

The Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL) is a non-profit, pan-European umbrella organisation of national and regional cancer societies. Located in Brussels, ECL provides an exclusive platform for members to collaborate with their international peers, primarily in the areas of cancer prevention, tobacco control, access to medicines and patient support, and creates opportunities to advocate for these issues at the EU level.

ECL's VISION: A Europe free of cancers

ECL's MISSION: To advocate for improved cancer control and care in Europe through facilitating collaboration between cancer leagues, and influencing EU and pan-European policies.

CANCER PREVENTION



The cancer burden is projected to increase by 25% by 2030. It has been estimated that almost half of all deaths due to cancer in Europe could be avoided if everyone followed the 12 recommendations of the European Code against Cancer (ECAC).

ECL offers a unique platform for cancer leagues in Europe to exchange best practices, and benchmark cancer prevention strategies implementing the ECAC, by convening technical workshops, and organising study exchange visits for cancer leagues to learn first-hand from their peers.

ACCESS TO MEDICINES



Established in 2016, the ECL Access to Medicines Task Force aims to make cancer medicines available for all cancer patients in Europe by insisting on accessibility, sustainability of healthcare systems and transparency of drug prices.

The Task Force strongly believes in the power of dialogue. We urge all stakeholders to push for improved innovative treatments, advancing both overall survival and the quality of life of cancer patients. Currently, 25 national/regional cancer leagues, representing over 450 million Europeans, have signed the Task Force's Declaration of Intent.

TOBACCO CONTROL



Tobacco is the single most important risk factor for cancer, responsible for over 30% of cancer burden in Europe.

ECL joins efforts with other European and international partners to advocate for e.g. proper implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), the Tobacco Products Directive, plain packaging, tax policies, tobacco free investment and the fight against illicit trade.

PATIENT SUPPORT



Since 2007 the ECL Patient Support Working Group (PSWG) connects cancer care experts who work together on topics such as access to insurance and financial services, return to work, caregiver support, cancer rehabilitation and palliative care. PSWG members share best practices, develop guidelines and other information sources to raise awareness and improve quality of care, and seek to empower the patient voice in national and European policy-making.

BECOME A MEMBER

GROW YOUR NETWORK



- Join the only platform dedicated exclusively to national and regional cancer societies in Europe, which currently connects 26 members in 23 countries
- Participate in ECL's Working Groups
- Connect with peers in cancer leagues to collaborate on the implementation of the European Code against Cancer
- Support the ECL Access to Medicines Task Force and become a key voice on equal access for cancer patients in Europe
- Contribute to improvement of the quality of life of cancer patients and survivors within the Patient Support Working Group
- Engage with ECL partners such as European CanCER Organisation (ECCO), European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), World Health Organization (WHO), International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC), European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) and others

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

- Contribute to cancer control advocacy in the EU
- Meet with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), in particular via the MEPs Against Cancer (MAC) interest group, for which ECL provides Secretariat
- Be involved in EU projects dedicated to coordinated intergovernmental action on cancer (e.g. Horizon 2020, EU Joint Actions)
- Contribute to multi-stakeholder platforms coordinated by the European Commission where ECL is a member
- Receive updates on initiatives and meetings at the EU and pan-European level and contribute to policies through stakeholder meetings and consultations



BOOST YOUR IMPACT



- Receive financial support to participate in the following:
- Grants worth €2,000 for lower-income leagues to attend the annual International Fundraising Congress with a priority given to new participants
- Full reimbursement for attendance to selected EU project meetings, such as the workshops related to the European Code Against Cancer
- 50% subsidy for lower-income leagues to attend the ECL Patient Support Working Group and the ECL Access to Medicines Task Force meetings
- Discounts or waivers of fees for international meetings negotiated by the ECL Secretariat & priority access to grants offered by ECL partners (ECCO, ESMO, etc.)
- Have the opportunity to host international meetings, such as the ECL Annual General Assembly, working groups' meetings, and the triennial European Conference on Tobacco or Health (ECToH)

MEMBERSHIP FEES

ECL is funded through an Operating Grant via the EU Health Programme (2014-2020) for 2018-2021 and through membership fees. Membership fees are calculated at 0.1% of the league's income, with a minimum of €1,500 and a maximum capped at €14,500. ECL also receives an unrestricted grant from Garnier.

Apply today by contacting the ECL Secretariat!

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