The EUCanScreen Toolkit for Identifying and Addressing Barriers

Supporting Equitable and Effective Cancer Screening Implementation Across Europe

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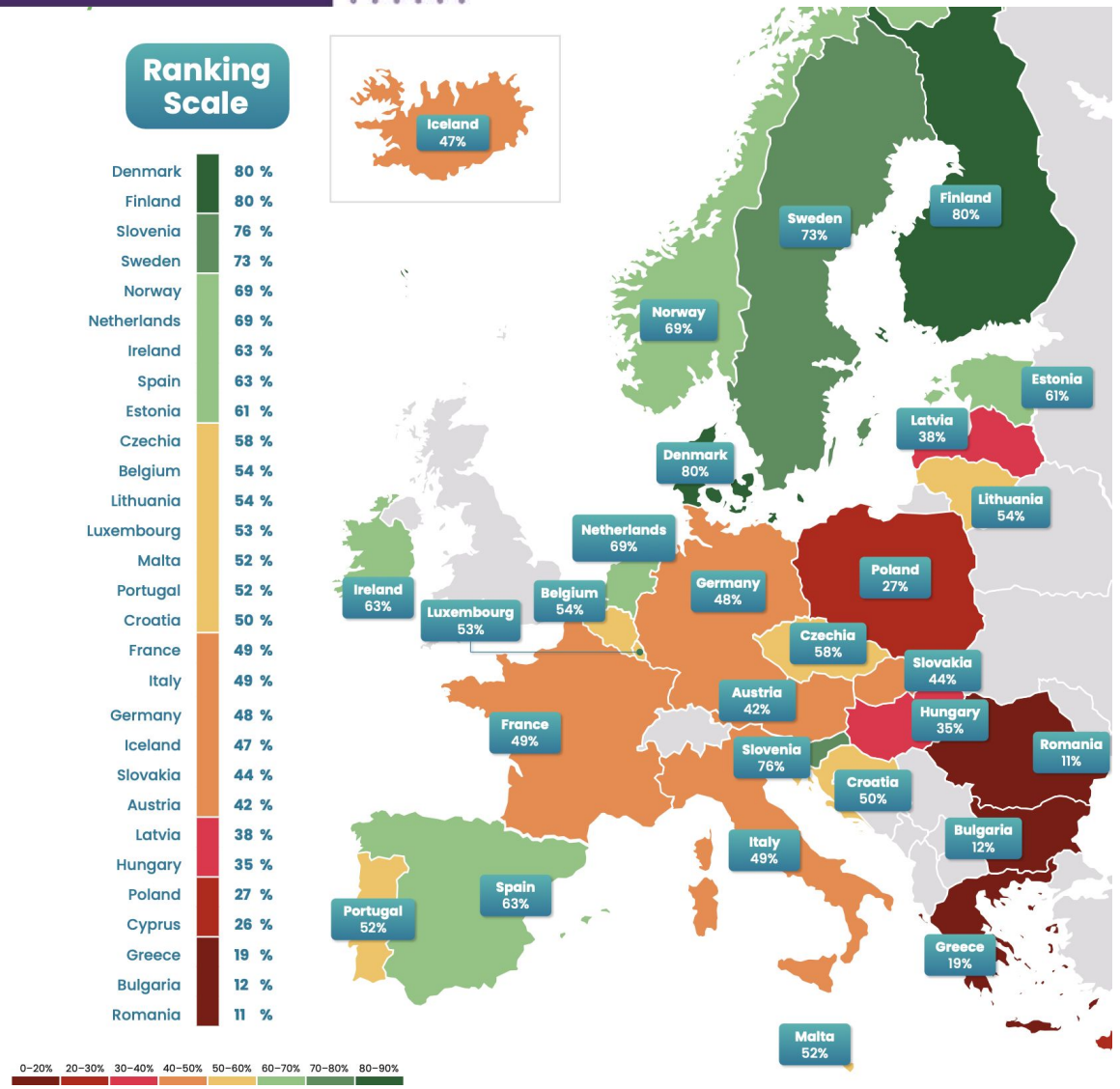
Moving Beyond Income, Education and Geography

