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The Cancer Survivor Smart Card will be developed by 2022. It will be an interoperable portable e-Card or an application. The Commission is involving patient groups, health and social care providers, as well as families of patients in order to apply a participatory and co-creative approach in the development of the tool. In addition, a group of 'Card-users' will pilot the Card's usage once it has been developed, before a wider roll-out. The voluntary use of the Card in their own languages will be offered to all Member States, and promoted with the help of stakeholders, citizens, and health authorities, at national, regional, and local levels across the EU.

The Card will contribute to improve communication between patients and clinicians embracing three core attributes of 'patient-centered' care: (1) consideration of patients' needs, perspectives, and individual experiences; (2) provision of opportunities for patients to participate in their care ('self-management'); (3) and enhancement of the patient-clinician relationship.