



European Cancer
Patient Coalition



2023 Annual Congress and 20-year Anniversary

Under the auspices of OECI
Organization of European Cancer Institutes

23-24 June, 2023
Renaissance Hotel, Brussels

PROGRAM



“Nothing about us, without us!”

With this motto as its flag, in 2003, the European Cancer Patient Coalition was established to be the voice of the European cancer patient community. It is twenty years now since then, twenty beautiful and rewarding years of serving the cancer patient community, but also 20 challenging years of hard work and struggles to build and rebuild a trustful and sustainable organization.

Looking back at the last 20 years, I am now delighted to say that ECPC has uniquely represented the interests of all cancer patient groups, from the most common to the rarest forms of cancer. Since its establishment, it has successfully embodied the views of people with cancer in the European healthcare landscape; it has enabled and empowered people with cancer by educating them about cancer and advocacy skills; and it has provided a forum for Europeans with cancer to exchange information, best practice, and share concerns on their national cancer care policies. On the top of that, we have built a strong and united patient community in all EU member states and far beyond, that is willing to go the extra mile to make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

Unfortunately, some of those, who contributed to what ECPC is today, are no longer with us, as treatments failed them, but what they left behind speaks for itself. The last one is our beloved late colleague and Board Member, Jacob Landsmann Hansen, Treasurer of FOOKID-The Association for Information on Complementary Cancer Treatment in Denmark, who passed on Sunday, 21st May 2023 to advanced cancer. Jacob’s legacy is the importance of complementary cancer treatments and more particularly that of repurposed drugs.

Now, at the ECPC’s twentieth anniversary, I would therefore like to express my gratitude to them, as much as I am thankful to the current members of the Board, Audit and Scientific Committee Members, staff, who remained committed to the ECPC mission, put a lot of effort to keep the organization going and fulfilling its vision and mission. I would also like to thank all our old members of twenty years and all those who became members recently, for entrusting ECPC to work closely together for more efficient treatments, care and quality of life of cancer patients, survivors, their carers, families and loved ones. My particular thanks go to our partners, sponsors, external collaborators for their friendship and devotion in supporting ECPC’s activities throughout the years.

I am thus blessed to be able to welcome you to the ECPC’s 2023 Annual Congress and 20-Year Anniversary to celebrate together what we have achieved so far and to discuss how to best shape our common future together.

All ECPC Team has worked tirelessly to prepare our Annual Congress and AGM and some very interesting sessions with renown speakers are ahead for you the next two days. You will be able to learn from the best in their field clinicians, researchers, academics, and policy makers, ask questions and express your opinions about relevant ongoing EU projects and policy files that impact the lives of cancer patients, and about the new model of cancer care delivery that will emerge from the many EU funded project, Joint Actions and EU Commission Initiatives that are currently ongoing.

Most importantly you will also hear about the new model of cancer patient advocacy, the importance of and opportunities for patient involvement in cancer research.

It's high time to speak with one voice across Europe on behalf of the cancer patient community.

Wishing you a fruitful event and looking forward to meeting each one of you,

Francesco de Lorenzo

ECPC President



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Preliminary Program

Friday, June 23, 2023

14:30 – 15:30

REGISTRATION

15:00 – 15:05

Welcome and Program of the Day

Malvika Vyas

15:05 – 17:00

1st Session: 20 Years of Cancer Policy Advocacy

Moderators:

Francesco de Lorenzo - Kathi Apostolidis - Mary Bussell

15:05 – 15.25

Welcome Address

Francesco de Lorenzo

15.25 – 15.40

Tackling Cancer: An EU Priority

Stella Kyriakides

15:40 – 16:00

Making cancer research accessible to cancer patients

Mary Bussell

16:00 – 17:00

16.00-17.00 Celebrating the 20 years of ECPC – Addresses of ECPC stakeholders

Alberto Costa – Jens Habermann – Manuela Pausan – Elisabetta Iannelli

17:00 – 17:30

Networking break



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17:30 – 19:30

2nd Session: EU Beating Cancer Plan and the Mission on Cancer: How far have we come?

