International Women's Day is an opportunity to sound the alarm about the danger of Lung Cancer for women. In Europe, cancer of the lung/bronchus is the third most common cancer among women. Lung cancer death has overtaken that of breast in Poland, the UK and Ireland. Lung cancer is deadly, yet it is highly preventable. A high percentage of lung cancer in women is smoking-related. About 1/3 of EU citizens smoke; in some EU countries up to 50% of women smoke. Annually, 650,000 Europeans die prematurely from smoking. Women and the public health community must be made aware that women are at risk of developing lung cancer. Effective smoking cessation programmes must be targeted at girls and young women.

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