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Steering Committee

A short report on WP10 National Cancer Plans

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Minutes from the last CWG NCCPs Meeting

The Guide on NCCPs should be a short document for policy makers and their advisors and not one heavily loaded with references and scientific evidence.
The guide should:
- standardise the format of NCCPs,
- make them comparable,
- understandable,
- it should be a synopsis, framework or policy brief,
- very practical and focused
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- Third agenda point: Jose M. Martin-Moreno (on behalf of Lydia Gorgojo, Meggan Harris and the University of Valencia’s team), presented the proposed first draft of the Guide following the modified template, especially with respect to the finalisation of the Guide.

- CWG members agreed with the proposed structure of the Guide: stratified in three parts.
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• The Guide was discussed chapter by chapter.

• Prof Moreno expressed his opinion on the current status of the chapters (relatively consolidated and complete chapters, chapters to be reviewed, chapters to be revised...)

• Indicators - to be revised along the lines of structure, process and outcomes
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• The discussion was focused on the level of detail that should be included, the need to separate the essential from the desirable and the possibility to include a section entitled “For more information”

• The chapters - not longer than 4-6 pages (some chapters may need to be longer)

• Participants agreed that all the authors should be listed together at the beginning of the Guide
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• The ownership of the Guide was discussed

• EC was identified as the new owner of this task in the future

• Suggested reviewer: Dr. Karl Freese
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• The structure of the chapters was discussed (Background, Planning, Programme Elements, Indicators - divided into structural, process and outcome indicators)

• The number of indicators - limited to a manageable number that nevertheless allows health system managers and policymakers to monitor comprehensive quality and effectiveness at all stages of the NCCP (implementation, interim and outcome).

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• Timeline - roadmap for the Guide:
  
  • 30 November 2013: CWG to submit written comments on the draft sections
  • 5 December 2013: Second drafts to be circulated to WP leaders, Steering Committee, the Commission and the MSs and key partners for comments
  • 17 December 2013: Deadline for comments to be received
  • 15 January 2014: “Pre-final” draft to be circulated to SC prior to meeting in Luxembourg. Final comments and recommendations.
  • February 2014: Finalisation of all work

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Structure of the Guide

• Introduction

• Part I: Cancer prevention, Disease prevention & Health Promotion

• Part II: Integrated Care

• Part III: Supportive functions within the health system
Part I: Cancer prevention, Disease prevention & Health Promotion

Chapters:

- Disease prevention and health promotion
- Cancer screening and early detection
Part II: Integrated care

Chapters:

- Diagnosis and treatment
- Psychosocial oncology care
- Survivorship & rehabilitation
- Palliative and end-of-life care
Part III: Supportive functions within the health system

Chapters:

- Governance and financing
- Cancer resources
- Cancer data and information
- Research

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Final steps for WP 10

- Finalising the text including the suggestions received before the WG and SC meeting and in meetings in Luxembourg
- Allow until 28 January 2014 for final comments from Member States
- Obtain the review
- Deliver the final version of the text to the project by February 2014
Concluding remarks

• Interesting and intense work on common points for the NCCPs on WP10
• Excellent experience and a good base for the future
• The work should be continued in some way or another in CanCon
• We suggest that it is picked up by the Coordination of the Project and by WP4 – The Guide, possibly by the Member State Platform
Thank you for your attention