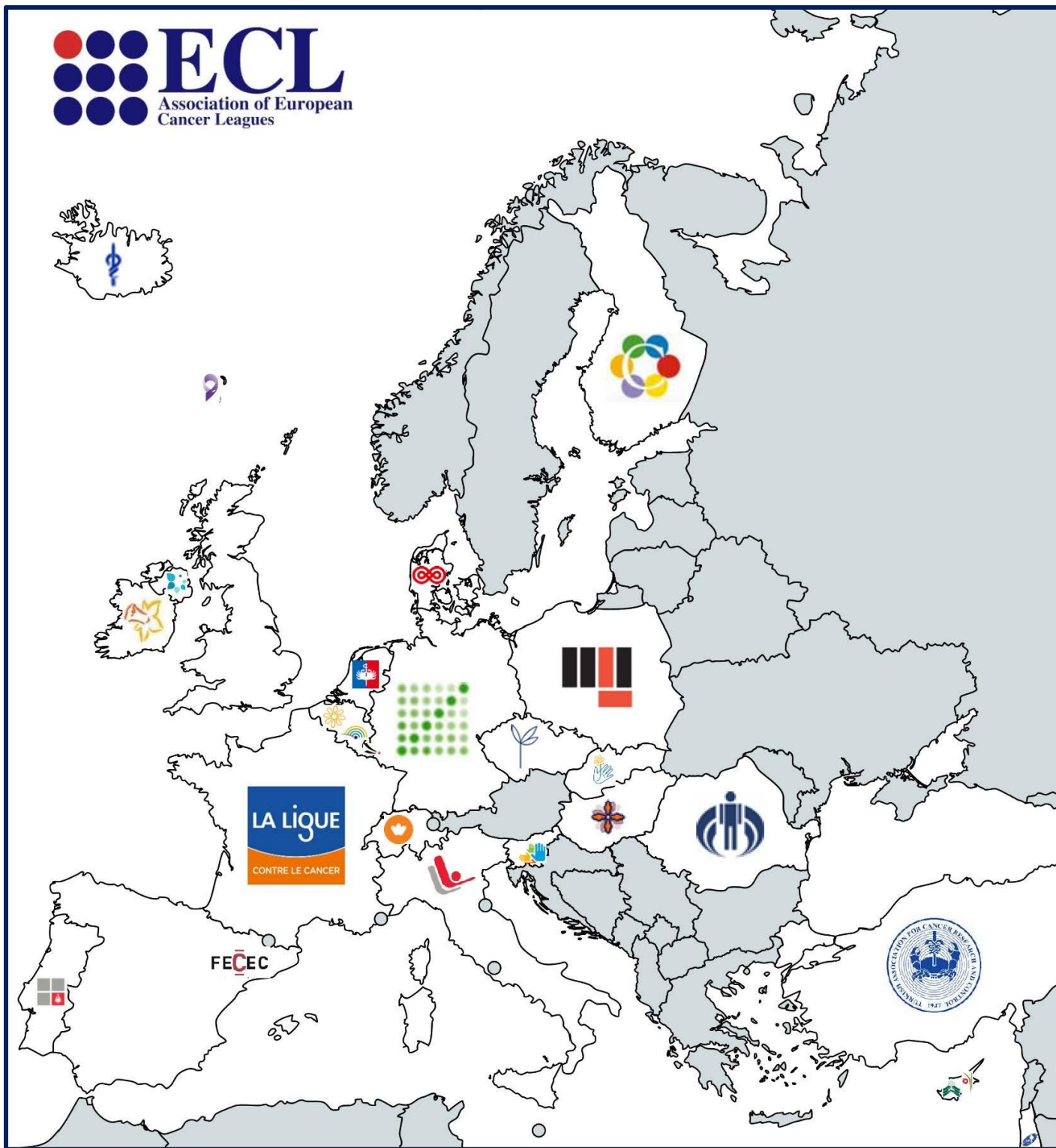


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## FOUNDATION AGAINST CANCER BELGIUM

