

98th ENCR Steering Committee (SC) Meeting and Meeting of the JRC-ENCR Management Committee minutes

Date and place: 12 June 2026, In person

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

Welcome and adoption of the 97th ENCR SC meeting

The minutes of the 97th ENCR SC meeting were approved with a minor correction.

ENCR Membership

A revised draft of the membership criteria was discussed, with emphasis on inclusiveness, registries' maturity as well as on expected contribution to ECIS. New membership criteria will be shared at the next ENCR General Assembly for approval.

Update on ECIS (JRC)

The status of ECIS submissions and pending situations were revised. As for the data validation process, the 1st phase validation was completed for all registries that submitted data at the end of 2025 or in 2026. Relevant QCS updates and validation processes related to stage and follow up variables, in alignment with CancerWatch WP 7.1, were addressed during the summer. In May the 2nd phase validation started, and by the end of summer corrections received by cancer registries will be processed, and updated incidence and mortality will be published in the ECIS web application. By the same date, validated record-level data will also be available to calculate survival estimates. On the estimates, the JRC updated the ECIS web application with 2024 estimates for non-EU countries in April. The publication of long-term estimates is tentatively envisaged around the end of June.

The manuscript on the availability of stage information is in press in the International Journal of Cancer, <http://doi.org/10.1002/ijc.70593>. Preliminary analysis of treatment data availability and challenges in comparability across registries/cancer sites is ongoing.

Access to ECIS database

The draft procedure for access to record-level data from the ECIS database was discussed and revised. The JRC-ENCR Management Committee will grant access to the ECIS database based on the scientific assessment provided by the ECIS Review Board.

ICD-O-4

Updated ICD-O-4 tables will be published shortly; IARC in collaboration with ENCR should develop trainings and conversion tables. The impact of ICD-O-4 on registry data and tools was discussed.

Recommendations and Working groups

- *Tumours of unknown primary site*: work ongoing.
- *Multiple primary tumours*: extensive input gathered during the consultation with CRs need to be revised.
- *Haematological malignancies*: the work of this group is postponed until the finalisation of ICD-O-4 tables, with a new WG coordinator.
- *Non-melanoma skin cancers*: The WG collaborated on a narrative review [paper](#) published in Cancers. As a next step on the WG agenda, methods for NMSC estimation will be discussed.

ENCR training agenda 2026

- *Treatment*: a training on the coding of treatment variables is planned for autumn and will focus on the 2025 treatment recommendation.
- *Recurrences*: training on this topic is scheduled on the 23rd of October, to provide guidance on coding recurrences and transformations, and on differentiating transformations from multiple primary tumours.

ENCR elections

Elections are due for the 2027–2029 term Steering Committee term, with rules described in the ENCR website. The current SC suggested extending the mandate from three to four years; this amendment would be tabled to the next ENCR General Assembly for the next Committee, not prolonging the term of current members.

CancerWatch

Preliminary results from the 5.1 survey were reviewed; an article presenting a mapping of the European cancer registries was submitted to the ESMO Real World Data journal.

The development plan of the Cancer Watch data quality check tool was presented and discussed.

AOB

- *ENCR site visits*: the site visit report to the Albanian CR was finalised, with the Albanian cancer registry already implementing some of the recommendations. A virtual follow-up with the Moldovan cancer registry was proposed, and generally to regularly organise follow-up after 1 year from the site visit. The site visit process will be revised in CancerWatch.
- *ENCR 2027 conference in Warsaw*: the next ENCR conference will be hosted 21-24 September 2027 by the Polish Cancer Registry in Warsaw.
- *AIRTUM training in Procida, Italy*: at the invitation of AIRTUM – the Italian Association of Cancer Registries - two half-day training sessions on data validation and related tools were delivered by the JRC during the AIRTUM course for cancer registrars in Procida, Italy.
- *Tehdas 2 consultation*: The ENCR SC coordinated feedback from the cancer registries' community for the Tehdas2 consultation.
- *Next ENCR SC meeting*: October 7, 2026. *ENCR General Assembly*: December 16, 2026.