The European Cancer Research Summit 2021 focused on key aspects of cancer research in the coming years, towards the successful implementation of the European Cancer Mission goals established under the planning of Horizon Europe Program for 2021-27. This summit followed the declaration on effective cancer research "Europe: Unite against Cancer", signed on October 13 2020, by Germany, Portugal and Slovenia, the three-member states that in succession hold the EU Council presidency. As a result of the debate and discussion around a common strategy for cancer research in Europe, the “Porto Declaration on Cancer Research” emerged and was made public.

The Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL) signed and endorses the Porto Declaration on Cancer Research

Promoting and boosting collaboration in research and innovation at the EU level and beyond has always been an important issue for ECL. Portugal’s commitment to strengthening translational, clinical and prevention trials by, among other things, supporting transatlantic cooperation is a strong signal in view of the implementation of Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan.

With the upcoming Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2021, ECL hopes to see a continuation of the commitments made towards strengthening research in all stages of cancer, including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship.