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PROGRAM BOOKLET

EUCanScreen Joint Stakeholder Conference

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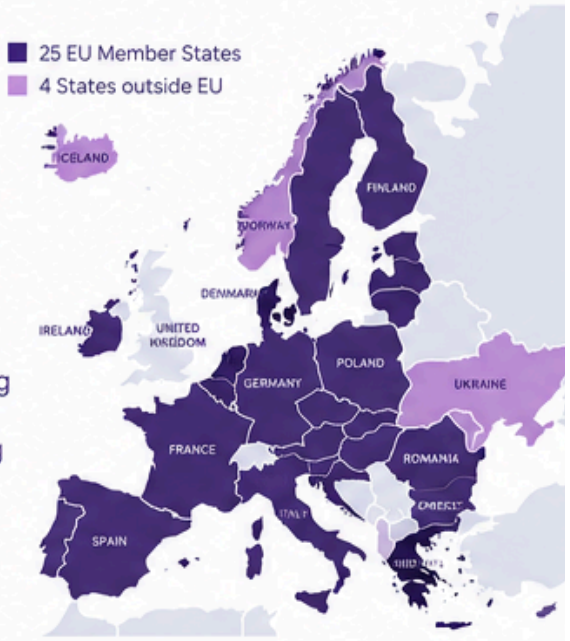
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Background

The Project

The EUCanScreen project is part of the European Beating Cancer Plan and aims to develop sustainable and high-quality cancer screening programmes across the European Union.



General Objective

The sustainable implementation of high-quality screening for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer as well as implementation of the recently recommended screening programmes – for lung, prostate and gastric cancers.

Specific Objectives

- Implement screening programmes for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers;
- Prepare implementation of screening programmes for lung, prostate and gastric cancers;
- Ensure proper programme governance and sustainability;
- Improve data collection and monitoring of screening programmes;
- Ensure equal access to screening programmes and reduce cancer inequalities;
- Ensure capacity building in cancer screening;
- Increase collaboration and coherence with related projects funded under EU Programmes.

The cancers covered

BREAST | CERVICAL | COLORECTAL

and prepare the implementation for:

LUNG | PROSTATE | GASTRIC

Partnership at a glance

29 Countries
(25 EU Member States, Ukraine, Moldova, Norway, Iceland)

29 Competent Authorities

61 Affiliated Partners

8 Associated Partners

Coordinator: University of Latvia | **Duration:** 48 months | **Budget:** € 38,749,935.32

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Conference Program

EUCanScreen Joint Stakeholder Conference

The EUCanScreen Joint Stakeholder Conference brings together consortium partners, representatives of European institutions and Member States, policymakers, healthcare professionals, researchers and patient organisations to exchange experiences and discuss the future of cancer screening in Europe. The conference provides an opportunity to showcase EUCanScreen's achievements, address key implementation challenges and explore ways to strengthen sustainable, high-quality and equitable cancer screening programmes. Through expert contributions and interactive discussions, the event aims also to foster European cooperation, support evidence-informed policymaking and promote more effective and accessible cancer screening across Europe.

DAY 1

28 October 2026 | 09:30–18:00

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
09:30–10:00	**REGISTRATION**	
10:00–10:40	Opening of works and institutional welcomes Moderated by ProMIS	**Maria Teresa Menzano** — Italian Ministry of Health **Giovanni Capelli** — ISS **Simona Dei** — 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 / DYPEDE
11:15–11:30	Italian pilot project for developing a national EUCanScreen social report	**Elisa Betti** — ISPRO
11:30–11:50	EU4Health Cancer Portfolio - Implementation highlights	**Adrian Peres** — 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
12:30–13:30	**LIGHT LUNCH**	

SESSION 1 — Sustainability, Implementation & Health System Integration Moderated by Eduardo Pisani — All.Can International		
13:30–13:50	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** — IARC **Harry de Koning** — Erasmus MC **Kayo Togawa** — IARC **Mari Nygård** — NIPH **Ildiko Horváth** — NKIP
14:50–15:40	Panel discussion	**Rosario Andrea Cocchiara** — Italian Ministry of Health **Ivars Ijabs** — European Parliament **Caroline Berchet** — OECD
15:40–16:00	**COFFEE BREAK**	

