



## Advances in Cancer Treatment

# EU digital policy priorities and initiatives towards digital transformation in cancer care

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# Harnessing data and technologies to fight cancer: a long-standing priority

## Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

- EUR 4 billion
- Making the most of data and digitalisation in cancer prevention and care

## Political Guidelines 2024-2029

- Healthcare innovation key for people and the economy
- Boost preventive health, reinforced implementation of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- Trustworthy AI, supercomputing, biotech research and innovation



# Europe's Beating Cancer Plan – an overview

Joint governance with the Mission on Cancer (Horizon Europe)

## 4 Pillars

Prevention

Early detection

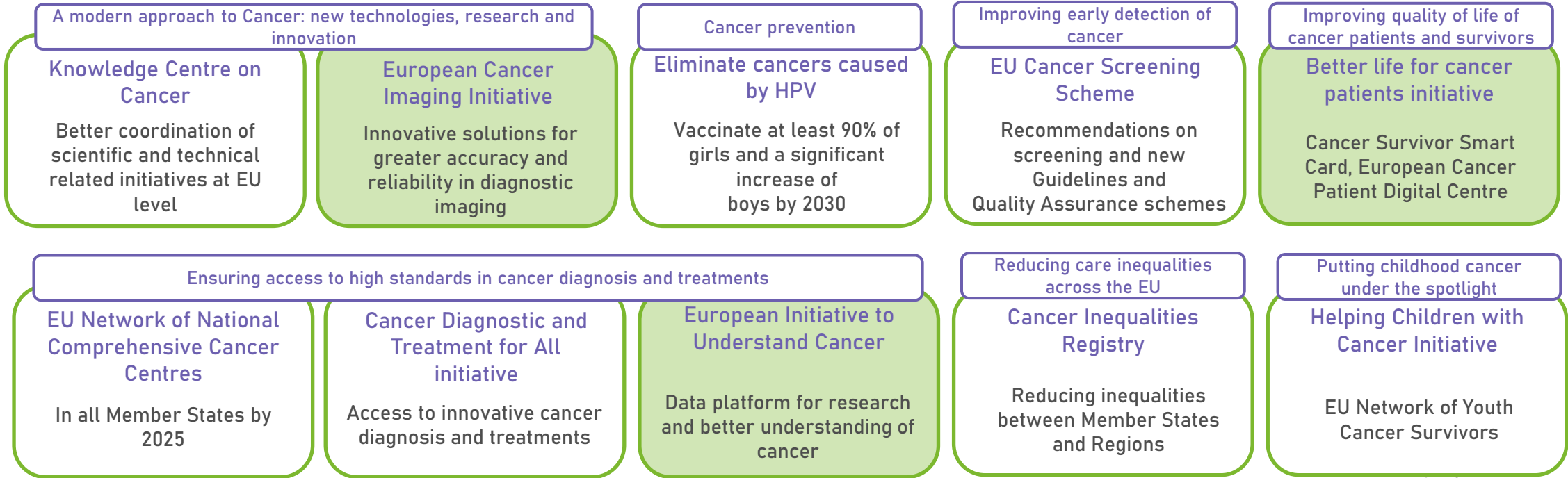
Diagnosis and treatment

Quality of life of cancer patients and survivors

€4bn budget

## 10 flagship initiatives

32 actions



# EU Cancer Mission – Horizon Europe

- Improving the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030
- Major component of EU's investment in cancer R&I, informing EBCP actions
- EUR 370 million spent (2021-2023), with numerous projects covering digital and data aspects

## European Initiative to Understand Cancer: UNCAN.eu data platform

- Support research to increase the understanding of how cancers develop
- Facilitate personalised approaches to cancer prevention and care

## European Cancer Patient Digital Centre: ECPDC data platform

- Patient-oriented platform with in-depth information on prevention, diagnosis, treatment guidelines, side-effects, etc.
- Federated network of patient-controlled (national) health data infrastructures, allowing voluntary exchange of health data

# European Cancer Imaging Initiative – Cancer Image Europe Infrastructure

- Harness the potential of **cancer imaging** data and **Artificial Intelligence** to combat cancer
- Digital Europe co-funding (EUR 18 million)
- Link resources and databases to establish an **open infrastructure** of cancer images
- Foster innovation and deployment of digital technologies, including **AI tools**, for better clinical **decision-making, diagnostics, treatment and prediction**



