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Pan-European Education and Training Achievements

Building a Sustainable Workforce for High-Quality Cancer Screening Across Europe

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Why Education and Training Matter

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Workforce capacity is the link between screening policy and screening quality

1 Unequal access

Screening coverage and quality still vary widely between and within countries.

2 Variable competencies

Training pathways, standards and certification differ across Member States.

3 New programmes

Lung, prostate and gastric screening need new skills, teams and pathways.

4 Rising complexity

Quality assurance, audit and risk-based screening demand continuous learning.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Investing in people is essential for implementing sustainable, high-quality cancer screening programmes across Europe.

Council Recommendation on cancer screening (2022): breast, cervical, colorectal + stepwise lung, prostate, gastric

A European Capacity-Building Landscape

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Since Europe's Beating Cancer Plan (2021), EU projects have built training capacity along the cancer pathway

1 Common curricula

INTERACT-EUROPE

European inter-specialty curriculum: surgical, medical and radiation oncology, cancer nursing

JANE-2

Shared competencies and educational resources for Networks of Expertise

2 Training at scale

INTERACT-EUROPE 100

Curriculum roll-out through local trainers in 100+ cancer centres, 27 countries

DigiCanTrain / TRANSiTION

Digital-skills modules; DigiCanTrain reached 794 professionals in 6 countries

PROTECT-EUROPE

Online and train-the-trainer education on HPV vaccination

3 Institutional capacity

CCI4EU

Tailored 'deep dives' and 200+ validated resources for 27 MS and 6 associated countries

EUnetCCC

Capacity building and a European certification framework for cancer centres

CancerWatch JA

Registry support and data skills via a European Cancer Registry Hub

4 Screening-specific

PRAISE-U

Online prostate screening training toolbox with the European School of Urology

SOLACE

Lung screening implementation pilots in 12 countries, 37 partners

TOGAS

Gastric cancer screening pilots and implementation learning

The gap WP11 fills: structured, hands-on and accredited training for the cancer screening workforce

Sources: project websites and EC EU4Health project pages (INTERACT-EUROPE 100, DigiCanTrain, CCI4EU, PRAISE-U, SOLACE, TOGAS), accessed Oct 2026

What WP11 Adds

A screening-specific learning ecosystem that complements other EU initiatives

1 Leadership framework

Competency framework for screening leaders, built by rapid review and Delphi consensus

2 Harmonised curricula

Colonoscopy, upper GI endoscopy, colposcopy, LDCT, mammography, new approaches

3 Train-the-Trainer

Multiplier model in colorectal, cervical and breast screening

4 Regional Training Centres

Hubs for LDCT (Hungary) and mammography (Latvia, Denmark)

5 Accreditation

EACCME-accredited courses and certification pathways

6 WHO Academy

Accredited e-learning, open to professionals in every country

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYNERGY

PRAISE-U
prostate content for new screening approaches (T11.2)

SOLACE
LDCT quality training and the LDCT centre (T11.6, T11.2)

TOGAS
gastric pathways and upper GI endoscopy (T11.4, T11.2)

INTERACT-EUROPE 100
train-the-trainer methods and evaluation

CCI4EU / EUnetCCC
institutional uptake in cancer centres

The WP11 Capacity-Building Ecosystem

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From European expertise to stronger national screening programmes

1 Leadership

Equip screening leaders to plan and sustain organised programmes

T11.1

2 Specialist Training

Clinical education in colonoscopy, upper GI, cervical, LDCT, mammography

T11.2–T11.7

3 Regional Training Centres

Hands-on hubs with reusable teaching resources

LDCT · Mammography

4 WHO Academy eLearning

Online modules beyond in-person courses

Digital delivery

5 Train-the-Trainer

Specialists teach and supervise at home

Multiplier effect

6 Quality Assurance / Audit

Assessment, peer review and audit of screening quality

Feedback loop

7 National Implementation

Skills adapted to national pathways and needs

Local uptake

Capacity-building logic

European learning becomes local expertise through trainers, centres and quality review.

WP11 at a Glance

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A pan-European programme designed for scale and equitable access

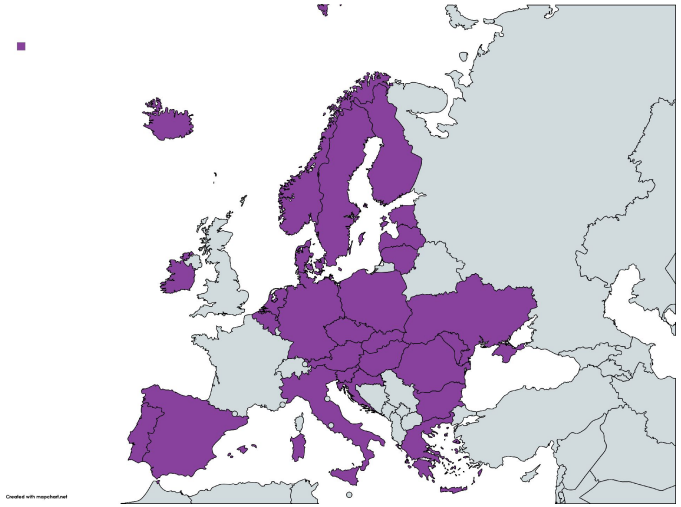
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institutions	countries	training programmes	Regional Training Centres	target trainees F2F & blended	online learners open access