DAY 1 — AFTERNOON

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SESSION 2 — European Collaboration, Capacity Building & Equity Moderated by Norbert Traiteur — European Cancer Organisation		
16:00–16:20	Implementing innovations to improve cancer screening quality and access: lessons across Europe	**Dominika Bhatia** — European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
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 **Daniela Coza** — IOCN **Urška Ivanuš** — Institute of Oncology Ljubljana **Mari Nygård** — NIPH
17:00–17:50	Panel discussion	**Salvatore Vaccarella** — IARC **Katie Rizvi** — Youth Cancer Europe **Paulina Bravo** — OECI
17:50–18:00	Conclusions and outlook for the following day	**Federica Rosin** — ProMIS
18:00–19:00	**NETWORKING COCKTAIL**	

Program

DAY 2

29 October 2026 | 08:30–13:30

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
08:30–09:00	**REGISTRATION**	
09:00–09:10	Introduction to the day	**Federica Rosin** — ProMIS
SESSION 3 · Data-based Innovation & the Future of Personalised Screening *Moderator: Marc Van Den Bulcke — Sciensano*		
09:10–09:30	Digital Transformation and the Future of Cancer Screening in Europe	**Aleksandra Wesolowska** — DG CONNECT, European Commission
09:30–10:30	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 **Benjamin Rasmussen** — Region Syddanmark **Paolo Giorgi Rossi** — AUSL Reggio Emilia **Béatrice Fervers** — Unicancer **Carlo Senore** — CPO Piedmont **Apostolos Vantarakis** — University of Patras / DYPEDE
10:30–10:50	**COFFEE BREAK**	
10:50–11:50	Panel discussion	**Lucia Aboud** — Spanish Association against Cancer, ECL **Agnieszka Kinsner-Ovaskainen** — JRC **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 / PNES
12:10–12:30	Conclusions: Take-home messages and next steps for EUCanScreen	**Paola Mantellini** — ISPRO
12:30–13:30	**LIGHT LUNCH**	

SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

Bios



Sergio Iavicoli is Director-General for Prevention at the Italian Ministry of Health. A specialist in occupational medicine, he holds a PhD in Occupational Medicine and Industrial Toxicology. He previously headed the Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Epidemiology and Hygiene at INAIL. He also served as Director-General for Communication and European and International Relations at the Italian Ministry of Health. His expertise combines scientific research, public health and international cooperation. He has authored numerous scientific publications on disease prevention and occupational health.



Giovanni Capelli is Director of the National Centre for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CNaPPS) at the Italian National Institute of Health (ISS), a position he has held since 2022. He is a Full Professor of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, with extensive experience in public health research, epidemiology, disease prevention and health promotion. His professional activities include scientific research, academic teaching and institutional work supporting evidence-based public health policies and prevention strategies.



Simona Dei from 20 October 2023 to 25 June 2025, was Medical Director of the Central Tuscany Local Health Authority . From 26 June 2025 to the present, she has been appointed Director General of ISPRO (Regional Council Presidential Decree No. 105 of 25 June 2025). ISPRO is a Regional Health Service body with public legal status and organisational, administrative and accounting autonomy. The mission of the Institute, which has been working in the field of cancer prevention for over 40 years, is to “work together to understand, prevent and treat cancer”.Author of numerous publications in the health field, lecturer at numerous training events.

