

2nd European Summit
on Cancer Prevention
and Control

16th September 2026, Warsaw

AGENDA

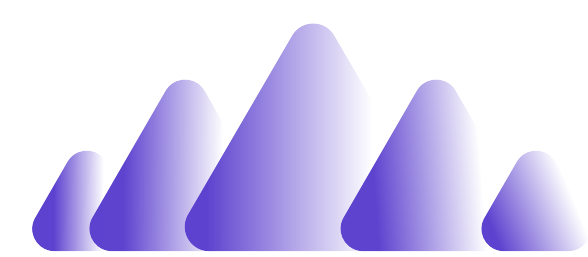
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ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The 2nd European Summit on Cancer Prevention and Control is a key regional meeting for Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), dedicated to advancing cancer prevention. The event provides a platform for sharing best practices, fostering intergenerational dialogue, and setting forward-looking health policy directions. It continues the dialogue initiated during the meeting held under the EU Council Presidency in 2025, further strengthening collaboration and innovation in cancer prevention efforts across the region.

- 9:00–10:00

REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE
- 10:00–10:30

WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING REMARKS

SPEAKERS

Representative

— of the World Health Organization (WHO)

Representative

— of the European Parliament

Representative

— of the Ministry of Health

Representative

— of the Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology
- 10:30–11:30

EXPERT PANEL I

30 years of helping smokers quit the Polish Quitline in a European perspective

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MODERATOR

Dr. Magdalena Cedzyńska

— Head of the Smoking Cessation Clinic, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology in Poland, Poland

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Strategic perspectives on tobacco control and smoking cessation.
 - International best practices in reducing tobacco use.
 - Innovations in smoking cessation support and treatment.
 - The role of policy and public health leadership in prevention.
 - Building effective national and regional cessation programs.
 - Future directions for tobacco control in Europe.

PANELISTS

Representative

— of WHO Europe

Representative

— of WHO Poland

Prof. Łukasz Balwicki

— National Consultant in Public Health, Medical University of Gdańsk, Poland

Elaine Buckley

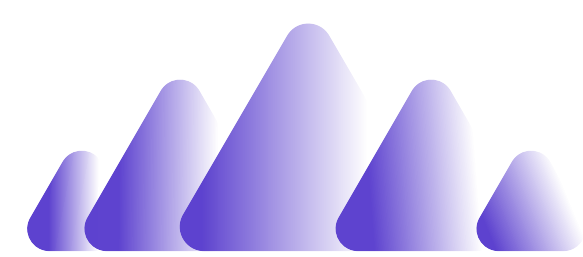
— National Stop Smoking Services Coordinator, Ireland

Nina Krogh Larsen

— Project Manager for Tobacco Control - Smoking Prevention, Smoke-Free Environments, and Smoking Cessation, Danish Cancer Society, Denmark

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• 11:30–12:30 EXPERT PANEL II

HPV elimination as a strategic priority for cancer prevention in Poland and the region

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MODERATOR	Prof. Marta Mańczuk — Head of the Cancer Epidemiology and Primary Prevention Department, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Warsaw, Poland
DISCUSSION TOPICS	• Should Poland adopt a comprehensive HPV elimination strategy? • Australia's path to becoming a global leader in HPV elimination: key lessons for policymakers. • School-based vaccination delivery models as a proven mechanism for achieving high coverage rates. • Translating international best practices into effective regional and national HPV prevention policies. • Building a coordinated ecosystem for HPV vaccination, screening, and cancer prevention.
PANELISTS	Prof. Piotr Rutkowski — Head of the Department of Soft Tissue, Bone and Melanoma Tumours, Director's Plenipotentiary for the National Oncology Strategy and Clinical Trials, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Warsaw, Poland Andrea Manzano — Associate Research Manager, The Swedish Institute for Health Economics, Stockholm, Sweden Prof. Marzena Dominiak — President of the Polish Dental Society, Vice-Rector for Internationalization, Wrocław Medical University, Poland Michał Byliniak — Director General of the Association of Innovative Pharmaceutical Companies (INFARMA), Poland Prof. Marek Svoboda — Director General, Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute (MMCI), Brno, Czech Republic

• 12:30–12:50 COFFEE BREAK

• 12:50–13:50 EXPERT PANEL III

Water, weight and well-being – new perspectives on obesity and cancer prevention

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MODERATOR	Marta Pawłowska — The STOP OBESITY Partnership for the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity, Łazarski University, Warsaw, Poland
DISCUSSION TOPICS	• Obesity as a strategic priority for cancer prevention. • Integrating obesity prevention into national public health policies. • New approaches to obesity treatment and their implications for cancer prevention. • Lessons from successful obesity prevention initiatives worldwide. • Creating healthier environments to support long-term weight management and well-being. • Strengthening cross-sector collaboration to address the obesity epidemic. • The role of water consumption and healthy beverage choices in supporting weight management and overall health. • Reducing sugary drink consumption as a strategy for obesity and cancer prevention.



PANELISTS

Dr. Agnieszka Gorgoń Komor

— Senator, Deputy Chair of the Senate Health Committee, Warsaw, Poland

Artur Białoszewski

— President of the Association of Polish Prevention Specialists, Director of the Strategy and Analysis Centre at the Warsaw Medical Chamber, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Medical University of Warsaw, and the Department of Managerial Accounting, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Prof. Monika Raulinajtys–Grzybek

— Head of the Department of Management Accounting, Warsaw School of Economics (SGH), Head of the SGH Health Care Think Tank, Poland

Prof. Alina Kuryłowicz

— Dean of the School of Medical Sciences, Centre of Postgraduate Medical Education (CMKP), Warsaw, Poland

13:50–14:20 SPECIAL SESSION

Mentors4Starters Public Health –
kick-off of the mentoring program

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MODERATOR

Prof. Paweł Koczkodaj

— Head of the Primary Prevention and Health Policy Unit, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology in Poland, Warsaw, Poland

M4S

**Krzysztof Jakubowski
& Maria Belka**

— Founders of the Mentors4Starters Foundation, Warsaw, Poland

14:20–14:30 SUMMARY OF KEY TAKEAWAYS

SPEAKER

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14:30 NETWORKING LUNCH