

## BECA Online Call for Contributions: Presentation of the online survey

### 1. Title

Call for Contributions: Impact of the COVID19-pandemic on cancer prevention, health services, cancer patients and research

### 2. Policy fields

Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Research and Innovation, Internal market, employment and social affairs.

### 3. Target group

Organisations registered in the [Transparency Register](#) are invited to send their contributions.

### 4. Period

The call for contributions will be open from 04.02.2021 to 25.02.2021

### 5. Objectives of the Call for Contributions

The impact of the COVID19-pandemic is visible throughout European healthcare systems. Regular care (other than COVID19) has been scaled back or postponed in many cases. Gradually it is becoming clear that the COVID19 health crisis has lasting consequences on cancer care services and patients.

It is crucial to draw lessons from the pandemic to improve cancer services and research and help prepare for future crises. As part of the preparation of its final report, the Committee therefore invites interested stakeholders to respond to a public call for evidence, focused on the emergent issue of COVID19 and its impact on cancer care.

The questions focus on:

- a) Addressing immediate and current impacts of the pandemic on cancer care in the EU
- b) The rebuilding of cancer services in Europe after the present period of health crisis has passed
- c) The long-term role and means of EU cooperation in health and cancer care after COVID19

A summary of evidence provided from this call will be provided to Members and, possibly, be published on the BECA website. Contributions will be used to inform the final report and advice by the Committee, as well as its further evidence gathering processes ahead of report publication.

This call for contributions is in line with the [mandate](#) of the Beating Cancer committee, and in particular paragraph 1, point b and c) thereof:

*1. Decides to set up a special committee on beating cancer, vested with the following responsibilities:*

*(...)*

*(b) listening to the current evidence and data available and react by identifying policies and priorities **that meet patients' needs;***

*(c) evaluating the possibilities where, in accordance with the TFEU, the EU can take concrete steps to fight cancer and where only recommendations to the Member States and exchange of best practices are possible and focus on the concrete actions;*

### 6. Language

The call for contributions is available in English. Please provide your replies in English.

### 7. Background

The **European Parliament's** Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) was set up to look at ways **to elevate and accelerate Europe's shared fight against cancer**. Its work includes identifying legislation and other measures that can help prevent and fight cancer, and looking into the best ways to support research.

It is becoming increasingly clear that the COVID19 pandemic has far-reaching implications for cancer care and services. This issue will therefore be an important part of the BECA report, particularly in formulating recommendations for the future regarding screening, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer patients in the event of a subsequent outbreak or similar major health crisis.

#### Background documents

- Mandate of the Special Committee on Beating Cancer  
[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2020-0160\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2020-0160_EN.html)
- Working document on Inputs of the Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) to **influence the future Europe's Beating Cancer Plan (27.10.2020)**  
[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2014\\_2019/plmrep/COMMITTEES/BECA/DV/20/10-27/1216817EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2014_2019/plmrep/COMMITTEES/BECA/DV/20/10-27/1216817EN.pdf)
- European Parliament Study: Strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer. Going further, faster (July 2020)  
[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/642388/IPOL\\_STU\(2020\)642388\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/642388/IPOL_STU(2020)642388_EN.pdf)
- European Parliament Study: EU Public Health Policies. State of play, current and future challenges (September 2020)  
[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2019/638426/IPOL\\_STU\(2019\)638426\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2019/638426/IPOL_STU(2019)638426_EN.pdf)
- European Parliament Background research to support the work of the new Special **Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA), prepared for BECA's constituent meeting** (September 2020)  
[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/EPRS/TD\\_BECA\\_2020\\_final.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/EPRS/TD_BECA_2020_final.pdf)

#### 8. Practical information

##### How to submit your contribution

Please take part in the public call for contributions by completing the [online survey form](#).

Please note that to ensure a fair and transparent process, only responses received through the online form will be made available to Members of the Beating Cancer Committee and, possibly, published on the BECA Committee webpage.

##### Contact details of responsible service

The call for contributions is requested, prepared and administratively coordinated by the Special Committee on Beating Cancer of the European Parliament. For questions related to the Call for Contributions, please contact: European Parliament, Special Committee on Beating Cancer.

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##### Results of the call for contributions and next steps

The results of the call for contributions will help the members of the Beating Cancer committee to map the experiences and recommendations of stakeholders and their expectations with regard to the impact of the COVID19-pandemic on cancer prevention, health services, cancer patients and research. It will also help to define potential next steps and future policies in this regard at EU level.

This call for consultation does not prejudge any future decision on whether or not to propose legislation in this field.

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