



Citizens' Mobility
Access to high quality health care
across the EU

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- Shared EU Values
- What are the challenges?
- What are the opportunities?
- Next steps – patient-centered

ECPC: WHO are We?

- ECPC was launched in Sept 2003
- More than 200 full member organisations
- Representing 26 EU countries
- Including the “big” cancers: breast, prostate, lung, colorectal cancer, but also rare cancers
- Speaking with ***“one voice”*** for ***all*** cancer patients



ECPC Goals

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- Promoting the **fundamental rights** of cancer patients
- Increasing cancer patients' **influence** over European health policy
- Promoting **timely access** to appropriate prevention, screening, early diagnosis, treatment and care for all cancer patients
- **Reducing disparity** and inequity across the EU through advocating improved cancer control
- Encouraging the advance of **cancer research** and innovation



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Shared Values

- Safeguard EU health care system based on right to high level health protection,
- Solidarity, access, equity and universality
- Financial sustainability
- Improving, maintaining and restoring the health of *all* EU citizens

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Patient-centered care

- Patients wish to have **timely access to quality health care *closest*** to home
- But timely **quality treatment** may only be available in **another member state**
- Patient must have **freedom to choose**
- **Reduce gaps** and inequalities
- Ensure **patient safety**
- Pool resources, expertise, efficiencies

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Challenges

- Lack of legal certainty - reimbursement
- Language
- Different medical cultures
- No harmonised EU quality treatment standards and guidelines, protocols, medical training
- Patients lack information in their language

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Challenges

- Administrative barriers - bureaucracy
- Portable e-medical record
- EU health card
- Strictest Data confidentiality and security
- Patient's Rights Charter: rights and obligations
- Informed patients/citizens
- Clear rules of division of tasks and responsibilities
- Redress: One-stop complaints procedure



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Opportunities

- **Add value** - pooling of resources, know-how, expensive equipment, cutting edge innovative treatment
- Reduce **waiting lists**, utilise spare capacity
- **Rare diseases** and difficult to treat cancers
- Faster exchange of best practice
- **Promote excellence, efficiency, and (cost) effectiveness**

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Opportunities

- Enhance access to high quality treatment, patient safety
- Networks of Centre of Excellence/Reference
- Improve standards across the EU
- Harness e-health tools, interoperability
- Bring expert/ise to the patient

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Next steps - patient centered

- Commission **Framework on Health Services – legal certainty**
- European Patients' Charter
- Expand Sanco Health Portal
 - Map centres of excellence/reference establish criteria
 - FP7 Programme to develop EU standards
- Link Info e.health, Research FP7, Sanco, EMPL, ENTR etc