Delivery formats

19	face-to-face courses
9	blended courses
3	tasks with online learning

Equitable selection of participants

- ✓ EU Member States and EUCanScreen countries
- ✓ Level of expertise and role in own organisation
- ✓ Proximity to the course venue to reduce costs
- ✓ Balanced participation across all countries
- ✓ Active promotion through national partners



Countries participating in EUCanScreen

Achievements and Emerging Impact

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Outputs are already turning into skills, networks and quality standards

61 **Leadership & governance**

participants at the leadership kick-off (26 Aug 2026); WHO CC Maastricht and ECL engaged

→ **New competencies for programme leaders**

209 **High-quality training**

graduates from 4 programmes with harmonised European curricula

→ **Specialised, practical skills, train-the-trainer models**

2 **Regional capacity**

Regional Training Centres (LDCT, mammography) plus Train-the-Trainer models

→ **Long-term national capacity**

389 **Digital learning**

learners registered on accredited WHO Academy courses

→ **Access beyond the project lifetime**

3 **Quality assurance**

programmes with EACCME-accredited courses; audit methods and certification pathways

→ **Consistent, high-quality practice**

36 **European collaboration**

institutions in 20 countries, clinicians, managers and public-health experts

→ **Faster adoption of best practice**

WP11 provides the competencies and educational infrastructure to implement the Council Recommendation on cancer screening

Seven Specialised Training Programmes

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One leadership track, five clinical domains and a track on new screening approaches

