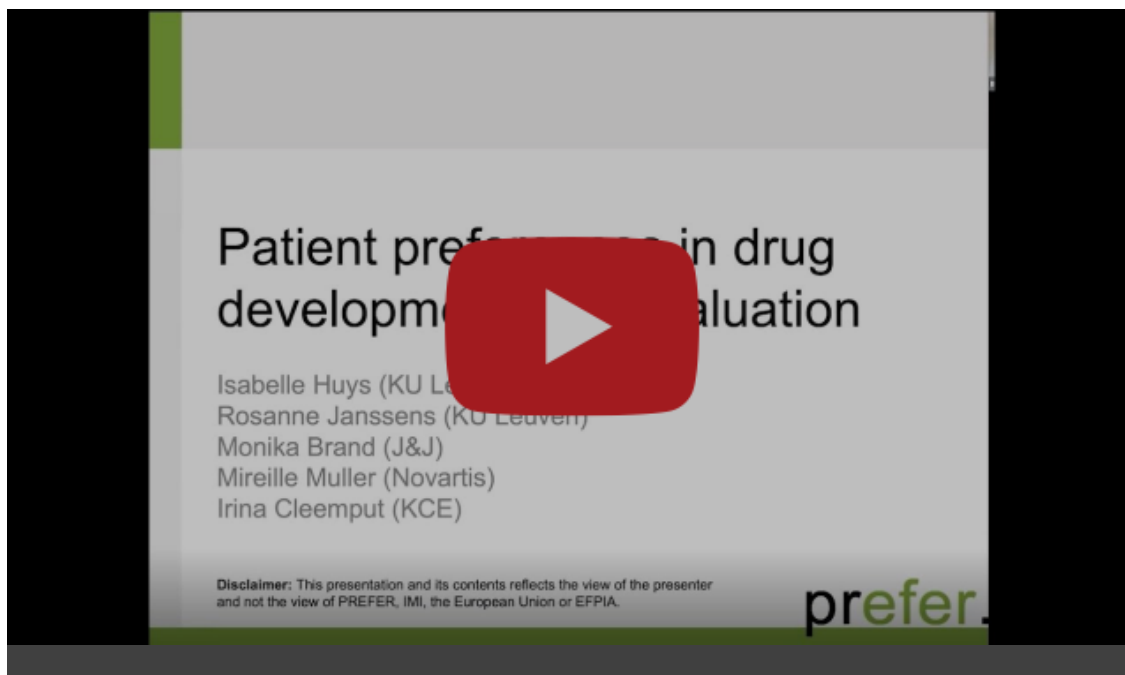
Envolvimento Dos Doentes Na Avaliação Das Tecnologias De Saúde: UM KIT DE FERRAMENTAS PARA DOENTES E ASSOCIAÇÕES DE DOENTES

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Following the launch of the **HTA (Health Technology Assessment) toolkit ‘*Patient Involvement in Health Technology Assessment: A toolkit for patients and patient organizations*’,** we would like to inform you that the toolkit in Portuguese language is **now available on our website**. This toolkit will leverage the existing resources combining up-to-date information, country specific examples and provide cancer patients and organizations with a **practical guide and a comprehensive overview of how to be directly involved in the work of HTA agencies**.

The toolkit is soon be available in Spanish.

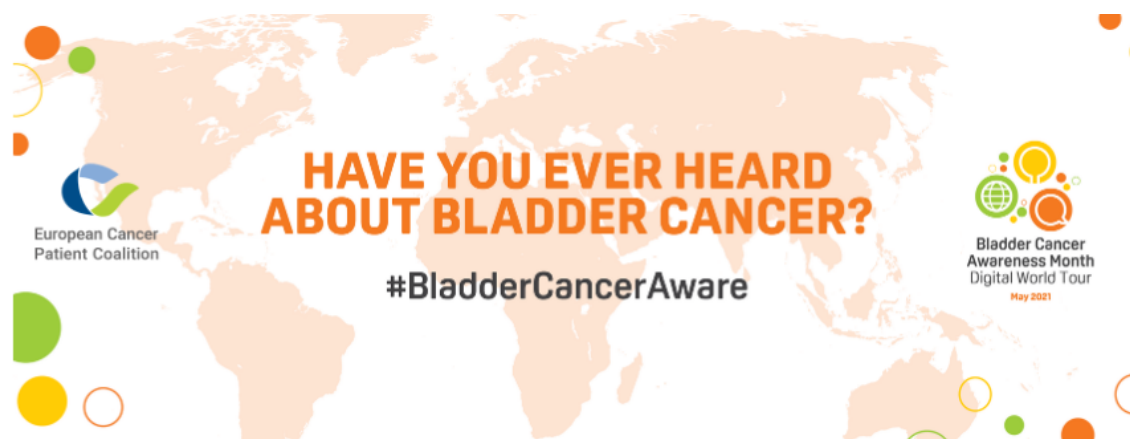
[Read the press release here](#)



On 26th April 2021, the **PREFER project** organised the first in a series of webinars presenting and **discussing results from the project**. Do you want to know **what a patient preference is?** And **how preferences are different from patient reported outcomes?** You can now [watch a recording of the presentations](#). The presentations covers the actors that make decisions throughout the medicinal product life cycle, and how they can benefit from patient preference studies.

Want to know more? We suggest you [sign up to PREFER newsletter](#) to ensure you are notified about next webinars!

