Clinical decisions on cancer patients can no longer be made in isolated positions by clinicians or services and, furthermore, it seems necessary to ensure integrated frameworks for decision making and care provision as a whole. This raises the question of how good multisciplinary collaboration is to be achieved in day-to-day clinical practice. WP7 Objective 1.1 focused multidisciplinary care as one of the approaches with the greatest ability to evolve cancer care toward integrated forms. In the framework of this objective, a systematic review of the literature regarding the effectiveness of multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) was carried out. Likewise, twenty-six core issues were drawn from the review and were later used to guide a discussion at European level to define the core elements that all tumour-based MDTs should include.

See the background document: Multidisciplinary care: Systematic review and key issues for discussion