



Joint Statement Priorities for Eliminating Cervical Cancer as a Public Health Problem in Europe

2020 saw the adoption and launch of the first-ever global commitment to eliminate a cancer - the [WHO's Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer](#). In February 2021, EU Member States adopted the much-anticipated [Europe's Beating Cancer Plan](#). 2021 will be about an integrated approach to the implementation of these two landmark strategies.



We, the Joint Signatories, **call for all European Union (EU) and WHO/Europe member states to take immediate action towards fulfilling the ambitious goal of eliminating cervical cancer as a public health problem** by prioritising the following actions using a comprehensive approach that leaves no-one behind:

1 Adopt, communicate and implement evidence-based screening policies

5 Maximise HPV vaccination coverage to reach the 90% target by 2030

2 Ensure that cervical cancer screening is provided within an organised framework

6 Empowering women and working closely with civil society

3 Optimise screening coverage, especially in Central and Eastern Europe, intensifying efforts to reach women not responding to the screening invitation

7 Update the EU guidelines for cervical cancer control, advising on the integration of elimination services with women-centred approaches

4 Ensure treatment of the screen detected precancers and cancers



We are calling for 17 November to be a recognised and celebrated as the **Global Day for Cervical Cancer Elimination** every year!