Lisa Leonardini



Mārcis Leja is a Professor of Medicine, Director of the Institute of Clinical and Preventive Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine and Lifesciences, University of Latvia. He serves as an external advisor to the Minister of Health of Latvia in oncology and cancer prevention. His special interest lies in the prevention and early detection of gastrointestinal cancers as well as cancer screening in general. He is the principal investigator of the population-based gastric cancer prevention study GISTAR (www.gistar.eu), scientific coordinator of EUCanScreen Joint Action on cancer screening (https://eucanscreen.eu/) and TOGAS Plus (www.togas.lu.lv) project on gastric cancer screening. He has published more than 220 research papers, 8 book chapters. HI=44. He is a Fellow of Latvian Academy of Sciences, Fellow of American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), and member of the European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study group (EHMG). The other areas of his research interests include novel diagnostic approaches for cancer, the role of microbiota in health and disease as well as the use of large data for prevention and early detection.



Apostolos Vantarakis was born in Patras, Greece. He received a B.Sc in Biology from University of Patras in 1990, M.Sc in Genetics and its Applications from University of Wales in 1991, U.K, Ph.D in Hygiene from University of Patras in 1998. His current position is Professor of Public Health and Director of the Department of Public Health, Epidemiology and Quality of Life, in Medical School. His research interests are in Public Health, Preventive medicine, Epidemiology, Health promotion and Health Education. He is the author of 8 books, >200 articles in journals and more than 250 conference papers. He has led and participated in more than 80 National and European projects as a scientific responsible. He is the Director of two Postgraduate programmes.



Elisa Betti is a social researcher at ARCO (Action Research for CO-development), based at PIN Foundation - University of Florence. She is specialized in health equity, access to healthcare services, social inequalities, qualitative and participatory research. She has experience in public health research, particularly in cancer screening, including projects aimed at improving access and participation among underserved populations. Her work combines quantitative and qualitative methods with co-creation approaches to inform the design and evaluation of more equitable and accessible health services. She holds a Master's degree in Social Policy and Social Research from University College London and a Master's degree in Sociology and Social Research.



Adrian Pereş is Head of the EU4Health Unit at the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA). He previously led the EU4Health Task Force at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), contributing to the development and implementation of the EU4Health Programme and its annual work programmes. He was involved in the preparation and adoption of the EU4Health Regulation and has experience in EU policy development, programme management and research and innovation. His earlier work at the European Commission covered energy efficiency, biodiversity research and agricultural science.



Ivars Ijabs is a Member of the European Parliament elected for a second term from Latvia. He represents the liberal, pro-European political group of the Parliament "Renew Europe" and is a vice-chair of The European Parliament's Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA). Mr IJABS actively participates in several Parliamentary Committees advocating for a stronger Europe, particularly regarding defence and security policy, as well as continuation of the work started in research and innovation. Before entering politics, Mr IJABS was a widely known political scientist, publicist, associate professor at the University of Latvia and a researcher at the Advanced Social and Political Research Institute of the University of Latvia; he holds a PhD in Political Science.



Giske Ursin MD, PhD is the director of the Cancer Registry of Norway, which is a Division in the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. She is also Professor II at the Department of Basic Medical Sciences at the University of Oslo, and Professor Emerita at the Department of Preventive Medicine, University of Southern California, USA. Dr. Ursin's research is in cancer epidemiology. Ursin serves on the Steering Committee of the European Network ofCancer Registries (ENCR) and coordinates the EU Joint Action CancerWatch.



Eduardo Pisani is the CEO of All.Can International, a global non-profit organization in the field of cancer policy, since 2020. He has contributed to advancing public policy discussions from a close vantage point, having over three decades of international experience in executive roles (namely in legal, public affairs and policy, market access) for global healthcare companies (in particular Baxter, BMS, MSD and UCB) and associations (IFPMA).Based in Brussels and Geneva for most of his professional life, he gained an in-depth knowledge of the functioning of the European Union and of international multilateral organisations, notably in the area of health and pharmaceutical policy and legislation. Eduardo has a degree in Law from the University of Catania, Italy, and is admitted to the Italian Bar. He has strategic advisory and Board roles with international and European organizations.



Matthias Schuppe works at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), focusing on European cancer policy and public health. His work supports cooperation across EU institutions and Member States in implementing Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and advancing sustainable cancer prevention and screening.



