

Welcome to the 3rd Newsletter of the CraNE JA!

With these Newsletters we aim to keep you informed about the progression of CraNE Joint Action (JA) and all current affairs.

In this issue, get informed about the CraNE internal in-person meeting of the work package leaders (WPL) held on 7-8 September 2023, the high-level meeting Challenges in Cancer Care, organized on 31 August 2023, the Belgian-Europe's Beating Cancer Plan (EBCP) Mirror Group conducted on 21 September 2023, as well as the Healthcare Week event in Luxembourg which was held on 20 and 22 September 2023.

Furthermore, be informed of the World Head and Neck Cancer Day which is organized annually on 27 July and the World Lung Cancer Day which was celebrated on 1 August 2023.

Finally, we would like to announce all the Upcoming Events: the 3rd WP6 Meeting in Luxembourg on 28 November 2023, the CraNE Governmental Board online Meeting on 1 December 2023, the Stakeholder Forum of the CraNE project on 7 December 2023 and finally, the 36th German Cancer Congress from 21-24 February 2024 in Berlin.

CraNE Internal in-person WPL Meeting 7 – 8 September 2023, Slovenia



Slovenia, as coordinating country, hosted in Bled the in-person work package leaders (WPL) meeting on the occasion of the 1st year of CraNE JA.

The agenda included presentations of all WPs, focusing on the progress, the concerns or challenges and the correlation between other work packages (WPs) or deliverables.



During the meeting the WPL had the opportunity to interact with each other and discuss all topics in depth, in order to conclude to a synthesis that results commonly accepted concept definitions, to reflect and include the different structure or patterns of cancer care in the various Member States (MS).

Main concepts are the Comprehensive Cancer Centers (CCCs) and Comprehensive Cancer Care Networks (CCCNs). The heritage of previous JAs (CanCon, iPAAC) supports our steps.

Main principles for CCCs and CCCNs are:

- The Comprehensiveness of Cancer Care
- The Adaptability of Governance for all MS's Systems
- The common acceptance and use of Quality systems with respect to the standards.

All these principles are in the core of CraNE WPs and the WPL discussed on how they can meet the principles when building CCCs.

The progression on Maturity-level model that enables MSs to assess how their current cancer care organization figures in respect to the CCC/N universe was presented. In addition, meetings between WPs have been agreed, in order to discuss issues to reach a common understanding in order to proceed further.

Finally, a draft concept of Implementation JA took place and it was agreed that the wording Network or Infrastructure will depend on the call of the project. We thank National Institute for Public Health (NIJZ) for the warm hospitality.



High level meeting-Challenges in Cancer Care 31 August 2023



The high-level meeting *Challenges in Cancer Care* took place on **31 August 2023** in Barcelona as part of the activities of the **Spanish Presidency**.

The INC and LIH presented the objectives of the CraNE JA and the implementation of a lung cancer Comprehensive Cancer Care Network in Luxembourg, as pilot country.



The Belgian – EBCP Mirror Group 21 September 2023

The BE-EBCP Mirror Group first symposium 2023: "**Strengthening together Belgium's efforts against cancer: from concept to reality**", coordinated by Sciensano's Cancer Center, was held in Brussels on 21 September 2023.

This event brought together key stakeholders from Europe and Belgian institutions to discuss the European strategy on cancer and how is Belgium meeting the 2030 objectives on cancer control and prevention.



Healthcare Week event in Luxembourg 20-22 September 2023

From 20-22 September 2023, the National Cancer Institute (INC) and the Luxembourg Institute of Health (LIH) participated in the inaugural edition of **Healthcare Week Luxembourg**, a national event focused on healthcare, that brought together stakeholders from the Greater Region, including Luxembourg, Belgium, France, and Germany, with the aim of identifying actions to strengthen the healthcare systems in this specific cross-border context.

The conferences addressed numerous essential topics, such as the concept of value-based healthcare, accreditation and certification of hospital facilities, patient integration as partners, and research and education in healthcare. Over 2,500 participants from a wide range of institutions had the opportunity to be informed and exchange ideas.

Cancer Awareness Dates

World Head and Neck Cancer Day 27 July, 2023

July 27th was initially announced **World Head and Neck Cancer Day** during the opening ceremony of the combined meeting of the International Federation of Head Neck Oncology Society (IFHNOS) 5th world congress and American Head Neck Society (AHNS) on 27 July 2014 while celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Head Neck program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre (MSKCC).



World Lung Cancer Day 1 August, 2023

As every year since its inception in 2012, **World Lung Cancer Day** was celebrated on **1 August 2023** in order to raise awareness of lung cancer and magnify the need for more lung cancer research funding.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



LEARN MORE ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

Third WP6 Meeting 28 November 2023, Luxembourg

The third WP6 Meeting “**Organization of comprehensive, high-quality cancer care in Comprehensive Cancer Care Networks (CCCNs)**” will be held on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at National Cancer Institute in Luxembourg, from 09:00 to 15:00 (CET).

It will be a hybrid meeting and online participation will be possible via WebEx.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- Development of Set of Standards and Quality Indicators for Lung Cancer Care
- Development of support instruments to set-up CCCNs
- Patient Pathway to enhance patient centredness in CCCNs, as well as
- a Feasibility study about the implementation of Lung Cancer CCCNs.

CraNE Governmental Board Meeting 1 December 2023

On behalf of the CraNE WP4 Team we are glad to announce that the 2nd CraNE Governmental Board Meeting will take place on Friday, 1 December from 09.00 CET to 16.00 CET **online** via Webex.

The **CraNE Governmental Board Meeting Debrief** will be held **online** on **Tuesday, 5 December 2023 from 16:00 to 18:00 CET.**

Stakeholder Forum of the CraNE project 7 December 2023, Oslo

The CraNE Project Team will organize the **Stakeholder Forum of the CraNE project** which will take place on 7th of December from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm in Oslo.

Cancer concerns us all in one way or another. In 2020, 2.7 million people in the European Union were diagnosed with the disease and another 1.3 million people lost their lives to it. Cancer is an individual diagnosis that has important impacts on patients, but it also severely affects the lives of their families and friends.

In line with the "**Europe's Beating Cancer Plan (EBCP)**", which aims to address cancer across the EU and is structured around four key action areas:

prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment and quality of life of cancer patients and survivors, our goal is to establish a European network of Comprehensive Cancer Centers (CCC) and provide access to these centers for 90% of eligible patients and their families by 2030.

The CraNE Project Stakeholder Forum aims to bring together all relevant stakeholders in order to contribute to the successful establishment of the EU Network of CCCs with their experience.

In particular, our Stakeholder Forum aims to address the following key objectives:

- Provide insights into the model of CCCs and the EU network of CCCs being developed by CraNE.
- Facilitate the dialogs on the proposals developed by CraNE thus far and discuss the steps towards implementing the CraNE project.

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The 36th German Cancer Congress 21-24 February 2024, Berlin



The 36th German Cancer Congress will be held in Berlin from 21-24 February 2024 at the CityCube under the motto "**Shaping progress together**".

It is the largest and oldest congress for cancer diagnostics and therapy in the German-speaking world, since 1951 when it was initially organized.

In 2024, the event will be hosted by both the Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft (**German Cancer Society**) and the Stiftung Deutsche Krebshilfe (German Cancer Aid Foundation in Bonn) for the 5th time.

During the congress, several specialists and experts are going to discuss and address the challenges we face in the field of oncology care.

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