

**EUROCHIP-3**  
**Steering Committee meeting**  
**Decisions of the meeting sessions**  
**Milan (Italy), 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008**

**Roles of the Steering Committee and Panel of Experts in EUROCHIP-3**

EUROCHIP-3 is differently organized to the previous EUROCHIP-1 and -2 projects: this European Commission (EC) Call involved the organization of the project in sub-projects called Work Packages (WP). EUROCHIP-3 is organised in 7 WPs: 3 horizontal WPs for coordination, evaluation and dissemination and the 4 scientific WPs covering different cancer domains (for details see *Annex 1* on EUROCHIP-3 project). However, the Steering Committee (SC) Group, as well as the Panel of Experts (PE) and the National Groups will maintain the roles covered in the EUROCHIP-1 and -2. The SC is in place to provide intellectual orientation to the project, the PE ensures feedbacks and consensus from an established community of European scientists connected with the local groups.

**Decisions taken for WP-4 on cervical cancer screening (Leader: Dr A. Anttila)**

1. EUROCHIP-2 results should be published in scientific articles and disseminated also at national level through the WP on dissemination (led by European School of Oncology)
2. WP activities in 5 Eastern European countries could focus on feasibility studies or data comparison studies on priorities and cost effectiveness in the various countries. These studies have to be used as political pressure for Ministry of Health funded screening programmes development.
3. EUROCHIP-3 pressure needs involvement of national cancer patient organizations
4. WP activities needs coordination with ECCA and EUNICE

**Decisions taken for WP-5 on cancer registration (Leader: Dr R. Otter)**

1. Organization of a meeting in Greece with KEELPNO or HCDPC (Hellenic Center of Diseases Control and Prevention) for a state of art of the cancer registry situation and a clear political message from the Greek Government
2. Georgios Margetidis can contact the Greek Ambassador in Luxembourg to increase relations with the Government
3. Pilot Study meeting to be scheduled after the Greek meeting in order to discuss on the European comparability of the indicators on cancer care and treatment
4. For the questionnaire addressed to European cancer registries (CRs) we can use as starting point the questionnaires used in CONCORD and in EUROCHIP-2 by the UK group. Jean Michel Lutz agrees to participate in its preparation and suggests to coordinate the activity with the EURO COURSE project

**Decisions taken for WP-6 on cancer rehabilitation indicators (Leader: Dr P. Veerus)**

1. Define exactly what we mean with the term "Rehabilitation". In the EUROCHIP-3 Rehabilitation calls for psychological, clinical, psychiatric, nutritional and social services needs of cancer survivors. The strategy to follow is to start with a large number of indicators and reduce their number via international discussion and progressive consensus. The list will then be proposed to the EC at the end of the project
2. EUROCHIP-1 Indicators' forms will be used to describe the characteristics of the indicators
3. New contact persons (experts in the various domains of rehabilitation) in EU countries will be invited by email to Steering Committee and Panel of Experts. One possible source of information and contacts can be the International Psycho Oncology Support Group. Another possible contact is Luigi Grassi
4. Possible sources for some indicators could be Insurance Companies, but this involves campaigning activities for the sensibilization of policy -makers to improve protection data obstacles

**Decisions taken for WP-7 on cancer cost & outcome (Leader: Dr A. Micheli)**

1. The aim of the WP is to organize consensus conferences on re-thinking cancer management in the direction of reducing costs, while maintaining or improving cancer outcomes (both in terms of cancer survival and quality of live)
2. EUROCHIP-3 will serve to flag the problem of the dramatically increase of cancer costs
3. Before to start with the WP work (and also to define for which cancer sites perform the activities) it is necessary to contact experts in the economic evaluation of health interventions and to organize a meeting with them in order to define the WP work-plan. New contact persons in EU countries will be invited by email to Steering Committee and Panel of Experts