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### MISSION AND GOAL

The Fondation contre le Cancer / Stichting tegen Kanker (Belgian Foundation Against Cancer) is the national cancer association of Belgium. The goal of the foundation is to achieve “zero suffering and zero deaths by cancer”. Its mission is to mobilise all means necessary to make progress towards the realisation of this goal.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The foundation is a non-governmental organisation and an institution of public utility led by a pluralistic, independent, and voluntary board, presided by Dr. Eric Van Cutsem and Dr. Pierre Coulie. The general secretary and CEO of the foundation is Dr. Didier Van der Stichel.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

The foundation is a major national funder of basic, translational, and clinical research. It also supports patients by providing reliable and understandable information about cancer, and organises activities to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families. The foundation is an advocate for a better public health policy, encouraging and helping the federal and regional governments in Belgium to push the boundaries in the fight against cancer. Finally, the foundation is proud to be part of the global ‘Relay for Life’ movement.



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## STAND UP TO CANCER FLANDERS

 Belgium (Flanders)

### MISSION AND GOAL

Kom op tegen Kanker (Stand up to Cancer) is a leading non-governmental organisation in the fight against cancer in the Flemish community of Belgium. The mission of Stand up to Cancer is to reduce the cancer burden in the Flemish community, and achieve a better quality of life for people living with cancer.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Stand up to Cancer is both an association and a public foundation. The association represents all important stakeholders active in the fight against cancer within the Flemish community. A pluralistic board of directors with, among others, representatives of universities, sickness funds, patient organisations, and volunteers, guides the organisation in fulfilling its mission. The President of the association is Professor Jean-Jacques Cassiman, with Frank Deboosere acting as a campaign leader. Marc Michils is the current CEO.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Stand up to Cancer is active in five domains: (i) setting up and supporting social services for cancer patients; (ii) prevention and information campaigns; (iii) supporting cancer research; (iv) advocating and lobbying for patients' rights; and (v) organising fundraising activities. The organisation counts more than 70 employees, 350 volunteers supporting cancer patients, and approximately 15,000 people active in fundraising activities



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## THE CYPRUS ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY

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### MISSION AND GOAL

Funded in 1971, the Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society is a non-profit organisation with the mission to:

- Improve the quality of life of cancer patients, their families, and caregivers by providing comprehensive palliative care services during their illness and rehabilitation;
- Organise public awareness programmes, about cancer prevention and early detection, diagnosis, treatment, and palliative care;
- Inform the public, and specifically youth groups through the society's 'Non-Smokers' League', about the harmful effects of smoking, as well as promote necessary amendments to legislation;
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the national strategy on cancer, advocating for the rights of cancer patients.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society is nation-wide organisation with offices in all five regions of the island. It is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors, chaired by Dr. Adamos Adamou. Its 6-member Executive Board is responsible for assisting management in the implementation of the society's strategy. The CEO, Ms Maria Ioannidou, oversees operations of the team of more than 80 staff members. The society's work is assisted by a large number of volunteers, along with the support of several committees.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

The Society provides comprehensive palliative care services to patients, free of charge, including medical and nursing care, physiotherapy and lymphedema therapy, psychosocial support, and complimentary therapies. Such services are provided to patients at the society's hospice in Nicosia, the outpatient palliative care centre in Limassol, and through the society's home care service operating in all regions of Cyprus (this includes 24-hour on-call service in 2 regions).

The society also works across the following fields of cancer control: psychosocial support services to family members and caregivers; public cancer awareness and non-smoking campaigns; health professionals training in palliative care; and cancer patient rights advocacy.



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The mission of PASYKAF is a society free from cancer. Their main goals are:

- To improve and safeguard the quality of life of cancer patients and their families at all stages of the disease, including rehabilitation and bereavement;
- To promote cancer prevention and early cancer detection;
- To safeguard the right management of the disease, including prevention programmes, population screening and early detection, high quality treatment, palliative care and rehabilitation for all patients.

## STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Organisation consists of its members and volunteers. It was established in 1986 as a voluntary, non-governmental association, a registered charity no. 525. The Board of Directors is elected by the General Assembly every 3 years. Currently it has 15 members, of whom the majority need to be constituted by cancer patients or ex-patients. The president of the board is Dr Anna Achilleoudi. The CEO is Nicolas Philippou, who is responsible for implementation of the strategies and goals set by the Board of Directors.

## MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

PASYKAF has five centres in all major towns in Cyprus, one rehabilitation centre in Moniatis (a village in Cyprus), and multi-disciplinary mobile teams of more than 50 health professionals including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists, and social workers, who cover more than 200 towns and villages around Cyprus.

The main activities and services of the organisation include:

- Home palliative and nursing care (24hour service where needed) & psychosocial support including psychotherapy groups, individual therapy, and bereavement;
- Assistance with social welfare issues, physiotherapy & lymphedema service;
- Day care centres & free transport service;
- Rehabilitation centre for patients after treatment;
- Promoting public awareness on prevention and early detection of cancer
- Educating and supporting health professionals; and
- Advocating for patients' rights.

All Services to patients are offered for free.



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League against Cancer is a non-profit organisation. For 26 years, the main goal is a reduction in mortality from malignant tumours in the Czech Republic. To achieve this goal, the league chose three major long-term programmes:

- Preventing cancer and bring a healthy lifestyle;
- Improving the quality of life for cancer patients;
- Support cancer research and instrumentation cancer centres.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The league is composed of the Board of the League against Cancer Prague, whose president is Michaela Fridrichová, the Executive Director, who is currently Iva Kurcova, the Secretariat, the Economist Audit Committee, and Physicians on Cancer Help Line.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Cancer Prevention, cancer patients' support, support of oncological research, hospices, etc.



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## DANISH CANCER SOCIETY

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### MISSION AND GOAL

Danish Cancer Society aims to prevent the development of cancer, improve patients' chances of successful recovery, and limit physical, psychological, and social side-effects of cancer.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Danish Cancer Society is a democratic organisation with more than 415,000 members. Members are organized in 98 local committees. Committee members are elected at annual general meetings. The 98 local committees constitute the governing body of the Danish Cancer Society, meeting once a year. In each of the 5 regions, a regional committee has been set up. Both local and regional committees cooperate with local and regional administrations.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

The society's main activities are within research, patient support, and prevention. Highlights of 2016: The Danish Cancer Society welcomed Cancer Plan IV in the fall of 2016. The Danish government allocated cumulative funds in total 2.2 billion DKK to new initiatives to tackle the cancer burden by 2020.

The Danish Cancer Society, the Association of Medical Specialists and owners of regional hospitals have decided to make Denmark an even more attractive country for cancer research. The aim is to improve cancer treatment continuously and to introduce new treatment breakthroughs as early as possible in the clinics. The Government prioritised to allocate resources for the establishment of a Danish Comprehensive Cancer Centre, which coordinates and implements national research and clinical initiatives.

The Danish Cancer Society and The Association of Medical Specialists proposed to appoint a patient responsible physician for each cancer patient, to oversee and take responsibility for the cancer care in the hospital. The patient responsible physician is aimed to support the patients' experience of coherence, coordination, and security in his/her course of disease. With Cancer Plan IV the Government has prioritised that the regions implement patient responsible physicians.

Furthermore, the society has worked intensively to raise participation rate in the HPV vaccination programme.



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## FAROESE CANCER SOCIETY

✚ Faroe Islands

### MISSION AND GOAL

The activities of the Faroese Cancer Society have increased considerably over the years. The group's main activities are within patient support, prevention, and research. A growing number of people approach the association with enquires, both cancer patients, relatives, and others.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The society is governed by a board of five members, which are elected at the annual General Assembly. The current president of the board is Ms. Durita Tausen. The executive director is Jansy Gaardlykke.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Counselling, rehabilitation and recreation for cancer patients, peer support, volunteers for cancer awareness activities, awareness campaigns and funding cancer research.

The FCS organizes regular conferences, lectures, courses, theme days etc. for patients, their next-of-kin, and others, who work or live with cancer patients one way or another. Regular activities include art-therapy for cancer patients, courses in facial and skin care for women with cancer, undergoing chemotherapy, therapy groups for spouses and family-day etc. All free of charge for the participants.

Staff consists of two counselling nurses with practical experience in oncology, palliative care and therapy and a part-time secretary. Cancer patients, their relations and others may contact the FCS for advice, guidance, and support. The FCS is in regular contact with local hospitals, and other healthcare institutions in and outside the Faroe Islands.



