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European Cancer Patient Coalition

Welcome to the **ECPC Newsletter Summer II Edition** 🌴🧐 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.**

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We need your help! Vote the Right to be forgotten on the platform of the Conference on the Future of Europe



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In 2021, being a **Cancer survivor in Europe** means experiencing several obstacles, for example, when seeking access to services such as mortgages and insurances. The provision known as [the Right to be forgotten](#) for cancer survivors marks a turning point, empowering cancer patients and promoting social rights and the fight against discrimination.

The Conference on the [Future of Europe](#) represents a unique opportunity to speak up and collect stories of discrimination experienced by former cancer patients. Do you want to support an EU action to **avoid financial discrimination of cancer survivors?**

Have your say and endorse ECPC proposal [here](#).

New EU project on digital tools and wellbeing



ECPC, together with other partners from Europe, are writing a proposal for a European Project aiming to **improve the use of digital tools in managing people's health and well-being** throughout the course of life.

We know the real added-value represented by the views of organizations in research, so **we kindly ask you to contribute by filling in our [survey for citizens](#) or a [survey for organizations](#) by the 3rd September 2021**. It will only take 5 minutes to fill in the survey.

Patient briefing sheet on pan-tumor treatments

Pan-tumor therapies

Redefining Cancer Care

What are pan-tumor treatments?

Pan-tumor (also called tumor-agnostic or tumor-independent) treatments can be used to **treat a variety of cancer types** regardless of the cancer's histology or location in the body.^{1,2}

They target the specific **genomic driver or molecular alteration of the cancer**, which causes it to grow or spread.³

They belong to a branch of personalized medicine known as **precision oncology**. This uses genomic profiling (laboratory analysis of human genetic material) to identify a patient's biomarker information and assist in determining treatment for that individual.³

Following last year's launch of '[Investing in the Future](#)', a White Paper calling for greater access to cancer biomarker testing, **ECPC is pleased to have been involved in the development of a complementary briefing fact sheet, focusing on pan-tumor therapies and their role in redefining cancer care.**

Created together with a team of medical and patient advocacy experts from institutions such as the [Oncohealth Institute](#) and [Fight Bladder Cancer](#), **the briefing sheet is a visual and concise resource that explores the benefits of pan-tumor treatments for both patients and healthcare systems.** It is designed for use both as an educational tool for patients and as an advocacy tool to support access discussions with HTA bodies.

Click [here](#) to find out more and to download the briefing sheet.

European Code Against Cancer (ECAC): E-learning modules

Free, self-paced, e-learning modules!

The European Code Against Cancer (ECAC)

12 WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR CANCER RISK

Cancer Prevention Europe

International Agency for Research on Cancer
World Health Organization

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the 4th edition of the [European Code Against Cancer \(ECAC\)](#), and the methodology behind it.

You can access them for free by registering here: <https://learning.iarc.fr/edp/cpe>. A 2nd set of modules about the myths, controversies, and latest evidence emerged since the 4th edition of the ECAC are in the pipeline!

Ageing and cancer: do you know any best practices that you can share with us?



[UICC](#) is currently working on **an ageing and multi-morbidities brief** that will be launched in October. This brief aims to highlight the unmet needs of older adults living with multiple NCDs and explore how countries are responding and fostering healthy ageing as an integral part of universal health coverage (UHC). In order to bring the patient perspective on board, we need your help. **We are looking for best practices to share so that support to elderly cancer patients can be improved and done in a timely and personalised manner across the world.**

If you would like to share any best practice with us, please do not hesitate to contact us at ainalaura.errando@ecpc.org.

What's coming up

Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Campaign 2021



ECPC is currently working in a campaign on **Head and Neck Cancer** together with [MSD](#) that will be **launched in September**. Some members of the European Parliament will participate in our social media campaign and we are also working on developing a web hub. Stay tuned for more information!

Webinar: Let's break the taboo around cancer & sexuality webinar

[Register here](#)

ECL Webinar

**29 September 2021
13:00–15:00 CEST**

Let's break the taboo around cancer & sexuality!

