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AIMS

The need to better coordinate cancer research at different levels is now widely recognised.

A high potential exists to advance the knowledge and state of the art in cancer research and treatment, particularly through a better integration of research disciplines and the realisation of a research continuum from basic to preclinical and clinical implementation and evaluation in the routine care.

The current funding of cancer research in Europe is complex, fragmented. There are, however, EU funding instruments available, such as the ERA-NET scheme, that have the crucial structuring capacity to foster research in a coordinated manner in line with the spirit of building the European Research Area.

The meeting, which should be considered as a follow-up to the October 1st meeting held in Rome and attended by representatives of 16 national funding agencies, focuses on overcoming fragmentation in translational cancer research through coordination of national funding initiatives.

***Towards a
European Research Area Network
to reduce fragmentation in
translational cancer research***



***March 16th 2009
NH Hotel du Grand Sablon
Rue Bodenbroeck, 2
1000 -Brussels***

2nd Meeting of National Funding Organisations representatives interested in the setting-up of a European Research Area Network to reduce fragmentation in translational cancer research

**In collaboration with the
Funding Agencies of
Germany, France, Italy,
Spain, United Kingdom:**

“The Go5 Group”

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Austria

Hemma Bauer, *Federal Ministry for Science and Research*

Belgium

Benno Hinnekint, *National Fund for Scientific Research*

Elisabeth Kokkelkoren, *Fond National de la Recherche Scientifique*

Bulgaria

Krasimir Gigov and George Uzunov, *Secretariat General Ministry of Health*

Czech Republic

pending

Denmark

Jens Overgaard - *Aarhus University Hospital – Delegate of the Danish Medical Research Council*

France

Guy-Robert Auleley, *National Cancer Institute*

Greece

Vassiliki Pletsa, *Ministry of Development*

Germany

Birgit Wetterauer, *Federal Ministry for Education and Research*, Hubert Misslisch and Axel Aretz, *Project Management Agency*

Hungary

János Szőke, *National Institute of Oncology*

Israel

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Italy

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Latvia

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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Norway

Henrietta Blankson, *The Research Council of Norway*

The Netherlands

Erica Hackenitz, *The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development*

Poland

Cezary Blaszczyk, *National Centre for Research and Development - Ministry of National Education*

Portugal

João Lavinha and Catarina Resende, *FCT - the Portuguese foundation for science and technology*

Romania

Sabin Cinca - *Oncology Institute of Bucharest, Delegate of the Dept. Foreign Affairs – Ministry of Health*

Slovakia

pending

Slovenia

Gregor Sersa and Marta Sabec, *Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology*

Spain

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Sweden

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Turkey

Zeynep Arziman Buyukboduk, *Tubitak EU Framework Programmes, National Coordination Office*

United Kingdom

Jane Cope, *National Cancer Research Institute*

PROGRAMME

Morning

Registration

13:00

Working Lunch

NH Hotel du Grand Sablon Restaurant

Afternoon

15.00 -18.00 (Open Coffee Break)

Working Session

Welcome (10')

Filippo Belardelli

Introduction (10')

Claudio Lombardo

Positive experiences in other ERA-Nets, lessons for translational cancer research (20' + 10' Disc.)

Birgit Wetterauer and Ignacio Baanante

National coordination of translational cancer research: the experience of a funding agency in France (10' + 5' Disc.)

Guy-Robert Auleley

Draft proposal of an ERANET for translational cancer research (30')

Maria Ferrantini

Discussion on the draft proposal

Chair: Jane Cope (60')

Identification of WP Leaders, future meetings and closing remarks (30')

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