Cancer Society of Finland

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The Cancer Society of Finland comprises 12 regional cancer societies and six national patient organisations. Regional cancer associations and patients' organisations are deployed in the country, providing a strong network of information and support. Activities are based on the results of scientific research, which is funded through grants offered by the Cancer Foundation Finland and the foundation of the Finnish Cancer Institute. The Finnish Cancer Registry produces epidemiological and statistical information on cancer, and monitors and develops screening of cancer.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

A national umbrella organisation of 18-member organisations (12 regional societies and 6 national patient organisations). The society maintains the Finnish Cancer Registry and takes care of the administrative duties of the Cancer Foundation Finland. It has counselling services both nationally and regionally.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Health promotion, communications, counselling, cancer control, research, rehabilitation and recreation for cancer patients, palliative care support, peer support, volunteers for cancer activities, cancer epidemiology and screening (quality assurance, research, and planning), health service provider.



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## THE FRENCH LEAGUE AGAINST CANCER

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### MISSION AND GOAL

The French League against Cancer, founded in 1918, is an independent NGO (exclusively funded by the public's generosity) which federates more than 640,000 members, 13,000 volunteers and 400 employees. The league is active in four main fields: funding research, promoting screening and prevention, supporting patients, and addressing questions through advocacy.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The French League is a federal organisation with 103 local committees and governed by a Board of 30 members (16 from the local committees) and an Executive Committee composed of 7 Board members.

The Federal office employs around 100 persons.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Four missions to fight cancer on all fronts:

- Information on prevention and national screening campaigns;
- Actions for and with patients and their loved ones to support them during and after the disease;
- Advocacy for patients' rights and changes in the society knowledge of cancer; and
- Help research by selecting and funding the best French research teams on cancer. The French league is the number 1 private and independent funder for cancerology research in France.



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## GERMAN CANCER SOCIETY

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The Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft - DKG (German Cancer Society) is the largest scientific society in oncology in German-speaking countries. We are committed to a cancer care based on evidence-based medicine and interdisciplinarity. Our aim is high quality of oncological care. Therefore, our focus is on the certification of centres of oncological care, the development of evidence-based, independent treatment guidelines and patient guidance, knowledge development and knowledge transfer in oncology and reliable patient information.

DKG includes 16 regional cancer society's (section A), more than 7,700 individual scientific members organized in 24 working groups (section B), and 34 sponsors from research-based pharmaceutical industries, scientific publishers, and health insurances (section C). All our members are active in research and treatment of cancer with the aim to address our joint goal: the fight against cancer. The society is not only open to clinical experts of all relevant medical specialties, but also to basic researchers, medical technicians, nurses, psychologists, and many other professional groups working in the field of oncology. They organise several scientific conferences and symposia for the overarching professional exchange. Their tasks also include the collaboration with other organisations, professional associations, and public health bodies - both nationally and internationally. They are the co-founder of the Nationaler Krebsplan (German National Cancer Plan), which was launched in 2008 by the Federal Ministry of Health. Since 2012 we cooperate with the Stiftung Deutsche Krebshilfe (German Cancer Aid) and bundle our experts and our expertise. Finally, they represent the Federal Republic of Germany in international organisations such as the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), the Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL) and the European Union.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The German Cancer Society is composed of a Board of 11 directors, an office with 53 employees, a secretary general member of board, directors and several departments: administration, certification, guidelines, federal cancer societies, congress organization, political affairs and public relation.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Political affairs, congresses, patient information system, certification, guidelines.

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### MISSION AND GOAL

#### Vision:

We are working for a future in which the healthy ones can keep their health and cancer patients are treated in the highest professional standards and they live a quality life in dignity.

#### Goals:

- Promoting healthy lifestyle;
- Promoting and organizing screenings;
- - Supporting cancer patients during the treatments; and
- Rehabilitation from the diagnosis throughout the patient pathway.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Association, 3000+ members

9 board members (including the president, who is currently Balazs Rozvanyi).

