



EUROPEAN NETWORK OF CANCER REGISTRIES

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The European Network of Cancer Registries was established in 1989, within the framework of the **'Europe Against Cancer'** programme of the **European Commission**. It is currently supported by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, and has the following objectives:

- to improve the quality, comparability and availability of cancer incidence data;
- to create a basis for monitoring cancer incidence and mortality in Europe;
- to provide regular information on the burden of cancer in Europe;
- to promote the use of cancer registries in cancer control, health-care planning and research.

The ENCR Steering Committee is a body of elected or nominated individuals who direct and support the activities of the network.

The Steering Committee:

- 1. Represents the member registries of the European Network.
- 2. Represents the Network in interaction with other organizations.
- 3. Sets goals and priorities, reviews progress and proposes future developments.
- 4. Sets the criteria for full and associate membership of the Network.
- 5. Advises on definitions and coding practices for cancer registries within the framework of international coding schemes.
- 6. Facilitates the active participation of the member registries in the Network, in relation to the provision of data, and their use in studies or publications.
- 7. Establishes and publishes rules for the use and release of detailed data from the Network's database.
- 8. Promotes the development of tools for processing and analysing cancer registry data.
- 9. Supports training initiatives aimed at registry staff.