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European Joint Action on Cancer Screening

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JOINT STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

28 - 29 October 2026
Ministry of Health - Viale Giorgio Ribotta 5, ROME (Italy)

The conference is organised within the framework of the EUCanScreen Joint Action and brings together experts from the consortium alongside a broad range of external stakeholders, policy makers, healthcare professionals, and representatives of Member States.
As a key dissemination and networking event, the conference will provide an opportunity to share and discuss the main achievements and challenges encountered during the first half of the project.
By highlighting the value of sustainable, high-quality cancer screening programmes, the conference aims to raise awareness among political decision makers and Member State representatives, support evidence-informed policy development, and facilitate communication and cooperation at the European level.
Participants from both within and outside the EUCanScreen consortium are welcome to participate.

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DAY 1
28/10/2026 - (9:30 – 18:00)

Opening session moderated by ProMIS

Time	Session	Speaker
9:30 - 10:00	**REGISTRATION**	
10:00 - 10:40	**Opening of works and institutional welcomes**	***Sergio Iavicoli*** Italian Ministry of Health ***Giovanni Capelli*** Italian National Health Institute - ISS ***Simona Dei*** Institute for Cancer Research, Prevention and Clinical Network - ISPRO ***Giancarlo Ruscitti*** Veneto Region /ProMIS
10:40 - 10:55	**Introductory framework** Expected results & impact of EUCanScreen	***Marcis Leja*** University of Latvia
10:55 - 11:15	EUCanScreen's success stories and dissemination impact	***Apostolos Vantarakis*** University of Patras / 6th Health Region of Greece - DYPEDE
11:15 - 11:30	Italian's pilot project for developing a national EUCanScren social report	***Elisa Betti*** Institute for Cancer Research, Prevention and Oncology Network - ISPRO
11:30 - 11:50	EU4Health Cancer Portfolio - Implementation highlights	***Adrian Peres*** European Health and Digital Executive Agency - HaDEA
11:50 - 12:30	Panel Discussion, introduced by Marcis Leja, University of Latvia • How to bridge European and national cancer screening policies? • How to provide sustainable support to national screening programmes?	***Ivars Ijabs*** European Parliament, Stakeholder Network ***Giske Ursin*** Cancer Registry of Norway, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Governmental Advisory Board

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12:30 - 13:30	**LIGHT LUNCH**	
13:30 - 13:50	**Session 1:** **Sustainability, Implementation & Health System Integration** *moderated by **Eduardo Pisani*** *All.Can International*	
	Policy Priorities for advancing Sustainable Cancer Screening in Europe	***Matthias Schuppe*** DG SANTE European Commission
13:50 - 14:50	**Partner perspectives** • Principles of sustainability within EUCanScreen • Implementation models, scalability and sustainability • Cost-effectiveness modelling and prioritisation • Sustainability evaluation tools • Barrier assessment and toolkit • White book for new cancer screening programme implementation	***Urška Ivanuš*** Institute of Oncology Ljubljana ***Andre Carvalho*** International Agency for Research on Cancer - IARC ***Harry de Koning*** Erasmus University Medical Center - ERASMUS MC ***Kayo Togawa*** International Agency for Research on Cancer - IARC ***Mari Nygård*** Norwegian Institute of Public Health - NIPH ***Ildiko Horváth*** National Korányi Institute for Pulmonology, Hungary - NKIP
14:50 - 15:40	**Panel discussion**	***Rosario Andrea Cocchiara*** Italian Ministry of Health - National Focal Point ***Ivars Ijabs*** European Parliament ***Caroline Berchet*** Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - OECD
15:40 - 16:00	**COFFEE BREAK**	

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16:00 - 16:20	**Session 2:** **European Collaboration, Capacity Building & Equity** *moderated by **Norbert Traiteur (Couespel)*** *European Cancer Organisation*	
	Implementing innovations to improve cancer screening quality and access: lessons across Europe	***Dominika Bhatia*** European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies - OBS
16:20 - 17:00	**Partner perspectives** • Cross-border Collaboration and Twinning • Pan-European education and training achievements • Stakeholder engagement and knowledge transfer • Reducing inequalities in cancer screening	***Sirpa Heinävaara*** Cancer Society of Finland - CSF ***Daniela Coza*** The Oncology Institute "Prof. Dr. Ion Chiricuţă" Cluj-Napoca - IOCN ***Urška Ivanuš*** Institute of Oncology Ljubljana ***Mari Nygård*** Norwegian Institute of Public Health - NIPH
17:00 - 17:50	**Panel discussion**	***Salvatore Vaccarella*** International Agency for Research on Cancer - IARC ***Katie Rizvi*** Youth Cancer Europe - YCE ***Paulina Bravo*** Organisation of European Cancer Institutes - OECI
17:50 - 18:00	Conclusions and outlook for the following day	***Federica Rosin*** Programma Mattone Internazionale Salute - ProMIS
18:00 - 19:00	**NETWORKING COCKTAIL**	

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DAY 2
29/10/2026 - (8:30 – 13:30)

Time	Session	Speaker
8:30 - 9:00	**REGISTRATION**	
9:00 - 9:10	Introduction to the day	***Federica Rosin*** Programma Mattone Internazionale Salute - ProMIS
9:10 - 9:30	**Session 3:** **Data-based innovation & the Future of Personalised Screening** *moderated by **Marc Van Den Bulcke*** *Belgian Cancer Centre, Sciensano*	
	Digital Transformation and the Future of Cancer Screening in Europe	***Aleksandra Wesolowska*** DG CONNECT European Commission
9:30 - 10:30	**Partner perspectives** • Data harmonisation and interoperability • Digital tools and AI • The future of personalised screening • Integration between primary, secondary and tertiary prevention (risk-based approach) • Complementarity with EU cancer data initiatives • Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) in data sharing	***Tytti Sarkeala*** Cancer Society of Finland - CSF ***Benjamin Rasmussen*** Region Syddanmark ***Paolo Giorgi Rossi*** Azienda Unità Sanitaria Locale di Reggio Emilia - AUSL RE ***Béatrice Fervers*** Unicancer ***Carlo Senore*** Centre for Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention in Piedmont - CPO ***Apostolos Vantarakis*** University of Patras / 6th Health Region of Greece - DYPEDE
10:30 - 10:50	**COFFEE BREAK**	

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10:50 - 11: 50	**Panel discussion**	***Lucia Aboud*** Spanish Association against Cancer, ECL ***Agnieszka Kinsner-Ovaskainen*** Joint Research Centre ***Tomislav Sokol*** European Parliament
11:50 - 12:10	Cancer screening and equity: the experience of the Italian Programme for Health Equity (PNES)	***Giorgio Martinelli*** Italian Ministry of Health - National Programme for Health Equity (PNES)
12:10 - 12:30	**Conclusions** Take-home messages and next steps for EUCanScreen	***Paola Mantellini*** Institute for Cancer Research, Prevention and Oncology Network - ISPRO
12:30 - 13:30	**LIGHT LUNCH**	

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NOTES: The event will be held in a hybrid format and can be attended in person or online. Interpretation services from English to Italian will be provided.

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