

90th ENCR Steering Committee (SC) Meeting and Meeting of the JRC-ENCR Management Committee minutes

Date and place: 27 September 2024, JRC Ispra, Italy

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

Welcome and adoption of the minutes of the 89th ENCR SC meeting

The minutes were approved without modifications.

Data submission and timeline, data validation, aggregation with CRATE and publication in the new ECIS web

- 93 record-level data submissions were received so far via the JRC-ENCR Portal;
- The JRC developed a workflow for validation of the record-level data (2nd phase data validation) and started pilot testing with four cancer registries of the ENCR SC. These four registries were asked to provide feedback to improve the process;
- The beta version of the aggregation tool CRATE is being finalised and is going to be distributed soon to the registries that expressed interest.

ENCR recommendations and working groups (WGs)

- Survival: this new WG, chaired by Volker Arndt (Baden-Württemberg Cancer Registry), commenced meetings in July 2024 and aims to complete work by summer 2025. The outcomes of this WG will be used as specifications for the calculation and publication of survival indicators in ECIS, envisaged by end 2026. The JA Cancer Watch will build on the WG outcomes to provide the technical tools for this task.
- Treatment: the text of the recommendation has been revised according to feedback received. The final draft will be shared for adoption with the ENCR SC.
- Central Nervous System tumours: the draft recommendation was distributed for ENCR SC to comment on.
- Recurrences: following consultation with Cancer Registries, the draft recommendation was distributed for ENCR SC to comment on.
- Multiple primary tumours: this WG is working on defining guidance for recording multiple primary tumours.
- Non-melanoma skin cancers: a call for expression of interest is open.

ENCR training

- ENCR webinar “Communicating with Impact” (25th Sept 2024): the webinar was organised in collaboration with IKNL, the Norwegian, Northern Irish and Slovenian CRs. It attracted around 50 participants and was well appreciated (feedback score 4.6/5). A [communication toolkit](#) was contextually published in the ENCR website to help cancer registries better shape their media outputs.
- Workshop on Software and AI tools for Cancer Registries (October 2024): the programme has been agreed, around 250 participants have registered so far.
- Ideas for 2025 ENCR training were discussed.
- ENCR conference 2025: will take place 27th-30th May in Porto (Pt), organized as a joint meeting of the ENCR and GRELL (Group for Cancer Epidemiology and Registration in Latin Language Countries).

Estimates 2024

- JRC and IARC representatives met in Ispra on the 26th Sept 2024 to plan the collaboration on the 2024 estimates.

AoB:

- Feedback shared following a successful conference and workshop "Cancer Registration: New Opportunities – New Challenges," jointly organized by the teams from the Greater Poland Cancer Centre and West Pomeranian Oncology Centre. It took place in Poznan, Poland, on the 24th of September 2024. The ENCR SC and JRC representatives contributed to this event by presenting an international perspective of cancer registration.