Moderators:

Kostas Stamatopoulos – Denis Horgan

17:40 – 17:55

The European Commission commitment to beat cancer

Sandra Gallina

17:55 – 18:10

Conquering Cancer: Are we There?

Walter Ricciardi

18:10 – 18:25

Joint Actions: The Policy Arm of the EU Cancer Plan

Marc Van den Bulcke

18:25 – 18:40

A European Initiative to UNDERstand CANcer - UNCAN:eu

Eric Solary

18:40 – 18:55

Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures for EU: Setting the Infrastructure for Cancer Care Delivery in 2025

Giovanni Apolone

18:55 – 19:15

Panel discussion and Q&A with ECPC Members

19:15 – 19:30

Closing remarks

K. Stamatopoulos - Denis Horgan

20:30 - 22:30

Networking Dinner



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Saturday, June 24, 2023

08:30 – 09:30

REGISTRATION

09:30 – 09:35

Welcome and Program of the Day

Malvika Vyas

09:35 – 11:00

3rd Session: The EU Health Policy Landscape

Moderators:

Denis Horgan – George Kapetanakis

09:40 – 09:55

What will Change with the New EU Pharmaceutical Strategy?

Elena Petelos

09:55 – 10:10

How can Patients Claim their Role in the New Health Technology Assessment Regulation?

Dimitra Lingri

10:10 – 10:25

Access & Diagnostics for All & Public Health Genomics

Denis Horgan

10:25 – 10:40

Representing the ECPC Patient Perspective in EU Cancer Policies

Adela Maghear

10:40 – 11.00

Panel Discussion and Q&A with ECPC Members



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11:30 – 13:00

4th Session: The New Cancer Care Delivery Landscape

Moderators:

Anton Berns – Kathi Apostolidis

11:30 - 11:45

The Comprehensive Cancer Center in the EU Cancer Plan: How can EU health systems adapt to the proposed model

Anton Berns

11:45 – 12:00

Importance of Networks of Expertise: the EU Joint Action - JANE

Paolo Casali

12:00 – 12:10

Patient Involvement in the New Cancer Care Delivery Landscape

Francesco de Lorenzo

12:10 – 12:30

Panel Discussion and Q&A with ECPC Members



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13:30 – 15:30

5th Session: The Inequalities in Cancer Care

Moderators:

Francoise Meunier, Francesco de Lorenzo, Delia Nicoara

13:40 – 13:55

The ECPC White Paper on Socio-economic Disparities in Cancer in Europe

Francesco de Lorenzo, Roberto de Miro

13:55 – 14:10

Job Retention and Return to Work for Cancer Patients and Survivors

Regine Kiasuwa

14:10 – 14:25

The Right to Be Forgotten: A Cancer Patient's Right that Becomes a Law

Francoise Meunier

14:25 – 14:40

Socio-economic disparities in cancer in Romania: Are they addressed in the new Romanian National Cancer Control Plan?

Delia Nicoara

14:40 – 15.00

Panel Discussion and Q&A with ECPC Members

15:00 – 15:30

Group photo in the yard



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16:00 - 17:40

6th Session: Role of Biomarkers in Personalized Medicine

Moderators:

Nicola Normanno, Christina Olsen

16:10 – 16:25

Cancer Biomarkers and their Relevance for Patients

Nicola Normanno

16:25– 16.40

Introducing the TIGER project

Ritchie Head

16:40 – 16:55

Innovative imaging biomarkers for HPV + cancers

Wim Vos

16:55 – 17:10

How Can Cancer Patients advocate for newer biomarker testing?

Kathi Apostolidis

17:10 – 17:25

Panel Discussion and Q&A with ECPC Members

17:25 – 17.40

Conclusion and Closing Remarks

Francesco de Lorenzo



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Speakers



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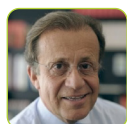
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Previous Secretary General of the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC)
Member of the European Commission's Europe Against Cancer programme



Francesco DE LORENZO

President of the European Cancer Patient Coalition
President of the Italian Association of Cancer Patients (AIMaC) and of the Italian Federation of Voluntary Associations in Oncology (FAVO).



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Ritchie HEAD

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Executive Director of the European Alliance for Personalised Medicine (EAPM)
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