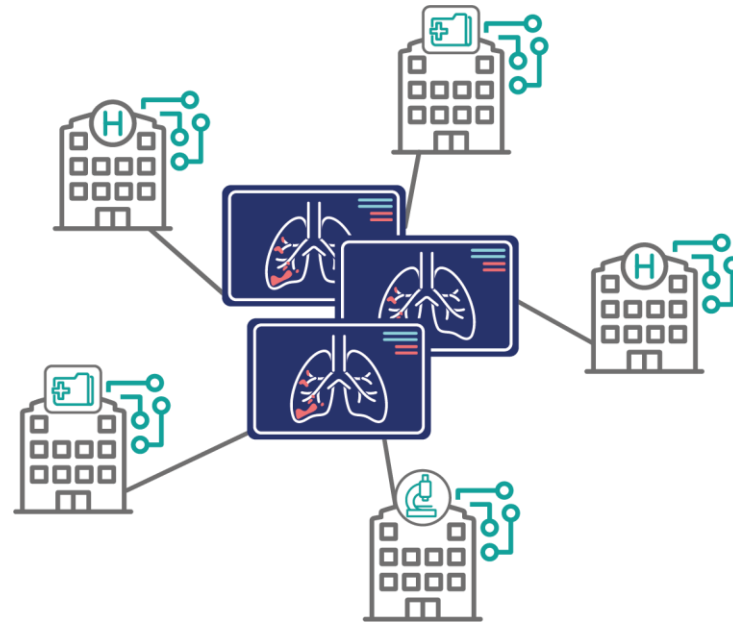
# Milestone: Cancer Image Europe Infrastructure released (September 2023)

Public catalogue  
of 47 datasets

From the "AI4HI" network  
of EU-funded projects

Approx. 35,000 subjects  
> 200 000 image series\*

9 cancer types  
breast, colon, lung,  
prostate, rectum, liver,  
glioma, neuroblastoma,  
glioblastoma



 **EUCAIM**  
CANCER IMAGE EUROPE

21 clinical sites from 12  
countries

30+ data providers from  
15 countries by 2026

EDIC for the Cancer Image  
Europe Platform –  
working group *launched*

EU4Health action linking  
EUCAIM to cancer  
screening programmes

# 1+ Million Genomes Initiative – Genomic Data Infrastructure

Access to **genomics** and the corresponding **clinical data** across Europe for better research, **personalised healthcare** and health policy making

- Digital Europe co-funding EUR 20 million
- Currently includes organisations in **24 European countries**
- Technical readiness of **15 countries** by 2026
- Use cases: **cancer** and infectious diseases
- **Genome of Europe** project launched October 2024



# European Virtual Human Twins Initiative: building blocks across research & deployment

- An EU framework supporting the emergence, market entry and clinical adoption of virtual human twin solutions in healthcare
  - Virtual Human Twins Manifesto – December 2023
  - European Virtual Human Twin EDITH project, DIGITAL
- 8 actions on integrated, multi-scale VHTs for personalised disease management, Horizon Europe (EUR 80 million)
  - CERTAINTY: A CELLulaR immunoTherapy virtuAl twin for personalised cancer treatment (10MEUR)
- State-of-the-art digital platform for advanced VHT models integration and validation, DIGITAL (EUR 24 million)





# Promoting AI in Europe: AI Innovation Package



Communication on boosting startups and innovation in trustworthy artificial intelligence

Foster an innovative European AI ecosystem for startups and innovators, including in health

Communication on boosting Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing in the EU

Push the application of AI, in particular GenAI, in health biotech and biomanufacturing

## GENAI4EU

- Stimulate the uptake of **GENAI** in key sectors – including healthcare
- Development of **novel use cases** and emerging **applications**
- **Collaboration** between AI startups, industry, public sector

## AI Factories

- Privileged access to **supercomputers** to AI startups – including in healthcare
- **One-stop-shops** to test & validate large-scale AI models and solutions
- Linked to **TEF-Health** for pre-market validation



# UPCOMING EVENT: European Cancer Imaging Initiative

## Joining forces for AI-powered imaging to save lives

Stakeholders from research, innovation, healthcare, and the public sector will discuss:

- Major **milestone** of the European Cancer Imaging Initiative
- Platform **use cases** and **new partners**
- **Declaration** “Towards unleashing access to at least 60 million cancer medical images in the European Union by 2027”
- The Cancer Imaging Initiative, the **European Health Data Space**, and the **AI Strategy**
- How to advance on **trustworthy AI tools** for precision medicine in cancer?

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More information and registration: [European Cancer Imaging Initiative - Joining forces for AI-powered imaging to save lives | Shaping Europe's digital future](#)

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