The European Partnership for Action Against Cancer successfully launched its first Open Forum. The event was hosted by the Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equality and cast a spotlight on Healthcare and Research in the cancer fields. The Open Forum spanned two days, from 14 to 15 June 2011.

Associated and collaborating partners, as well as other stakeholders, attended the Open Forum to join in the debate on two important cancer fields. The State Secretary of the Ministry of Health of Spain, Mr. Martinez Olmos and the State Secretary of the Ministry of Health of Slovenia, Mr. Eržen, as well as Deputy Director General of DG Sanco, Mr. Seychell opened the Open Forum and welcomed the participants.

The first day was dedicated to Research and included speakers from other EU funded projects and also focused on the perspectives of other stakeholders on the Partnership. The second day was dedicated to Healthcare and highlighted themes important to the field, such as nutritional support for oncology patients, psychosocial support, health policy perspectives, challenge of rare cancers, nursing perspectives, etc.

To see the **e-Conference Book** including summaries, abstracts and posters from the Open Forum in Madrid, please click here .
To see the full **Programme of the Open Forum**, please click here .
To see the **Minutes from Joint Action Meeting of the Open Forum**, please click here .
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To see the **Biographies of the Speakers and Panelists**, please click here .
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To see the **Presentations made at EPAAC Open Forum**, please click on the links below:

14 June
Plenary Introductions:

Jose Martin Moreno: 'Health policies for cancer control: Uniting vertical and horizontal axes for a comprehensive approach'
Ingrid Kossler: 'Making The Cancer Partnership Work: The EESC Opinion on EU Action Against Cancer'

Presentation of EPAAC Work Packages

Ahti Anttila: 'Screening and Early Diagnosis'
Fabien Calvo: 'Coordination of Cancer Research; Vision and Challenges Ahead'

Other Presentations

Rafael de Andres Medina: 'European Coordination of National Funding: An Overview of the State-of-the-Art'
Simon Baconnier: 'Network of Excellence, CONTICANET'

Ulrik Ringborg: 'EurocanPlatform: A Platform of European Cancer Research Centres for Translational Research'
Eugenio Santos: 'Spanish Cancer Research Network'
Maria Masucci: 'The Role of Chronic Infections in the Development of Cancer'
Jean-Pierre Thierry: 'Industry's expectations and involvement in EPAAC'
Andras Fehervary: 'Areas of Collaboration & Improvement in Treatment of Cancer - Rare Cancers: An Industry Perspective'
Josep Borras: 'Focus on EPAAC as an Instrument of Coordination and Stakeholder Mobilisation'

15 June

Anita Margulies: 'Implementing Clinical Guidelines in Daily Practice with „PEP“'
Pascal Garel: 'Challenges Posed by the Management of Cancer Patients in Hospitals'
Jerzy Kowalczyk: 'Co-developing Standards of Care for Children with Cancer: Parents and Professionals working together to influence Healthcare'
Roswitha Britz: 'Patients' Perspective in Cancer Organization'
Vladimir Stevanovic & Rie Fujisawa: 'Health Policy Perspectives in Cancer Care'
Luzia Travado: 'How to Integrate Psycosocial Care: Psychosocial Oncology Action'
Stein Kaasa: 'Quality of Cancer Care and Symptom Contol'
Alessandro Laviano: 'From Nutritional to Metabolic Support of Cancer Patients: ontribution to Optimal Cancer Patient Management'