# European Network of Cancer Registries

Welcome to the **Workshop on the Recommendations on Recording of Cancer Recurrences and Progression**

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# International cancer burden

- 20.6 million new cases annually, expected to increase to 35 million by 2050- 10 million deaths annually
- 53 million estimated prevalence living 5 years post diagnosis , Some at risk of recurrence/progression.

# Why recurrences ?

- Recurrences are Primary cause of cancer related mortality however
- Improving cancer treatment e.g. immunotherapy
  - improved survival for primary cancers- prevalence ^
  - improved survival and even cure of recurrences
- Need to estimate costs for planning eg treatments for recurrences
- Impact on patients
  - emotionally, mental health, disability, death realisation

# Why Cancer registries?

- Previous studies of recurrence examined patients in clinical settings to estimate and predict recurrence and survival for specific cancers.

- Cancer registries already collect Incidence, staging, survival, prevalence - now recurrences!

  - All cancers and population level
  - add data on genomics/ stage/ treatments/cancer subtype

  data on patient comorbidities etc

- enable identification of best sources eg scans, Ct DNA, GP attendances

# Opening opportunities for patients



- Eventually facilitate better predictions of survival by
  - researching tumour characteristics at diagnosis including genomics to identify those at risk of recurrence - requiring early detection + surveillance
  - identifying treatments which reduce RP
  - identifying best treatments for patients with RP

# Benefit to policy makers



- Identify numbers at high-risk of these events,
- improve capacity planning, disease surveillance and future treatment protocols.

- Better refinement of international survival data - if recurrences mis-classified as new cases -> poorer survival estimates

# How ? Experts from 14 European countries under direction of ENCR



- Multiple On-line meetings




- RP data recording by Registries included in wider survey ,
- ENCR/ International Assn CR workshop in 2023
- Consultation with all ENCR members.

- Passed by ENCR steering committee 2024
- Publication online

- Article on recurrences etc is free for everyone to read online at
- EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF CANCER, 102, 2026, p. 103067, ELSEVIER SCI LTD, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.canep.2026.103067

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