

JOIN MEPs AGAINST CANCER

Interest Group at the European Parliament



Who are MEPs Against Cancer?



The MEPs Against Cancer (MAC) Interest Group was founded in 2005 and remains the oldest and largest group dedicated to cancer policy at the European Parliament. MAC members come from different political groups and countries and work together to strengthen cancer control policies, promote cancer prevention, ensure access to high-quality treatments and care for EU cancer patients believing that European cooperation adds value to Member States' action.

Why should you join MAC?



I. VISIBILITY - MEPs active in the MAC Group are often approached to speak at high-level events, contribute to press conferences/interviews and get greater attention from health stakeholders.

II. KNOWLEDGE - MAC members get access to expertise and materials relevant to ongoing cancer-related policy issues discussed at both the European and national levels from the MAC Secretariat's network of national/regional cancer societies and cancer experts.

III. NETWORK - MAC members build strong relationships with civil society, patient organisations, healthcare professionals, researchers and other health stakeholders. They get access to opportunities to meet other MEPs, EU Commission officials and national decision-makers, as well as to build partnerships to fulfill their mission: beating cancer sooner.

How does the MAC Interest Group work?

Since 2010 MAC receives secretarial support from the **Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL)** (transparency register: 19265592757-25), a Brussels-based NGO representing 32 national and regional cancer societies across the WHO European region.



MAC members meet with external stakeholders four times per year on average. Topics of these events are agreed at the annual strategic meeting and announced in advance. All meetings are organised in cooperation with respectable NGOs. Participation in meetings and other MAC activities is individual, depending on MEPs' interests. Regular participation is highly appreciated and awarded by increased visibility of each MEP's work.

An internal strategic meeting for MEPs and their parliamentary assistants take place each year to discuss objectives, achievements and future priorities. The first annual meeting to elect the leadership for the 5-year term will take place in autumn 2024.



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