

Fight against breast cancer in the European Union

Declaration of the European Parliament of 5 May 2010 on the fight against breast cancer in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 331 392 women in the European Union are diagnosed with breast cancer every year,
- B. whereas breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women aged 35 to 59, and 89 674 women die of breast cancer in the EU every year,
- C. whereas mammographic screening can reduce deaths from breast cancer by up to 35% in women between 50 and 69,
 1. Calls on the Member States to introduce nationwide breast screening, in accordance with EU guidelines;
 2. Calls on the Commission for a progress report on implementation of mammography screening in all EU countries every 2 years;
 3. Calls on the Commission to support studies to look at whether screening is useful for women over 69 years of age and under 50;
 4. Calls on Member States to provide multidisciplinary specialist breast units in accordance with EU guidelines by 2016, and on the Commission to deliver a regular progress report;
 5. Calls on the Commission to present up-to-date, reliable statistics on breast cancer and support the development of national cancer registers;
 6. Calls on the Commission to develop a certification protocol for specialist breast units in accordance with EU Guidelines by 2011 and to provide adequate financing for this;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories¹, to the parliaments of the Member States.

¹ The list of signatories is published in Annex 1 to the Minutes of 5 May 2010 (P7_PV(2010)05-05(ANN1)).