39 local organizations throughout the country

Office: headquarter and administration

4 helping services: open for anyone, 5 days a week

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Activities: training of volunteers, guest speakers, awareness campaigns, conferences on different types of cancer, formal courses for doctors and nurses, fundraising (e.g. medical equipment, chapel), road-show on lung cancer and new therapies, clubs, where patients can meet each other.

Annual events: cervical cancer awareness campaign, World Cancer Day, National Cancer Day, conference on patients' rights, World Lymphoma Day, Pink Month (Pink Promenades), "Movember movement", prostate cancer awareness campaign.



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## ICELANDIC CANCER SOCIETY

 Iceland

### MISSION AND GOAL

The Icelandic Cancer Society (ICS) was established on 27 June 1951. Through the decades the ICS has concentrated its engagement on prevention (e.g. cancer detection), education, research, collecting epidemiological/statistical information on cancer and patient support. The main role of the Icelandic Cancer Society is to be at the forefront of the fight against cancer.

The Goal of the Icelandic Cancer Society is supporting and promoting the fight against cancer in wide respect, for example by increasing public knowledge about cancer, supporting and conducting research, running, and supporting the National Cancer Registry, screening for cancer, and supporting progress in the treatment of cancer and care of cancer patients and serve as advocate seeking to secure their rights and promote their interests.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Icelandic Cancer Society is an umbrella organisation of 29-member associations, local associations, and support groups. At the Annual General Assembly, seven members are elected to the governing board of the Icelandic Cancer Society.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Running a screening service for breast and cervical cancer, running the National Cancer Registry, on behalf of the Icelandic authorities, providing support and counselling for cancer patients, relatives, and health care professionals, seeking to secure, and promote cancer patients' rights and interests, supporting research, educating, and promoting health.



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The Israel Cancer Association (ICA) was founded in 1952. Many years of involvement and a proud record of achievement have earned the ICA widespread recognition nationally and internationally, as a prime leader in the fight against cancer. The ICA set its goal to reduce morbidity and mortality rates of cancer, by waging an encompassing fight - promoting research, prevention, early detection, and improved methods of treatment, rehabilitation, and quality of life. The ICA supports cancer patients throughout their ordeal and strives to ensure their rights. The ICA works in collaboration with the health authorities although it is financially independent. All ICA's means derived from public contributions, with no government subsidies whatsoever.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The President of the State of Israel serves as the Patron of the Israel Cancer Association. Prof. Aharon Ciechanover, 2004 Nobel laureate in Chemistry, serves as ICA Honorary President. Prof. Eliezer Robinson, Past President of the Union for International Cancer Control - UICC, serves as ICA Chairman. Mr. Leon Recanati serves as ICA Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Miri Ziv serves as ICA Director General. The ICA has a small and active executive board, comprised of public personalities, medical professionals, research scientists, and a larger group of Board of Trustees. The Executive board operation is based on the recommendations of many professional committees comprised of the leading experts in each field. The ICA boasts approx. 3,500 volunteers who are active in 70 branches across the country.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

The ICA Goal – Reducing Cancer Morbidity and Mortality in Israel. Activities conducted for the implementation of this goal:

- Financing and promoting cancer research;
- Initiating and implementing national prevention and early detection programs, and educating the general population and the patients;
- Assisting in upgrading medical and rehabilitation services provided in oncology centres, at home and in the community, for the benefit of cancer patients, survivors and their families;
- Assisting in the set up and operation of treatment centres, inpatient clinics and welfare centres;
- Providing professional training and updates to multi-disciplinary oncology teams;
- Promoting patients' rights and enhancing their quality of life; and
- Disseminating reliable information to the healthy population, cancer patients, and survivors.



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It acts under the High Patronage of the President of the Republic, the direct supervision of the Ministry of Health & the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the constant control of the Court of Auditors.

Founded in 1922, it is also the oldest organisation in the field.

