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Europe Against Cancer: *Recognizing the Importance of Innovation in Healthcare*

21 September 2020 | 10:30 – 12:30

Online via WebEx

Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the EU. In fact, cancer now accounts for a quarter of all deaths and is the number one cause of death for people aged 45-64 in an increasing number of EU countries. There are an estimated 3.5 million new cases of cancer and 1.3 million deaths from cancer in Europe every year. During the past seven years, the EU has invested nearly €1.5 billion in international collaborative research, frontier research, mobility programmes, public-private partnerships and coordination of national cancer research efforts. Over half of this budget - €770 million – is used for collaborative research projects, to find new ways to fight cancer and help patients.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not clear yet – especially considering the geographical variations and irregular evolution of the pandemic across countries – however, there have been reported delays in cancer screening and diagnoses.

The webinar will place special emphasis on the EU cancer plan, and the complementary policies of Member States.

Programme

10:30 Introduction by organisers

- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Draško Veselinovič**, President of the Management Board, Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA), Brussels
- **Dr. Tomaž Gantar**, Minister, Ministry of Health
- **Dr. Tina Bregant**, State Secretary, Ministry of Health

10:45 Discussion with Dr. Andres Milton regarding Innovation in Healthcare, with emphasis on EU Against Cancer and COVID-19

- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Draško Veselinovič**, President of the Management Board, SBRA
 - **Dr. Anders Milton**, CEO, Milton Consulting, former chairperson of the World Medical Association, former president of the European Regional Network on HIV/AIDS (ERNA), former president of the Swedish Red Cross,
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and former president of the Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations (SACO)

11:00 Innovation & research in healthcare excellence – 5 minute presentations

- **Jakob Šušterič**, CEO & Co-founder, MESI
- **Dr. Miomir Knežević**, CEO, Educell
- **Janez Bensa**, CEO, Parsek
- **Tomaž Gornik**, CEO, Better
- **Prof. dr. Roman Jerala**, Head (D12 Department of Synthetic Biology and Immunology), National Institute of Chemistry

11:20 DG REFORM interventions with an example on cancer

- **Federico Paoli**, DG REFORM, European Commission

11:40 Round table discussion: Healthcare systems and EU cancer plan: Effective prevention strategies and impact of COVID-19, Chaired by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Draško Veselinovič, President of the Management Board, SBRA

- **Dr. Tina Bregant**, State Secretary, Ministry of Health
- **Dr. Anders Milton**, CEO, Milton Consulting, former chairperson of the World Medical Association
- **Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah**, Scientific Counsellor, National Institute of Biology
- **Dr. Tanja Španić**, President, EUROPA DONNA
- **Dr. Zdenka Čebašek-Travnik**, President, Medical Chamber of Slovenia
- **Federico Paoli and Saša Jenko Kokalj**, DG REFORM, European Commission

12:30 Closing remarks - Q&A

