

WP4 kick-off: Sustainability in cancer screening

9.–11. March 2026, Bled, Slovenia

Meeting venue: [Hotel Park](#), Bled, Slovenia

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Preliminary program

Day 1: Monday, 9 March 2026

14:00 – 18:15

		Welcome	
14:00–14:15	15 min	Welcome and role of WP4 in EUCanScreen project	<i>Urška Ivanuš Andre Carvalho Mārcis Leja</i>
		Mini-Talks	
14:15–14:30	15 min	Introduction to the EUCanScreen WP4: from idea to project proposal	<i>Urška Ivanuš</i>
14:30–14:45	15 min	Organized, population-based cancer screening in Europe	<i>Andre Carvalho</i>
14:45–15:00	15 min	The quality of cancer screening in Europe	<i>Carlo Senore</i>
15:00–15:15	15 min	The cost-effectiveness of cancer screening in Europe	<i>Iris Lansdorp-Vogelaar</i>
15:15–15:30	15 min	The bridge between cancer screening trials and the successful implementation of cancer screening programs	<i>Harry de Koning</i>
15:30–15:50	20 min	Coffee break	
15:50–16:10	20 min	Introduction to the Targeted Support Mechanism (TSM) and the leading team: from project proposal into practice	<i>Sirpa Heinävaara</i>
16:10–16:35	25 min	Icebreaker	
		Poster session – Target countries Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine	
16:35–18:05	90 min	Target countries' poster presentations with the description of cancer screening governance and sustainability as well as answers to guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the most urgent barrier in your country's cancer screening program? • Where do you see the biggest opportunity for EU-level support, and what are your top priority areas for TSM? • What are you already doing well that others could learn from? 	
18:05–18:15	10 min	Wrap-up of the first day	<i>Andre Carvalho Urška Ivanuš Sirpa Heinävaara</i>
19:00–21:00		Dinner at Hotel Park (tables reserved)	

Day 2: Tuesday, 10 March 2026

9:00–16:05

09:00–09:10	10 min	Good morning	<i>Carlo Senore James Scully</i>
		Mini-Talks (1)	
9:10–9:25	15 min	What makes a screening program unsustainable? (4.1)	<i>Paolo Giorgi Rossi</i>
9:25–9:40	15 min	How can one measure sustainability in cancer screening? (4.1)	<i>Kayo Togawa</i>
9:40–9:55	15 min	Models of cancer screening program governance (4.2)	<i>Sirpa Heinävaara</i>
9:55–10:15	20 min	WP4 consolidated and WP5 surveys preliminary results, including results of target and supporting countries	<i>Carlo Senore Jad Abuhamed</i>
10:15–10:30	15 min	Discussion	
10:30–10:50	20 min	Coffee break	
		Poster session – Supporting partners <i>Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden</i>	
10:50–12:00	70 min	Supporting countries' poster presentations with the description of cancer screening governance and sustainability as well as answers to guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the most urgent barrier in your country's cancer screening program? • Where do you see the biggest opportunity for EU-level support? • What are you already doing well that others could learn from, and what are your top priority areas for TSM? 	
12:00–13:00	60 min	Lunch at Hotel Park (tables reserved)	
		Mini-Talks (2)	
13:00–13:25	25 min	Barrier assessment preliminary results, including results of target and supporting countries (4.3, 6.1) (Discussion, 10 min)	<i>Silvia Deandrea Kayo Togawa</i>
13:25–13:40	15 min	How can modelling help the sustainable implementation, operation and development of cancer screening programs? (WP10 and WP4)	<i>Iris Lansdorp-Vogelaar</i>
13:40–13:55	15 min	How to prioritize and support the sustainable implementation, operation and development of cancer screening programs?	<i>Harry de Koning Carlo Senore</i>
13:55–14:20	25 min	Coffee break	
		Prioritization Workshop (4.4)	<i>Carlo Senore Harry de Koning</i>
14:20–15:30	70 min	Breakout group prioritization exercise	
15:30–15:50	20 min	Plenary session: groups report back on the exercise	
15:50–16:05	15 min	Wrap-up of the second day	<i>Andre Carvalho Urška Ivanuš Sirpa Heinävaara</i>
19:00–21:00		Dinner at the nearby restaurant	

Day 3: Wednesday, 11 March 2026

9:00–12:30

09:00–09:05	5 min	Good morning	<i>Sirpa Heinävaara Iris Lansdorp-Vogelaar</i>
		Reflections and takeaways	
09:05–10:05	60 min	Alignment of expectations of target and supporting countries	<i>Andre Carvalho Urška Ivanuš Sirpa Heinävaara</i>
10:05–10:20	15 min	Engaging the Governmental Advisory Board in TSM (4.5)	<i>Trude Andreassen Arianna Khatchadourian</i>
10:20–10:35	15 min	Wrap-up of WP4 kick-off and feedback	<i>Andre Carvalho Urška Ivanuš Sirpa Heinävaara</i>
10:35–11:00	20 min	Coffee break	
11:00–12:30	90 min	Planning the next steps and matching (closed meeting)	
12:30–13:30	60 min	Lunch at Hotel Park (tables reserved)	