Urška Ivanuš is a public health physician with over 15 years' experience in leadership and research in organised, population-based cancer screening and cancer epidemiology. She chairs Slovenia's National Screening Committee and heads the Cervical Cancer Screening Programme and Registry ZORA at the Institute of Oncology Ljubljana. Within EUCanScreen, she leads WP4 on sustainability and Task 11.1 on leadership. Her work focuses on determinants of sustainable, equitable, high-quality and impactful cancer screening programmes in Slovenia and across Europe.



Andre Carvalho MD, PhD, MPH, is a scientist at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC/WHO), working on cancer prevention and early detection. His research addresses the translation of evidence into cancer control strategies and the implementation of effective screening approaches.



Harry de Koning is Professor of Public Health and Screening Evaluation and Deputy Head of the Department of Public Health at Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, the Netherlands. His research focuses on the design, implementation and evaluation of population-based screening programmes, particularly in cancer prevention and early detection. He has led major international screening trials, including the NELSON lung cancer screening trial, and contributed to landmark studies on breast and prostate cancer screening. His expertise includes health technology assessment, microsimulation modelling and cost-effectiveness analysis. His work has significantly influenced national and international screening policies, clinical guidelines and evidence-based public health decision-making.



Kayo Togawa works in the Early Detection, Prevention and Infections Branch at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC/WHO) in Lyon, France. Her current work focuses on knowledge translation, including the development of frameworks and tools, with particular interests in the governance and sustainability of screening programmes in a changing environment.



Mari Nygård MD, PhD, is a cancer epidemiologist at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. Her research focuses on HPV-related cancers, cervical cancer prevention and screening, and inequalities in access and participation. She contributes to EUCanScreen work on reducing barriers to screening.



Ildiko Horváth MD, PhD, is a specialist in respiratory medicine and public health affiliated with the National Korányi Institute for Pulmonology in Hungary. Her work includes respiratory disease prevention, lung health policy and the development and implementation of lung cancer screening.



Rosario Andrea Cocchiara is a Public Health Physician with a PhD in Infectious Diseases, Microbiology and Public Health from Sapienza University of Rome. He worked in Health Management at San Camillo-Forlanini Hospital in Rome, where he also led COVID-19 vaccination centres. He then worked in the Health Management at the Rome 2 Local Health Authority. In 2024 he joined the Italian Ministry of Health, where he helped build the National Health Prevention Hub. He now directs the Health Research Office at the Department of Prevention, Research and Health Emergencies. He is Italy's National Focal Point for EU4Health and sits on its Programme Committee and Steering Group at the European Commission.



Caroline Berchet (PhD) is a health economist at the OECD Health Division, working on a broad variety of topics related to both data and policy analysis. Her work on data focuses on the health system performance assessment framework and how to improve the current health information system. On the policy side, Caroline manages the OECD work on cancer care for the European Cancer Inequalities Registry, and has also been working on quality and health care policies, and on health system efficiency across OECD countries.



Norbert Traiteur works as Policy Research and EU Projects Manager at the European Cancer Organisation (ECO), a pan-European non-profit federation of professional societies and patient groups working in cancer at a European level. In his role, he is part of the management of the organisation, developing and implementing strategic directions of its activities. His expertise focuses on knowledge brokering and translating data into action in cancer policy change at European and national level, designing and leading innovative projects in policy analysis, advocacy and implementation. This includes his current leadership of the European Cancer Pulse, Policy Indexes on Cancer Screening and Women and Cancer, the ECO series of country visits and policy activities within 20+ EU-funded projects part of the delivery of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the EU Cancer Mission. He is the (co)author of over 40 publications in the grey and academic literature, including the European Parliament and Lancet Oncology. He holds degrees in biology, immunology and bioinformatics from the Ecole Normale Supérieure and the Pasteur Institute, and has previously worked as a researcher in biomedical institutes in France and Australia.