T11.1

Leadership in cancer screening

OIL Slovenia, IARC, ECL, FCS

Leadership

T11.2

Education and certification for new screening approaches

HCL France

Specialist · e-learning

T11.3

Training and audit of colonoscopy

MSCI Poland, SPKC Latvia

Train-the-Trainer · audit

T11.4

Training and audit of upper GI endoscopy

IPO Portugal

Specialist · blended

T11.5

Cervical screening specialist training

NIPH Norway

Train-the-Trainer · blended

T11.6

LDCT quality training and audit

NKIP Hungary

Regional Training Centre

T11.7

Regional mammography training centre

LU Latvia, RSYD Denmark

Regional Training Centre

DELIVERY MIX

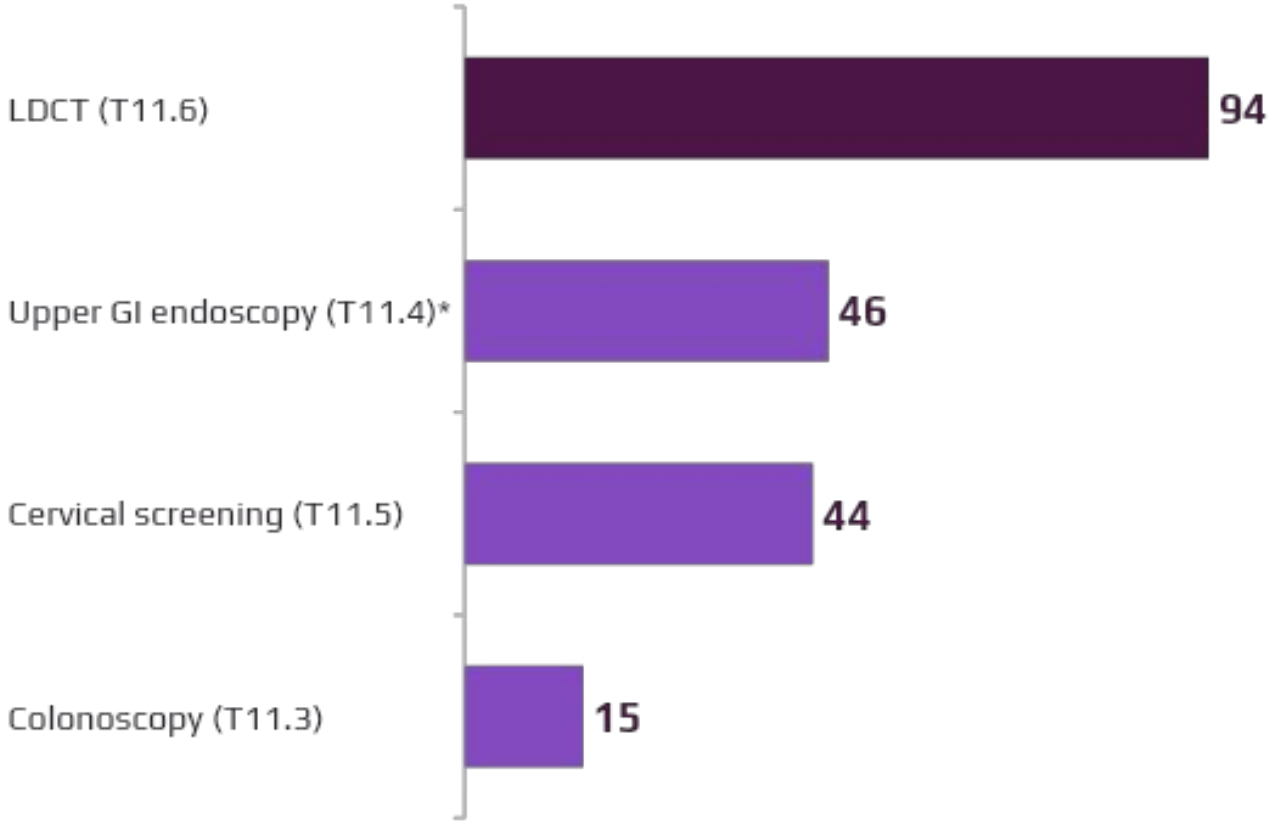
19 face-to-face

9 blended

3 online tracks

Achievements: Face-to-Face & Blended

Hands-on courses are running across Europe, from Oslo to Florence



209

graduates to date in face-to-face and blended courses

LDCT Budapest · Florence · Kaunas	**9 courses**
Cervical Oslo · Riga · Ljubljana	**3 courses**
Colonoscopy Oslo · Warsaw	**2 courses**

* Two blended editions of 23 participants; final tests Sept and Dec 2026

Achievements: Digital Learning

Online learning extends WP11 beyond the classroom, and beyond the project

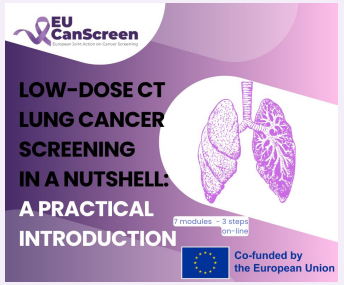


WHO ACADEMY · T11.6 self-paced LDCT course

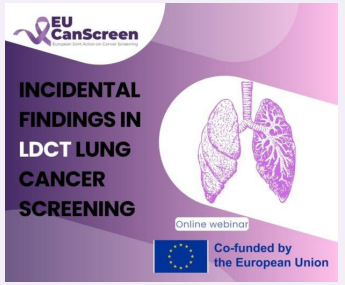
389 registered

68 completed

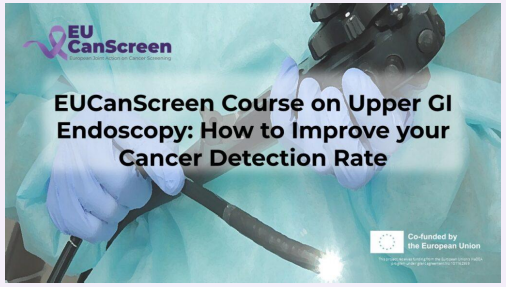
Accredited · open to professionals in all countries



T11.6 Self-paced course: LDCT in a nutshell



T11.6 Expert webinars · 30 participants



T11.4 Asynchronous and synchronous webinars



T11.5 Online courses for colposcopy trainers

Also: T11.2 flowcharts and e-learning on new screening approaches

Where We Are Going Next

From first cohorts to a consolidated European training system by 2028

Autumn 2026

First draft of the audit methodology

T11.5, T11.6

Dec 2026

Final test, second upper GI edition

T11.4

2026–2027

Remaining specialist and Train-the-Trainer courses: 363 participants

T11.3,T11.4, T11.5, T11.7

Autumn 2027

Leadership programme, Lyon 100 participants

T11.1

April 2028

Leadership programme, Slovenia 120 participants

T11.1

Leadership

Rapid review and Delphi consensus for a leadership competency framework; self-paced learning and webinars

Regional centres

Consolidate the LDCT and mammography centres as centres of excellence and mentors for national programmes

Digital learning

Expand courses on the WHO Academy and the EUCanScreen Learning Platform for continuous development

Target: 209 graduates today + 363 planned = 572 trainees in face-to-face and blended courses

Sustainability

Six mechanisms carry WP11 training into routine national practice

Regional Training Centres

Practical facilities and specialist faculty for future cohorts

Continuous education

Content refreshed as evidence, guidelines and technology evolve

Competency framework

Shared skills, learning objectives and assessment

REPLICATION

in national screening programmes

WHO Academy platform

Online modules accessible across countries

Certification

Recognition of assessed professional competence

National trainers

Local experts adapt and deliver courses at home

Key Messages

One European learning ecosystem for the cancer screening workforce

01

Education

drives implementation

02

Leadership

drives change

03

Training

drives quality

04

Quality

drives better outcomes

Building Europe's future cancer screening workforce: better screening, better lives.

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