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FACTS & FIGURES

Cancer represents the second most important cause of death & morbidity in Europe.

- Cancer accounts for 20% of deaths in the European Region.
- The economic cost of cancer exceeds €100 billion per year in the EU.
- 20% of cancers due to an unhealthy lifestyle rises to 60%.
- 40% of cancers are preventable. Yet, expenditure for preventive care averaged only 2.7% of healthcare expenditure in 2017 in the EU-27.
- Globally, only 1 in 5 low- and middle-income countries have the necessary data to drive cancer policy.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Promote the EU Code against Cancer, empower individuals and improve communication strategies.

Set an ambitious EU Cancer Plan with concrete measurable objectives.

Ensure the quality of and access to cancer treatment.

Improve the quality of life of cancer patients, survivors and carers through better integrated and ‘multi-dimensional’ care and support.

Act on individuals’ environment in order to tackle risk factors, including the environmental determinants of cancer.

Bet on vaccination, screening and early diagnosis as ‘best buys’

Fight discrimination against cancer patients and survivors, including when it comes to access to social protection and healthcare.

Unleash the potential of Health Data and AI for prevention, treatment and cure.

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