

Fostering Synergies for Effective Prevention Strategies in Health and Care Systems

5th May 2025, from 10.00 to 12.00 CET – Online

Link to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/lrWHvp7HUW>

Europe's health and care systems are under a lot of strain and need to transform to respond to people's current and future needs. A stronger emphasis on prevention, supported by an improved use of tools and data for a better quality of service, is crucial to address the increasing shortage of health and care workers, to meet the demands of an ageing population and reduce the workload of health and care professionals. The webinar "Fostering Synergies for Effective Prevention Strategies in Health and Care Systems" will bring together key European initiatives and stakeholders to discuss how to effectively implement prevention strategies, highlighting the importance of investment and collaborative efforts between researchers, policymakers, healthcare professionals and stakeholders to maximize the impacts of research in the field of prevention and ensure sustainable outcomes.

In particular the event will feature established Horizon Europe funded projects such as PROPHET, contributions from the European Partnership on Transforming Health and Care Systems THCS alongside two relevant Joint Actions funded under the EU4Health Programme namely the JAPreventNCD and JANE2.

10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and overview of the workshop goals
10:05 – 10:25	Investing in research in the field of prevention: the challenges of implementing cancer prevention programmes <i>Andre Carvalho, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)</i>
10:25 – 10:45	Personalised Prevention: A Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda <i>Stefania Boccia, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – PROPHET project Coordinator</i>
10:45 – 11:05	Innovate to prevent – Research and Innovation needs and actions to support the implementation of Prevention approaches for sustainable health and care systems <i>Laura Motta, Coordinating Team European Partnership for Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS)</i>
11:05 – 11:25	Empowering Policy Makers to drive Integrated and Sustainable Preventive health approaches in the EU <i>Knut-Inge Klepp, Scientific Coordinator of the Joint Action Prevent Non Communicable Diseases and Arnfinn Helleve, Leader of Work Package on policy measures "Regulation and Taxation" (JA PreventNCD)</i>
11:25 – 11:45	The role of Network of Expertise to support healthcare professionals in implementing effective personalised prevention strategies to combat cancer <i>Delia Nicoara, Oncology Institute "Prof. Dr. Ion Chiricuță" in Cluj-Napoca – JANE2 WP8 Leader</i>
11:45 – 12:00	Discussion and Closing Remarks: Identifying Synergies and collaborative actions

Moderator: **Michele Calabrò**, Director of EUREGHA – European Regional and Local Health Authorities



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European Partnership on Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS)

Health and care systems across Europe are facing critical challenges related to digitalisation, inclusivity and accessibility, among other factors. To address these challenges, harmonised and coordinated solutions are required. The EU-funded THCS project will bring together stakeholders and create synergies by coordinating research and innovation actions. The project will facilitate the digitisation of health and care services, support the transformation of health and care systems, and generate new knowledge and scientific evidence. Through co-designing new solutions and supporting their transfer and scale-up across countries and regions, as well as fostering capacity building, the project will contribute to the transition towards more sustainable, innovative, and high-quality people-centred health and care systems that are accessible to everyone.

Coordinator: Italian Ministry of Health, Italy

Website: <https://www.thcspartnership.eu/>

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A PeRsOnalized Prevention roadmap for the future HEalThcare (PROPHET)

The shift from treating established diseases to focusing on prevention presents a significant challenge. The development of targeted interventions marks a promising paradigm shift, positioning personalized approaches as the future of preventive healthcare. In this context, PROPHET has supported and continues to champion the implementation of innovative, sustainable, and effective personalized programs aimed at preventing common chronic diseases through the creation of a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

The project engaged a diverse range of stakeholders, including citizens, patients, and health professionals, who provided valuable insights on mapping the latest research advancements in personalized prevention as well as on capacity-building activities. Led by the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, the project involves a consortium of 17 grant recipients and 2 affiliated entities across 12 EU member states, working to realize the promise of personalized healthcare..

Coordinator: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy

Website: <https://prophetproject.eu/>;

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Joint Action Prevent Non-Communicable Diseases and Cancer (JA PreventNCD)

Cancer and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) represent a significant portion of the disease burden in Europe, much of which is preventable. The Joint Action Prevent Non-Communicable Diseases (JA PreventNCD) project is designed to address this challenge by supporting strategies and policies that aim to reduce the burden of cancer and NCDs, focusing on both personal and societal risk factors.

The project's major goal is to minimise fragmentation and duplication of efforts and to engage national authorities at various levels to enhance the impact of actions taken. A significant aspect is the rigorous evaluation of these actions to assist authorities in prioritising the most effective prevention strategies. This will contribute to achieving global targets in reducing the NCD burden.

A key objective is to tackle social inequalities by addressing the root causes of NCD risk factors and adopting a life-course approach. The project aims to build a comprehensive European infrastructure for monitoring factors related to cancer and other NCDs. This includes building on existing knowledge and exploring new methods for monitoring risk factors, disease burden, and the impact of policies and interventions. The project emphasises that health is created by policies across sectors, and thus, it is crucial to consider the health and health equity implications of these policies.

Coordinator: Helsedirektoratet, Norway

Website: <https://www.preventnkd.eu/> ;

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Joint Action of the EU on Networks of Expertise on Cancer (JANE-2)

The second Joint Action of the EU on Networks of Expertise on Cancer (JANE-2) brings together 122 partners from 29 European countries. Its mission is to create seven Networks of Expertise on cancer in the EU, on: • complex and poor-prognosis cancers; • palliative cancer care; • survivorship; • personalized primary and secondary prevention; • omics technologies; • hi-tech medical resources; • adolescents and young adult patients with tumours.

The new Networks of Expertise will provide services to the whole European oncology community, such as: clinical practice guidelines and recommendations; quality of care criteria; health care and economic models; educational support; research promotion; support to patient advocates; support to political advocacy; and most importantly – everything with patients at the centre.

Coordinator: Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, Italy

Website: <https://jane-project.eu/>

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