LILT co-operates with the Italian State, its regions and municipalities, and other organisations operating in the oncology field. Moreover, it is an active member of European Cancer Leagues (ECL), International Cancer Union (UICC), European Network of Quitlines (ENQ) and, from August 2009, European Men's Health Forum (EMHF). It also liaises with the American Cancer Society and similar institutions in China, Albania, and Kosovo, carrying out an institutional role in the European oncology field and exchanging information regarding tumours, with the member states.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Board 4 (President + 3) - General Director - office with 9 employees

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Promotion of the culture of prevention in a variety of ways:

- Phase I Prevention: identifying causes of disease and reducing risk factors. National Campaigns disseminate correct information and promote health education, encouraging the active involvement of the population.
- Phase II Prevention: medical and laboratory examinations for early diagnosis of cancer. Detecting tumours at an early stage means treatment can be less aggressive, and the chances of a full recovery are much greater.
- Phase III Prevention: anticipating and/or preventing recurrence. Providing help for cancer patients through home care; offering physical, psychological, and occupational therapy; supporting cancer patients in everyday life and on the job.





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### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Board (6 p.), whose the current president is Dr. Carlo Bock.

Employees (11 p.)

Volunteers (142 p.)

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

#### HEALTH PROMOTION:

Promoting public awareness on prevention and screening.

#### PATIENT SUPPORT:

Psychosocial support for patients and their loved ones, financial support, patients' groups, network of volunteers in hospitals.

#### FUNDING OF CANCER RESEARCH



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### MISSION AND GOAL

The purpose of our Foundation is to create social energy and initiating and strengthening various initiatives to reduce the risk and increase the chances of a cure and a dignified life for people affected by cancer. Drawing from the social energy and expertise.

Mission of the League - the struggle for life and health of hundreds of thousands of male and female patients - will help league cross the local and group selfishness and overcome the fragmentation of social activity.

Working on improving the quality of and access to the highest standards of cancer care, the focus is also on making the fight against cancer society, which is a universal obligation.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Board (5 p.), Council (35 p.) – they work pro bono.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Health policy, public health, health psychology, communication in healthcare and health education.



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## PORTUGUESE LEAGUE AGAINST CANCER

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### MISSION AND GOAL

The Portuguese League against Cancer assumes itself as a national reference entity in the support to cancer patients and their families, in the promotion of health, in the prevention of cancer and in the stimulation to the formation and investigation in oncology. The LPCC pursues the following objectives: (i) Disseminate information on cancer and promote health education, with an emphasis on prevention; (ii) contribute to the social support and humanization of care for cancer patients at all stages of the disease; (iii) cooperate with the institutions involved in the area of oncology, namely the Centres of the Portuguese Institute of Oncology Francisco Gentil and hospitals; (iv) stimulate and support oncology training and research; (v) establish and maintain relations with national and foreign counterparts; (vi) develop structures for primary and secondary prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, either alone or in collaboration with other entities; and (vii) advocate for the rights of cancer patients and survivors. Volunteers and professionals who work in the LPCC are oriented by the principles of humanization and solidarity and by the following values: sensitivity, equity, ethic, respect, commitment, responsibility and transparency.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Portuguese Cancer League is a private non-profit, non-governmental organisation, declared by law of public utility (relevant social aim), founded in 1941, with a headquarter in Lisbon.

The League activities are developed through 5 branches (North, Centre, South, Madeira, and Azores).

Board (9 members), all board members at national and regional level are volunteers. As all the members of the other social bodies.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Health prevention and education campaigns, social and financial support for cancer patients, psycho-oncology support for patients and their families, self-help movements (breast cancer, ostomized and laryngectomized patients), support for oncology research and training and, more recently, legal support for cancer patients.



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The Irish Cancer Society is the national cancer charity in Ireland with the mission to improve the lives of those affected by cancer. We do this by funding life-saving, collaborative cancer research, providing up to date information about cancer, delivering a range of services to improve the lives of people living with cancer and their families, and by influencing change and raising awareness of cancer issues at the government level.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

It is a National Cancer Charity, composed of 159 employees and around 1,500 volunteers.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Cancer prevention, early detection, helpline, information centres and support services, direct patient care (end of life), research, advocacy.



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The Romanian Cancer Society is an NGO founded in Cluj Napoca, Romania in 1993. The Romanian Cancer Society's mission is to contribute to cancer prevention and control in Romania through increasing information and awareness about healthy lifestyle (to prevent cancer), cancer screening and early detection, support services for cancer patients and their families and advocate for the rights of cancer patients.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Board (7 members), 5 employees, 50 members, 250 volunteers.

