Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 outlines the obligation of Member States to report to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) data relevant to its mission. Since the mission of the Centre is to identify, assess and communicate current and emerging threats to human health from communicable diseases (Article 3)\(^1\), cancer registries are not under the mandate of the ECDC. Therefore, the situation described above does not seem to indicate a breach of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 851/2004.

The Commission’s Joint Research Centre supports and encourages cancer data harmonisation, updating and provision together with the European Network of Cancer Registries in order to feed and update the European Cancer Information System. The Commission relies on the voluntary provision of cancer registry data and information from all Regions and Countries. The registry of Basilicata has provided data to our 2015 data call\(^2\). A new call for data has recently been launched\(^3\).