

89th ENCR Steering Committee (SC) Meeting and Meeting of the JRC-ENCR Management Committee minutes

Date and place: 29 May 2024, Videoconference

Attendees: ENCR SC, JRC-ENCR Management Committee, Representatives from the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Welcome and adoption of the minutes of the 88th ENCR SC meeting

Minutes were approved with a minor clarification.

ECIS and the new data call

ECIS 2 is being developed with a restructured internal database, new IT infrastructure, and revised data visualization.

- The JRC will inform the ENCR SC about the new functionalities of ECIS once they become available.
- The situation with French cancer registries is still unclear due to regulatory obstacles.
- The aggregation tool for data submission is being developed, and the list of cancer entities will be shared with registries soon.
- The Quality Check Software has been updated (version 2.2.2), and the JRC is preparing feedback reports for cancer registries.

Direct Grant to Member States: Support to quality improvement of cancer registry data feeding the ECIS

- 29 countries have expressed interest in the Direct Grant to improve cancer registry data quality.
- The Joint Action proposal needs to be drafted by October 10th, 2024.
- Participating institutions can be involved in selected work packages only, depending on local needs and resources.
- The JRC encourages proactive involvement from participating countries and volunteering organizations.

Data requests

A proposal on how to regulate future requests for ECIS data has been shared with the ENCR SC.

- The JRC will finalize the data request documents for the upcoming ECIS 2 website.

ENCR events

A workshop on Media and Communication is planned for September 25th, focusing on the importance of cancer registration and the European Health Data Space.

- A workshop on Software and AI tools for CRs is scheduled for October, with two separate online events on data collection and quality assurance, and AI-supported solutions for cancer registries.
- The ENCR Scientific Conference 2025 is open for expressions of interest from volunteering organizations to host the event.

ENCR recommendations and working groups

Draft recommendations on CNS tumours, recurrences, and treatment are being revised by the ENCR SC.

- A new WG on non-melanoma skin cancers is being considered.
- The WG on survival in ECIS will kick-off in June, with the ambition is to finalise its activities.

Survival in ECIS and EURO CARE-7 protocol:

- A survival strategy document has been drafted to guide the provision of reliable and up-to-date survival in ECIS.
- The document will be used as a guide for the WG on survival.

AoB:

- A Polish conference for regional healthcare facilities will be organized, and the ENCR SC is encouraged to support it with recordings.
- The JRC is available in collaborating on the CanStaging tool further development.