Dominika Bhatia is the lead author of the recent European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies policy brief, titled Innovations in population-based cancer screening programmes: Key considerations for effective implementation. Her background is in epidemiology and health services research, with a particular interest and expertise in chronic disease preventive services and evidence implementation in public health. Dr. Bhatia is currently a Research Fellow and Methodologist at the University of Galway, Ireland, and has previously worked with the WHO Department of NCDs and health research centers across Ireland and Canada.



Sirpa Heinävaara is an epidemiologist and research director at the Finnish Cancer Registry. She has worked for several years on the evaluation of cancer screening programs in Finland. She was also involved in launching an organized colon cancer screening pilot project and program starting in 2019.



Daniela Coza is a medical doctor and epidemiologist at the Oncology Institute "Prof. Dr. Ion Chiricuță" in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Her professional experience focuses on cancer epidemiology, cancer registration, prevention and screening programmes. She has contributed to initiatives aimed at strengthening organised cancer screening in Romania, including activities related to breast cancer screening implementation and professional capacity building. Her work combines epidemiological expertise with practical experience in cancer prevention and screening programme development.



Salvatore Vaccarella is An epidemiologist and biostatistician working at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC/WHO). His work focuses on cancer epidemiology, with a particular interest in describing, understanding and characterising social and gender inequalities in cancer, within the broader context of epidemiological transitions and global cancer trends. He is also interested in examining inefficiencies and potential risks associated with low-value healthcare, including overdiagnosis and overtreatment.



Katie Rizvi is Executive Director and Co-Founder of Youth Cancer Europe (YCE). Her work centres on meaningful youth participation in cancer research, care and policy, with a particular focus on equity and adolescent and young adult cancer. YCE works to ensure young people have the opportunities and platforms to shape decisions that affect them across Europe. Katie is also Coordinator of YARN, the European Youth Cancer Network.



Paulina Bravo PhD, MHA, is Director of Patient Education and Involvement at Fundación Arturo López Pérez (FALP), Chile. She chairs the OECI Working Group for Patients and serves on the OECI Accreditation and Designation Board. She is Secretary of the International Shared Decision Making Society (ISDMS). Her work focuses on patient and public involvement, shared decision making, health literacy, and person-centred cancer care. She leads national and international initiatives to strengthen patient participation and equity in healthcare.



Federica Rosin has a background in humanities, historical studies and archival science, with more than two decades of experience in the public healthcare sector, working in ICT services, healthcare professional training and European project management. She currently collaborates with ProMIS, supporting health policy development and European project design and implementation. Her work also focuses on healthcare professional training and project management, with a strong commitment to fostering collaboration and innovation in public health.



Marc Van Den Bulcke holds a PhD in Sciences from Ghent University and has extensive experience in biotechnology, regulatory affairs and public health. Since 2013, he has headed the Cancer Centre at Sciensano, Belgium, overseeing the monitoring and evaluation of national cancer control policies. His work focuses on personalised oncology, molecular diagnostics, cancer screening, early detection and patient-centred care. He has contributed to integrating genomic technologies into cancer care and strengthening evidence-based policymaking. He is actively involved in European cancer initiatives, including EU Joint Actions and Horizon 2020 research projects.



Aleksandra Wesolowska serves as a Programme Officer within the "e-Health, Well-being and Ageing" unit (CNECT A6) at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT). Her work focusing on digital transformation directly drives key flags under Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, notably pushing for the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and federated data infrastructures into oncology and clinical workflows.



Tytti Sarkeala is Director of Screening at the Finnish Cancer Registry and Adjunct Professor of Cancer Epidemiology at Tampere University. She leads WP5 (Monitoring) and Task 8.5 (Piloting Lung Cancer Screening) in the EUCanScreen Joint Action. Dr. Sarkeala is responsible for the registration and evaluation of Finland's national cancer screening programmes and contributes to national screening policy and quality assurance through several expert committees.