Logos for partner organizations: ECL, Patient Support Working Group, European Oncology Nursing Society, European Cancer Patient Coalition, ESMO, SIPE, Childhood Cancer International Europe, and PanCare.

ECPC is co-organizing an event to mark Sexual Health Awareness Month. **'Let's break the taboo around cancer & sexuality'** webinar will take place on Wednesday **29th September 2021** from **13:00h to 15:00h CEST** on Zoom.

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ECL Patient Support Working Group's leaflets ([patients' leaflet](#) & [healthcare professionals' leaflet](#)), discuss ways of improving communication between patients and healthcare professionals and recommend actions to improve the quality of life of patients and survivors.

Please find the **draft programme** of the event [here](#) and you can **register** [here](#).

**EuropaBio Advanced Therapies virtual event:
*Treatment Without Borders: the EU Case for Equitable Patient
Access to Advanced Therapies***

[Register here](#)



[EuropaBio's Advanced Therapies Series](#) is organizing a virtual discussion on avenues for enhancing the access of EU patients to novel biotechnology-derived treatments on **7th September 2021**, from 16:00h to 17:00h CEST.

The event will include a panel of EU, national and industry representatives that will attempt to put **forward solutions for securing equitable access** to specialised centres and to treatment for all EU patients in need, and a patient representative, that will explain the value of advanced therapies for rare disease patients and the key challenges they encounter when accessing treatments outside their home countries.

Register to the event [here](#) and obtain more details.

European Cancer Summit 2021

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The **European Cancer Summit (E.C.O)** will take place on the **17th and 18th November 2021**, in Brussels and in a virtual modem. This year's event will focus on the implementation of **Europe's Beating Cancer Plan** and the EU Cancer Mission's recommendations, including through the nine E.C.O. [Focused Topic Networks](#).

If you want to discover more about the event, click [here](#).

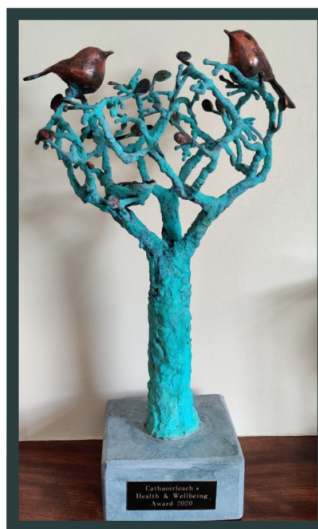
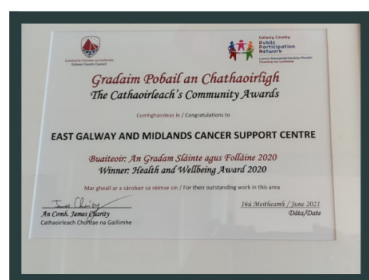
E.C.O also offers a [50% Special Patient Advocate discount rate](#) to all members of Patient Advocacy Groups that are part of our [Patient Advisory Committee](#) if registering before 17th September 2021. Don't miss this opportunity!

ECPC recommends

- ECPC has contributed to the work done by the **King Baudouin Foundation** on how to best involve cancer patients in research. Take a look to the report, "[Towards a high-performance oncology research sytem](#)" and the leaflet "[Oncology research for optimal patient value – A systems approach](#)".
- The [TrilynX Clinical Trial](#) is a study that combines chemotherapy and radiotherapy in patients with locally advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck. This trial launch follows the positive phase II results observed at 3-year follow-up analysis showing superior and statistically significant locoregional control, progression-free survival and overall survival vs. the placebo control group. Discover more about it [here](#).
- **The European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention**, has just published the report "[Ending tobacco epidemic and essential step for beating cancer](#)". Take a look and discover more about the relationship between smoking and several types of cancer.

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- We would like to congratulate our Irish member **East Galway and Midlands Cancer Support Centre** that **has recently received the Health and Wellbeing Award 2020** in the Cathaoirleach's Community Awards. It is a recognition to the bright impact in the community of cancer patients in Ireland.



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