



## **Consultation on strategies to improve and strengthen cancer control programmes in Europe**

25 to 28 November 2003  
WHO/HQ, Main building, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Room C

### **AGENDA**

#### **Tuesday, 25 November 2003**

##### **8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

##### **9:00 – 9:30 Opening**

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome and goals of this consultation  
(Dr Cecilia Sepulveda, Coordinator, WHO Programme on Cancer Control)

9:05 – 9:20 Cancer control: the perspective of WHO  
(Dr Catherine Le Galès-Camus, Assistant Director-General, WHO and  
Dr Aushra Shatchkute, Regional Adviser, WHO Regional Office for Europe)

9:20– 9:35 Cancer control: the perspective of the European Commission  
(Dr Karl Freese, European Commission)

##### **9:35 – 10:05 Where are we now?**

Overview of the cancer problem in Europe, its consequences, trends and the complex forces involved  
(Professor Peter Boyle, appointed Director of IARC)

##### **10:05 – 10:35 Where do we want to be?**

What could be achieved in Europe if we make effective use of available knowledge and resources, and have the will to implement these strategies?  
(Dr Maja Žakelj, Slovenia)

10:35 – 11:00 Coffee

##### **11:00 – 11:30 Preparing ourselves to work as teams in group workshops and beyond**

Review of the meeting agenda, ice-breaking activity, and the dynamics of working as a team  
(Dr Inés Salas, Chile)

##### **11:30 – 12:30 Comprehensive national cancer control programmes**

11:30 – 11:50 Comprehensive national cancer control programmes and their components  
(Dr Cecilia Sepulveda, WHO Geneva)

11:50 – 12:30 Comprehensive national cancer control programmes – strengths and weaknesses  
Group discussions n°1



12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

**14:00 – 17:30 Cancer Prevention**

14:00 – 14:15 The major risk factors and the major protective factors for cancer in Europe, estimates of the proportion of cancers that can be avoided, and the role of these factors for other non-communicable diseases  
(Dr. Paola Pisani, IARC)

14:15 - 14:30 Cancer prevention and its integration with control of non-communicable diseases, the health system and society  
(Professor Vilius Grabauskas, Lithuania)

14:30 - 14:45 Status of cancer prevention in Europe  
(Dr Aushra Shatchkute, WHO Regional Office for Europe)

14:45 – 15:45 Cancer prevention at the national level – strengths and weaknesses  
Group discussions n°2

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee

16:15 – 16:45 World and European actions affecting cancer prevention in Europe - positively and negatively  
(Dr Pekka Puska and Dr Andreas Ullrich, WHO Geneva )

16:45 – 17:30 How to make cancer prevention more effective and efficient in Europe?  
Group discussions n°3

**Wednesday, 26 November 2003**

**8:30 – 12:30 Early detection of cancer**

8:30 – 9:00 Status of early detection of cancer in Europe  
(Dr. Hélène Sancho-Garnier, UICC)

9:00 – 9:30 Early detection and its integration with control of non-communicable diseases, the health care system and society.  
(Professor Anthony B Miller, Canada)

9:30 – 10:30 Early detection of cancer at the national level – strengths and weaknesses  
Group discussions n°4

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00 – 11:30 World and European actions affecting the early detection of cancer in Europe - positively and negatively  
(Ms Julietta Patnick, UK, Mrs Martha Jacob, ACCP, and Marc Arbyn, Brussels)



11:30 – 12:30 How to make the early detection of cancer more effective and efficient in Europe?  
Group discussions n°5, plenary discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

**14:00 – 17:30 Cancer diagnosis and treatment**

14:00 – 14:15 Status of cancer diagnosis, referral and treatment in Europe  
(Prof. Dirk Schrijvers, ESMO)

14:15 – 14:30 Integration of diagnosis and treatment of cancer with the control of non-communicable diseases, the health care system and society  
(Dr Joanne Epping-Jordan, WHO)

14:30 – 15:45 Cancer diagnosis and treatment at the national level – strengths and weaknesses  
Group discussions n°6

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee

16:15 – 16:45 World and European actions affecting cancer diagnosis and treatment in Europe - positively and negatively  
(Professor Ian Zaloudik, Czech Republic, Dr Bhadrasain Vikram, IAEA, and Dr Ian Kunkler, UK)

16:45 – 17:30 How to make cancer diagnosis and treatment more effective and efficient in Europe?  
Group discussions n°7, plenary discussion

18:00 Reception (WHO Cafeteria)

**Thursday, 27 November 2003**

**8:30 – 12:30 Cancer palliative care**

8:30 – 8:45 Status of palliative care for cancer patients and their families in Europe  
(Professor Stein Kaasa, EAPC)

8:45 – 9:00 Integration of cancer palliative care with palliative care for other diseases, the health care system and society  
(Dr Neil MacDonald, Canada)

9:00 – 10:30 Palliative care for cancer patients and their families at the national level – strengths and weaknesses  
Group discussions n°8

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee



11:00 – 11:30 World and European actions affecting cancer palliative care in Europe -  
positively and negatively  
(Dr. Daniela Mosoiu, Romania and Professor Michel Bond and Professor Harald  
Breivik, IASP)

11:30 – 12:30 How to make cancer palliative care more effective and efficient in Europe?  
Group discussions n°9, plenary discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

**14:00 – 17:30 Improving Cancer Control**

14:00 – 14:20 Improving cancer control; a WHO perspectives  
(Dr Cecilia Sepulveda and Dr Andreas Ullrich, WHO Geneva)

14:20 – 15:45 How to make cancer control more effective and efficient in Europe?  
Discussions about partnerships  
Group discussions n°10

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee

16:15 – 17:30 How to make cancer control more effective and efficient in Europe?  
Decisions about improving cancer control in Europe  
Group discussions n°11

**Friday, 28 November 2003**

**8:30 – 12:30 Assessment of cancer control programmes and performance indicators**

8:30 – 9:30 Draft WHO guide on assessing cancer control programmes: a WHO proposal  
(Dr Ines Salas and Dr Ken Stanley)

9:30 – 10:30 Discussion and recommendations regarding cancer control performance indicators  
Group discussions n°12, plenary discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee

**11:00 – 12:30 Next steps**

11:00 – 12:30 Next steps of workshop participants after the consultation  
Group discussions n°13, plenary discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

**14:00 – 14:30 Group dynamics, evaluation and consultation closure**

14:00 – 14:30 Learning to improve our teamwork effectiveness

14:30 – 14:45 Evaluation of the consultation

14:45 – 15:00 Final remarks and closing