

## Flash Report

### Sub-group on Cancer under the Expert Group on Public Health

#### 27 March 2025

The Sub-group on Cancer under the Commission Expert Group on Public Health (PHEG) held a virtual meeting, chaired by DG RTD. The representatives of 19 Member States, plus Norway, attended the meeting together with several Commission services and agencies.<sup>1</sup>

#### Welcome address (DG SANTE)

DG SANTE welcomed participants highlighting the recent review of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, the HaDEA showcase event and the Youth Policy Dialogue, which took place during World Cancer Day, and the publication of the second iteration of the Country Cancer Profiles.

#### Updates on the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan (DG SANTE)

DG SANTE provided an overview of recent initiatives under the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, highlighting the Cancer Plan review, the second wave of action grant calls under the EU4H 2024 Programme, and the grants and joint actions under evaluation.

DG SANTE then shared updates from the Cancer Inequalities Thematic Group, including the second edition of the Country Cancer Profiles, future activities such as the 2026 Analytical EU report and the ECIR Data Tool updates, and the ongoing collaboration with IARC for the inequality factsheets.

#### Updates on the EU Cancer Mission (DG RTD)

DG RTD presented the upcoming EU Cancer Mission events and activities. In particular, the launch of the Polish National Cancer Mission Hub in May and the third policy webinar on the Mission project clusters were highlighted

#### Results of the Mapping Study (Nivel)

The Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (Nivel) presented a study mapping the outcomes of Cancer Mission and Cancer Plan projects, outlining the adopted methodology and key findings.

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<sup>1</sup> Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE); Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD); Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD); Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL); Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT); Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO); Reform and Investment Task Force (SG REFORM); European Investment Bank (EIB); Joint Research Centre (JRC); European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA).

### European Cancer Prevention Policy Support Facility (DG RTD)

Germany and the Czech Republic provided an overview of their respective future National Cancer Prevention Centres, with the Czech Republic also presenting its new prevention strategy.

DG RTD shared the results from the survey on the European Cancer Prevention Policy Support Facility, and a discussion followed.

SG REFORM showcased the technical support instrument, highlighting its features and presenting project examples in the area of cancer.

### AOB

DG RTD encouraged Member States to volunteer to present national activities related to cancer to the Cancer Subgroup and reminded participants about the Health Policy Platform as a space to exchange expertise.

Upon request, the status of the Commission Recommendation on sunbeds was briefly discussed.

The next sub-group meeting will take place on 14 May 2025.