Benjamin Rasmussen is a Senior Registrar at Odense University Hospital and an Associate Professor at the University of Southern Denmark. His research focuses on the development, evaluation and clinical implementation of innovative health technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, with a strong emphasis on ethical and regulatory aspects. He serves on several scientific and advisory boards, including the Science Ethics Medical Committees and the RAIN network. He has contributed to major AI initiatives, including the MAGIC project on breast cancer diagnostics and the MAS-AI model for evaluating the value of AI in healthcare.



Paolo Giorgi Rossi is a public health researcher and epidemiologist at the Local Health Authority of Reggio Emilia (AUSL RE), Italy. His work includes evaluation of cancer screening programmes, evidence-based prevention and risk-stratified screening.



Béatrice Fervers is an Associate Professor and Head of the Cancer and Environment Department at Centre Léon Bérard in Lyon, France. She specialises in cancer prevention and evidence-based clinical practice and is associated with Unicancer, the French network of comprehensive cancer centres. Her work focuses on cancer risk factors, risk-based prevention and screening strategies, as well as the integration of preventive approaches into cancer care. Her research aims to strengthen evidence-based prevention and improve cancer prevention strategies across the continuum of care.



Carlo Senore Director, Piedmont Region cancer screening program. Extensive experience in screening monitoring and evaluation. Ongoing collaboration in several EU projects aimed to support monitoring and implementation of population-based screening programs. Task leader in 3 WPs in EUCanscreen
Research focus on comparative effectiveness of different CRC screening strategies, on the assessment of the role of new screening technologies as well as of faecal and blood biomarkers in the development of adenomas and CRC. Member of the working groups of the EU Commission initiatives on colorectal (ECICC) and Lung (ECLuC) cancer Chair-elect ICSN



Lucia Aboud has been Director of Public Affairs at the Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC) since 2023. She has extensive experience in public affairs, strategic communications, and government relations, including serving as Argentina's Secretary of State for Political and Parliamentary Relations. She is also an Associate Professor at Universidad Carlos III of Madrid and a Board Member of the European Cancer Leagues (ECL).



Agnieszka Kinsner-Ovaskainen is a team leader in the Healthcare Quality Team at the European Commission Joint Research Centre, within the Directorate for Health and Food. Agnieszka graduated as a medical doctor from the Medical University of Warsaw, Poland, and obtained her PhD in Life Sciences from University of Konstanz, Germany. She also holds a Master in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK. She currently works in the team coordinating the European Commission initiatives on cancer screening and care, tackling the six most prevalent cancer sites. In particular, she is coordinating two new EC initiatives on lung and prostate cancer. By developing evidence-based guidelines for screening and diagnosis of cancer, as well as voluntary quality assurance schemes for cancer services, the EC initiatives on cancer aim to provide essential levels of quality care equally accessible across Europe.



Tomislav Sokol has been an MEP since 2019, representing Croatia. He is a member of the Croatian Democratic Union party and the European People's Party (EPP) in the European Parliament. Currently, Sokol is Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and a member of the Subcommittee on Public Health (SANT). In the Parliament, Sokol is closely involved in negotiations on health policy and the EU's internal market. He is rapporteur on the European Health Data Space regulation and has fought to reduce healthcare disparities and enhance cross-border health cooperation across EU member states. He is also a member of the MEPs Against Cancer Group.



Giorgio Martinelli serves as Director of the Department of Health Planning, Medical Devices, Pharmaceuticals and Policies for the National Health Service at the Italian Ministry of Health. He has also served as Managing Authority of the National Programme for Health Equity 2021–2027 (PNES), overseeing initiatives aimed at reducing health inequalities, particularly in Southern Italy. Throughout his career, he has developed extensive expertise in healthcare governance, strategic planning, programme management and institutional capacity building.



Paola Mantellini is a Medical Director and Head of the Screening and Secondary Prevention Unit at ISPRO Toscana. She coordinates and manages organised cancer screening programmes for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer, with particular attention to the quality of prevention and early-detection pathways. As the Tuscany regional representative at the Italian National Screening Observatory, she has acquired extensive experience in cancer prevention and in the organisation of screening programmes at both regional and national levels.