Board President: Claudia Sava

Executive Director: Dr. Adriana Melnic

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Health campaigns to raise awareness and promote healthy lifestyle to prevent cancer; screening programmes and cancer early detection; support services (psycho-oncology, social services); patient education activities and materials; smoking cessation counselling; training, research; advocacy.



## LEAGUE AGAINST CANCER SLOVAKIA

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### MISSION AND GOAL

The Slovak League against Cancer was founded in 1990 as a national independent, non-profit making charity registered as a civic organisation. Great attention is paid to raising awareness at the general population groups to completely prevent disease or caught it at an early stage. Every year, the league provides financial support to medical institutions e.g. for whether to buy a larger instrumentation or to purchase small daily equipment necessary to improve the treatment or the life of cancer patients. The League also supports patient-oriented research for constant progress in the cure and care of cancer.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Independent, non-political, non-governmental, non-profit organisation governed by the General Board and cooperating with the Scientific Board, and with 18 affiliated LAC units in the cancer control programme in Slovakia.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Information, education, prevention, psychosocial assistance to patients and their families, support to clinical and research projects.



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## ASSOCIATION OF SLOVENIAN CANCER SOCIETIES

 Slovenia

### MISSION AND GOAL

The Association of Slovenian Cancer Societies (Slovenian Cancer League) connects 11 regional cancer leagues and is the oldest non-governmental organisation working in the field of cancer prevention and control in Slovenia.

The Slovenian Cancer League was established on April 1, 1971 at the initiative of Prof. Božena Ravnihar, who was the director of the Institute of Oncology Ljubljana for more than 20 years. The aim of the Cancer League was to raise awareness about cancer, about the first signs and symptoms of this disease and on healthy lifestyles, thus contributing to decrease morbidity and mortality from cancer. Nowadays we continue to expand this ambitious programme. Since 1974, new regional leagues were established, and in April 1984, they joined in the Slovenian Association of Cancer Societies. We operate in the public interest for all citizens, regardless of whether our members and we have the status of humanitarian organisations.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Slovenian Cancer League is non-governmental, non-profit organisation, governed by the General Assembly, Executive Board (with President), Steering Committee, Scientific Committee, and Disciplinary Committee, comprising of 11 regional cancer leagues.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Health promotion and smoking prevention in children and young adults at schools; Publishing educational leaflets and other material for adult population with special emphasis on European Code Against Cancer and organisation of Slovenian week against cancer every first week in March; Organisation of educational seminars for health professionals, especially general practitioners, and nurses; Fundraising with special emphasis on support to organised screening programmes for cervical, breast and colorectal cancer.



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## CATALAN FEDERATION AGAINST CANCER

 Spain (Catalonia)

### MISSION AND GOAL

The Catalan Federation against Cancer (FECEC) is an organisation of second level comprising the main organisations working to improve the quality of life of cancer patients and their families in Catalonia.

The FECEC was founded on 13 February 2001, and was born with the aim of integrating efforts in the fight against oncological diseases in Catalonia. It serves federated entities cancer while encouraging volunteerism in oncology, develops programmes in the areas of outreach and prevention, survivors, and psychosocial research.

Subject to the legislation of the Generalitat of Catalonia as a non-profit organisation on 10 September 2008, FECEC was declared entity of public utility by the Department of Justice in this Administration. Since 15 September 2016 it is registered in the Register of Interest Groups of Government Administration and its public sector.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The maximum FECEC sovereign body is the General Assembly, made up of a representative from each of the member organisations. The Board is the body that governs, administers, and represents FECEC.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

1. It offers many services to the member organisations: training, free legal assistance service, grants, working groups among the professionals, it refers volunteers to FECEC members organisations, transmits information and provides useful materials and resources.
2. Public affairs and lobbying.
3. Volunteer promotion programme to encourage and train the 4,000 volunteers and their Coordinators.
4. Cancer prevention programme and awareness campaigns
5. Survivors programme to improve quality of life and legal conditions
6. Psycho-social research





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## SWISS CANCER LEAGUE

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### MISSION AND GOAL

The Swiss Cancer Society works for a world where cancer occurs less often, where cancer causes less suffering and fewer deaths, where cancer can be cured more often, and where patients and their relatives find help and comfort in all phases of illness and end-of-life.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Swiss Cancer Society is a democratic organisation whose headquarters are in Bern. The members are organized in 19 local and regional organisations and committees. The 19 local committees constitute the governing body of the Swiss Cancer Society, meeting once a year. Board of the Swiss Cancer Society (12 p.); CEO (1 p.); Executive board (5 p.)

