Work Package 6 will improve implementation of the Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening by alleviating key barriers, to make screening of appropriate quality, as recommended by the Council of the EU, accessible to all citizens who may benefit. Further added value will be created by promoting synergy between cancer screening and other areas of early detection. A network of European Schools of Screening Management will be initiated which is dedicated to capacity building for implementation and improvement of population-based cancer screening programmes. The innovation is that comparable courses do not exist in Europe. A two-week course curriculum will be developed by experts from internationally recognized centers of excellence in 2011. An audit of one regional or national cervical cancer screening programme will be conducted in the planning process. The course will be piloted in 2012, by training at least 15 competitively selected participants from national and regional screening management units. A criterium of selection will be the likelihood that the participant will constructively work on implementation or improvement of cancer screening programmes in the next few years. This, along with with networking in order to develop certification, will promote sustainability of the results. The literature of inequalities in participation and compliance in screening programmes will be reviewed, and a survey addressed to the national or regional screening managers assessing the existence of inequalities in screening compliance and what kind of interventions have developed to reduce inequalities. Experience gained will be exchanged between regions to improve implementation of population-based breast, colorectal and cervical screening programmes.
Health checks and periodic health examinations aim for prevention and early diagnosis of diseases in people who do not yet present symptoms. For many of these checks the evidence base is lacking, and many other established quality criteria for screening are not met. The experience in the Netherlands in developing quality criteria for health checks will be exchanged with other member states and initial consensus on pan-European quality criteria will be developed. The WP will establish links with the European Science Advisory Network for Health, European Network for Health Technology Assessment, and with the European Network on Cancer Screening and Prevention Programmes.

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CEN Workshop Agreement 16624 Health care services - Quality Criteria for Health Checks (June 2013) is available here .

European School of Screening Management

The European Partnership for Action Against Cancer is proud to announce the European School of Screening Management, a two-week intensive training course on the principles, organization, evaluation, planning and management of cancer screening programmes.

The first module is to be held in Lyon, France, from 19-23 November 2012 at the International Agency for Research on Cancer.
The second module to be held optionally at another place in the EU on 11-15 March 2013.
This action falls under the EPAAC Work Package 6, Screening and Early Diagnosis. The course aims to improve implementation of cancer screening as currently recommended by the European Union, by introducing a comprehensive curriculum to interested staff of national or regional cancer screening management and evaluation units. Any other staff or professionals currently collaborating with established units or currently planning or interested in implementing cancer screening programmes are also eligible to participate.
The multidisciplinary training will cover topics essential to planning and coordination of population-based programmes of Cervical, Breast and Colorectal Cancer Screening (week 1), and practical solutions to current problems presented by the participants will be developed (week 2). To find out more detailed information and for information on how to apply, please click here