

COCIR Statement

Strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer – towards a comprehensive and coordinated strategy

COCIR welcomes the adoption of the BECA own initiative report on the fight against cancer by the European Parliament in its plenary vote on 16 February 2022.

Early detection of cancer and the implementation of effective screening programmes are two of the main aspects to reduce the burden of cancer in society. COCIR and its members are delighted to see the resounding call by the European Parliament's [report \(2020/2267\(INI\)\) \[P9_TA\(2022\)0038\]](#) to create the necessary investments & scientific guidelines to further improve early detection capability and screening recommendations to a broader range of cancers. We welcome the European Parliament's suggestion to include lung and prostate cancer screenings in the updated and extended version of the 2003 Council Recommendation on cancer screening, considering the latest scientific evidence supported by Artificial Intelligence-enabled technologies.

In addition, we support the European Parliament recommendations to target investment to effectively developed and interoperable Electronic Health Records, digital health solutions for continued cancer out-patient care, as well as multi-sectoral synergies in research and innovation to improve early detection and personalised cancer treatment.

COCIR, the European Trade Association representing the medical imaging, radiotherapy, health ICT and electromedical industries, and its members are striving to provide new innovative solutions to meet evolving patient and clinical needs, with the objective that patients can benefit from personalised care, and sustainable outcomes. To this end, COCIR will continue to provide our full support to the efforts to strengthen Europe in the fight against cancer.



Background

For further information regarding the COCIR activities on cancer, you can consult the following list of documents:

1. Contribution to EU Public Consultations

In 2022, COCIR responded to the EC Call for evidence regarding the update and possible extension of the 2003 Council Recommendation on cancer screening [[9 February 2022](#)] in the context of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan.

COCIR contributed to Europe's Beating Cancer Plan stakeholder consultation on the Roadmap [[2 March 2020](#)] and the public consultation [[20 May 2020](#)] and via the dedicated focus group interview European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies on Europe's Beating Cancer Plan.

COCIR contributed to the dialogue with EU policy makers:

- stakeholder consultation on the Roadmap of the Europe' Beating Cancer Plan [[2 March 2020](#)],
- public consultation of the Europe' Beating Cancer Plan [[20 May 2020](#)],

2. COCIR Publications on Cancer

[1] On 2nd July 2020, we published the [COCIR Position Paper on Cancer](#) entitled: 'Enhancing Value in Cancer Prevention and Care: Industry Perspectives and Recommendations'. The Paper reflects the structure of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and puts forward recommendations covering each phase of the cancer care continuum individually.

[2] 'The Life Savers: The value of medical and digital health technology in breast cancer care', is the 2019 [COCIR study](#) commissioned to Science Business. This independent, year-long study showcases how stakeholders view the value of medical and digital technology across the continuum of care. The research focused on breast cancer patient experiences and the role of medical technologies in five selected countries: Germany, France, Sweden, Netherlands and the Czech Republic.