European Cancer Screening Policy Index, May 2026 published a benchmarking tool tracking implementation and performance of cancer screening policies across Europe

Large disparities persist between and within countries: equity focuse is on: income, education, geography

EUCanScreen WP6 extends the equity lens

- Individual, social and structural barriers to participation
- People with intellectual disabilities
- Gender-diverse populations
- Migrants and ethnic minorities



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toolkit vs webpage

Toolkit → practical implementation resources

Webpage → overview and communication

Internet page

Mainly informational

Often linear text

Limited interaction

Harder to apply

Digital toolkit

Practical and actionable

Structured modules

Interactive tools

Designed for implementation

Screening programme leaders need evidence-based, practical, and accessible tools that can be adapted to local contexts and help bridge the gap between research and practice

From Barriers to Action: Two Key WP6 Deliverables

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System Barriers

WP4



6.1
Focus on Eastern and Central Europe

6.2
System barriers

Individual Barriers



6.3
Individual barriers

Health Literacy & Communication

WP7



6.7
Health literacy

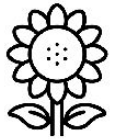


6.8
Information intervention

Vulnerable Groups



6.4
Migrant population



6.5
Intellectual disabilities



6.6
Gender minorities



Report with assessment of barriers and facilitators



Toolkit of best practice communication

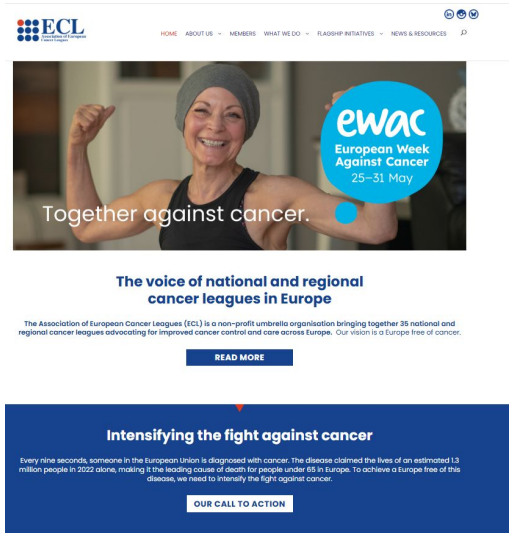
The European Cancer League - host for the toolkit

WHY ECL

- Strong European network with diverse stakeholders
- Dissemination through 35 cancer leagues
- Recognised and trusted organisation, including in cancer prevention
- Ensures the toolkit's sustainability beyond 2028
- Long-term microsite hosting after EUCanScreen (5 years)

THE MICROSITE

- Connects to ECL's website domain, www.cancer.eu
- Operates as an independent microsite
- Maintains consistent EUCanScreen branding



From evidence to action: Learn, assess and adapt

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LEARN

Understand the context

Explore the evidence behind screening barriers, facilitators, uptake and inequities.

ASSESS

Identify strengths and gaps

Use self-assessment to understand where a programme or practice works and where it needs attention.

ADAPT

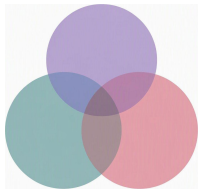
Tailor the response

Turn the insights into screening approaches, communication and materials suited to different needs and target audiences.

