

## Parliamentary hearing of Stella Kyriakides Health Commissioner-designate

### 7 Questions from ECL

#### QUESTION 1 - European Cancer Plan

How will you ensure that Europe's Beating Cancer Plan ultimately leads to improved patient care as well as reduced inequalities throughout the EU? Which concrete steps and measures do you envisage in order to achieve effective implementation of the Plan across Member States?

#### QUESTION 2 - Cancer Prevention Strategy

Will you commit to ensuring that a comprehensive, coherent European Cancer Prevention Strategy, key to sustainable cancer control and to reduce the ever-increasing cancer burden, is a main pillar of Europe's Beating Cancer?

#### QUESTION 3 - WHO Transparency Resolution

How does the Commission plan to support Member States in the implementation of the WHO Resolution on 'Improving the transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines and other health-products' agreed during the World Health Assembly on 28 May 2019?

#### QUESTION 4 - Health Technology Assessment

What concrete steps does the Commission plan to ensure progress on the finalisation of the European Health Technology Assessment while safeguarding the amendments of the European Parliament on the file?

#### QUESTION 5 - EU Guidelines for Cancer Screening

What steps is the Commission willing to take to support the full and equitable implementation of the European Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Breast, Colorectal and Cervical Cancer Screening programmes across all EU Member States?

#### QUESTION 6 - Tobacco Products Directive

In 2021, the Commission is due to publish a report on the implementation of the Tobacco Products Directive. Will you commit to undergo a thorough review of the Directive and propose areas for further action?

## QUESTION 7 - EU Tobacco Tax Directive

Tobacco taxation is one of the most effective measures to reduce tobacco consumption, while contributing to public health and increasing revenues for governments. Is the Commission planning to review the EU Tobacco Tax Directive? Will the Commission propose to increase the minimum excise duties for manufactured tobacco products in the EU Member States in order to maximise the protection of EU citizens?

### **ABOUT EUROPEAN CANCER LEAGUES (ECL)**

ECL represents 29 national and regional cancer leagues across 24 countries with a joint vision of a Europe free of cancer. We cover the full patient pathway, from prevention, early diagnosis, treatment and patient support. We bring together some of Europe's largest charitable research funders, with ECL members funding over €600 million of cancer research in 2017/18.