120 employees are working at the headquarters (HQ) in Bern; 160 employees are working at the local and regional organisations

HQ of the Society are structured in four departments (with several units/sections):

- (1) Research/ Innovation/ Development;
- (2) Marketing/ Communication/ Fundraising;
- (3) Prevention/ Care/ Aftercare (incl. all services/projects);
- (4) Finance/HR/IT & Services

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

The Programme covers the whole topic, from prevention to palliative care. It outlined 10 central fields with over 100 objectives and recommendations for improving the fight against cancer and making it more efficient.

Goals that stands in the foreground: All persons in Switzerland have the same right to low cancer risk through prevention and early detection, appropriate diagnosis and treatment based on the latest findings and to psychosocial and palliative care.

The Swiss parliament mandated the Swiss Cancer Society to develop and implement a national strategy, based on the Programme, but more focused and more concrete, to facilitate the achievement of our objectives. To develop the strategy, a broad process involving numerous organisations and institutions started. These reflexions ended in the National Strategy against Cancer 2014-2021.

The strategy focuses on the individual and is based on 3 main principles: (i) coordination and cooperation; (ii) integrated care; and (iii) the best possible quality and equality of opportunity. The three areas of prevention, care and research are viewed as a complex process. The strategy includes nearly 100 activities and involves over 220 organisations. The national strategy against cancer is based on 7 handling fields: prevention, early detection, quality and patient pathway, health care system, education, research promotion and epidemiology and surveillance.



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The Dutch Cancer Society is a nationwide organisation for cancer control in the Netherlands. The Dutch Cancer Society is entirely dependent on community involvement and donations. The society can rely on nearly 1,500 local committees that organize fundraising activities e.g. annual door-to-door campaign to raise funds for the fight against cancer. More than 1 million donors support the Dutch Cancer Society. The central office is in Amsterdam.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

In Amsterdam 220 employees are working at the office. In other parts of The Netherlands volunteers are active in fundraising. DCS has 3 mission teams: 1) Less cancer - fewer people to be diagnosed with cancer; 2) More cure - to cure more people; 3) A better quality of life - to ensure the patients quality of life as good as possible, both during and after treatment.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Smoking policy and sunbathing policy, equal access to cancer medicines, better quality of life in psychosocial care, fatigue and relationship.



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## TURKISH ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND CONTROL

 Turkey

### MISSION AND GOAL

Turkish Association for Cancer Research and Control (TACRC) is a voluntary anti-cancer organisation founded in 1947. The association works on cancer control issues including prevention, early detection, tobacco control, patient support, supports cancer research and deals with educational activities at national and international level.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

TACRC is the first non-governmental cancer organisation in Turkey. It has 8 branches at the national level. It is a member of the UICC & ECL.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Many of the earliest works in cancer control started by TACRC are: The First Cancer Hospital (1962), Turkish Journal of Cancer (1973), National Cancer Congress (1975), Cancer Mortality Statistics (1983), World Cancer Day (2005), Cancer Patient Forum (2006) and others. TACRC was awarded as the best cancer society by UICC (2008). It focuses on Cancer Control, Prevention, Research, Tobacco Control, Advocacy, Patient Groups, Public and Professional Education, Awareness Campaigns, Meetings, Patient Conferences, and International Relations.



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Cancer Focus Northern Ireland is a local cancer charity working since 1969 to reduce the impact of cancer on people's lives. The organization provides care and support services for cancer patients and their families; offer a range of cancer prevention programmes to help people lessen their risk of getting cancer; fund scientific research into the causes and treatment of the disease and campaign for better health policy to protect our community and its future. Most of the work is funded through donations and fundraising.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Board of Directors with CEO and a Head of Department for each area of work. Charitable status.

### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Care and support services, cancer prevention, lobbying and campaigning and funding local cancer research.