European map



Venn diagram



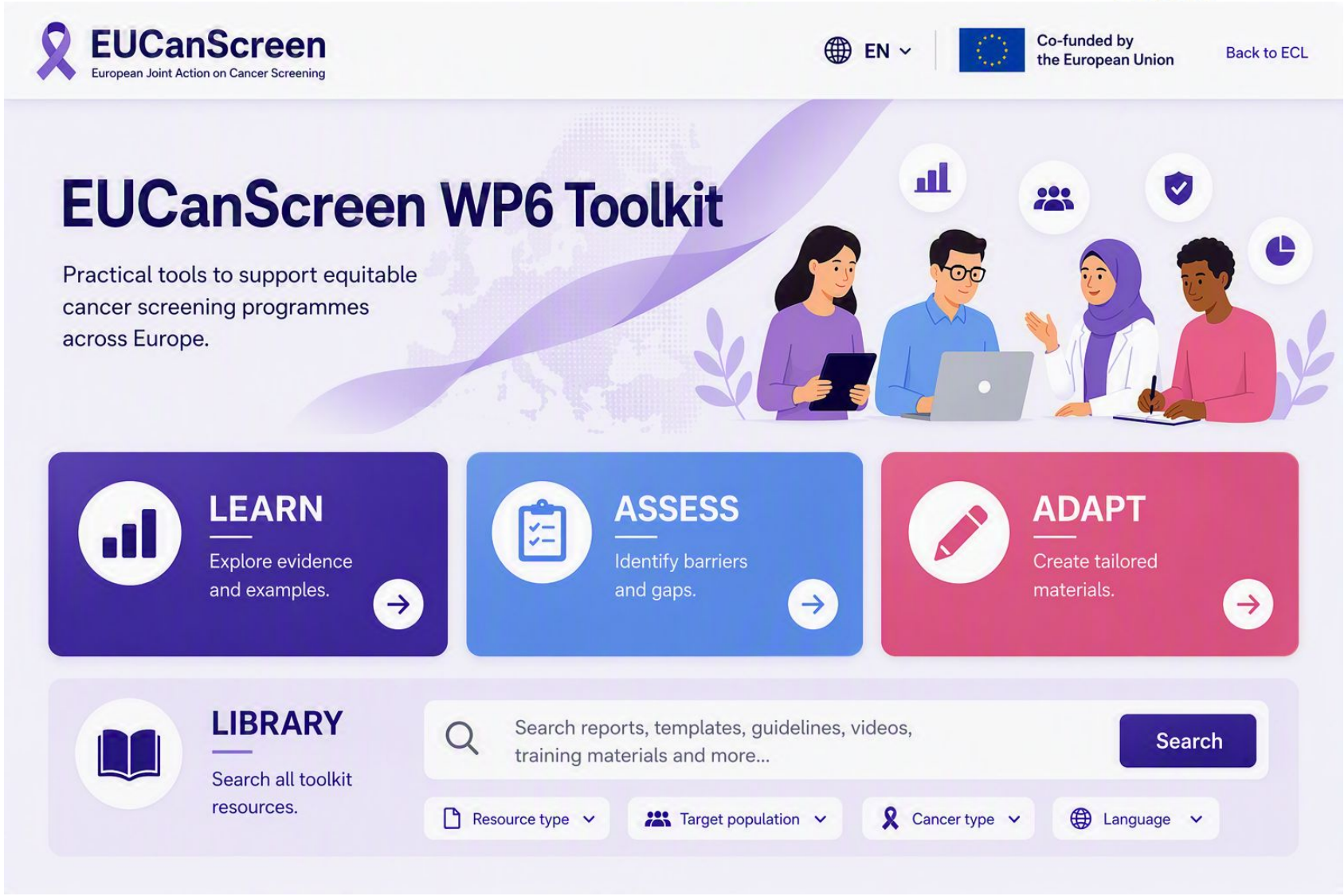
Equity checklist tool



Information material template tool



Bringing the WP6 Toolkit to life



How can the Toolkit contribute to reducing inequities?

- Make system barriers affecting underserved groups more visible.
- Help programmes identify solutions to system barriers.
- Support accessible, inclusive screening communication.
- Strengthen professionals' capacity to deliver more inclusive programmes.
- Share learnings and research across countries and settings.
- Support equitable access and informed participation.

Contributing to reducing inequities in prevention and screening

Concluding remarks

- Evidence needs effective implementation to achieve impact.
- Identify who is underserved and what prevents access.
- Adapt programmes and communication to local needs.
- Equip professionals with practical tools and skills.
- Support informed decisions and meaningful community involvement.
- Measure success by who is reached, who benefits, and who is still excluded.

Equity does not emerge by accident; it needs to be designed into systems.

Thank you

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