May is World Bladder Cancer Awareness Month



In May we are joining again **World Bladder Cancer Awareness Month** and will embark on a Digital World Tour together with World Bladder Cancer Patient Coalition as we

There are a number of different ways that you can support the bladder cancer awareness month campaign and help us to **raise awareness** about bladder cancer.

Head over to WBCPC to get inspired and explore the campaign materials! Join the conversation online and help shine a light on bladder cancer in your country. This year, **we're counting on you!**

[Visit the website to learn more about this initiative](#)

MNI Award of €30,000 to planned national initiatives or research projects for Optimal Nutritional Care



The **MNI grant** rewards **national initiatives or research projects** for Optimal Nutritional Care. The objective is to support and/or inspire high-quality initiatives.

The efforts and results of these projects are now summarised in the [MNI Booklet](#) "10 Years of MNI Grant - The Value of Cooperation". The **deadline** to submit a proposal is **15th May**.

[Visit the website to learn more about this initiative](#)

What's coming up

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TIME TO ACT.

Don't let Covid-19 stop you from tackling Cancer
La Covid-19 ne doit pas être un frein aux soins contre le cancer
Covid-19 darf der Behandlung von Krebs nicht im Wege stehen
No debes que el COVID te impida hacer frente al Cáncer
Nie pozwólmy, by Covid-19 zatrzymał walkę z rakiem
Не дайте Covid-19 помешать Вам бороться с раком
Il Covid non deve fermare la lotta contro il Cancro

Time To Act: Don't let Covid-19 stop you from tackling Cancer

We are pleased to announce the virtual launch event of the **Time To Act** campaign in over 20 languages: **Don't let Covid-19 stop you from tackling Cancer**. This will be held on **Tuesday 11th May 2021 from 11:00-12:00 CEST** and you can register, free-of-charge [here](#).

This event will bring together European political leaders in cancer, including **EU Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakides** and the Chair and **MEPs from the EU Parliament's Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA)**, as well as other policy-makers, **healthcare professionals** and **patient advocates** who are all very concerned about the negative impact of Covid-19 on Cancer.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

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All.Can Global Summit

27-28 MAY 2021

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Registration open for the All.Can Global Summit: 27th-28th May 2021

On **Thursday 27th May 2021**, join an impressive line-up of high-level speakers to discuss, among other topics:

- How **efficiency** can be improved across the entire **cancer continuum** to deliver the **best possible outcomes to patients**
- What needs to be done to **harness data for better cancer care**

patients, healthcare professionals and healthcare systems overall, as well as the barriers currently hindering their full use in cancer care. For further information, contact secretariat@all-can.org.

Have a look at the [draft programme](#) and [register!](#)



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DIA/IMI PREFER
PATIENT PREFERENCES
WORKSHOP

Valuable decision making through
patient preference studies

VIRTUAL 15-16 June 2021

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Save the date: DIA/PREFER patient preferences workshop on 15th-16th June

Patient preferences can give us information that is **critical for developing medical treatments**. But they can also tell us how much risk patients think is acceptable for a given benefit.

The pharmaceutical industry, regulatory authorities, HTA bodies, reimbursement agencies and patient organisations all agree that 'patient preferences' need to be **part of decision making on benefit and risk**. But how? When? And what are the regulatory requirements for preference studies? Join us online on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th June** to find out!

ECPC recommends

- On 26th May 2021 the **new European Medical Device Regulation (EU MDR)** will become mandatory in all EU member states. It aims to strengthen transparency and traceability of information for consumers. There is more **emphasis on clinical evidence and proactive post-market surveillance** and vigilance. Read here [5 best practices to apply to your MDR/IVDR medical translations. Is your medical device documentation ready for EU MDR?](#)
- **Stop Cancer at Work Campaign** calls on European Commission and European Council to include hazardous drugs and reprotoxins in legislation now: The European Parliament has confirmed the **need for immediate legislative action** –

(CMD). Read the full statement [here](#).

- The **European Medicines Agency** (EMA) daily provides useful and trustworthy information about the **COVID-19** and the **latest updates**. Check all the information on [their website!](#)
- **EPROPA**, a project designed by [WALCE](#) to support patients: EPROPA (European Program for ROutline testing of Patients with Advanced lung cancer) is a program, **completely free of charge**, addressed to European **patients with oncogene-addicted advanced Non Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)** to increase the opportunities of molecular diagnostics and facilitate the access to clinical trials. Clinicians and patients can find more information on the [dedicated page](#).
- An **online learning programme** was developed by the [IARC Screening Group](#) in the framework of the IARC project Cancer Screening in Five Continents ([CanScreen5](#)). It consists of **3 e-learning packages** (modules). [Check it out!](#)
- In the framework of **LEGACy project**, a questionnaire has been developed to find out your current knowledge about the risk factors that are related to gastric cancer. Please disseminate the questionnaire among your network through your social media channels:
 - English version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Spanish version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Dutch version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Portuguese version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Catalan version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
- The winners of the 2021 **Connecting Healthcare Awards** have been recently announced. The Awards programme was initiated by the EFPIA Patient Think Tank 5 years ago to showcase collaborative projects between patient organisations and industry. The aim is to identify and promote best practice as well as provide inspiration for future collaborations. Find out more [here!](#)

Members' corner

Please, share with us your news and activities so we can include them in the next newsletter



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