



## 1st European Summit on Cancer Prevention and Control

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An official event of Poland's Presidency  
of the Council of the European Union

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The **1st European Summit on Cancer Prevention and Control** is one of the most significant events in the field of cancer prevention in Europe. It provides a platform for the exchange of experiences and the establishment of future directions for policy development. With the transition of the EU Council Presidency from Poland to Denmark and later to Cyprus, this conference will serve as a bridge for international cooperation and coordination of initiatives aimed at cancer prevention.

## AGENDA

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10:00 – 10:20

### Welcome and official opening remarks

#### MODERATOR:

- **Prof. Pawel Koczkodaj**, Cancer Epidemiology and Primary Prevention Department, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Poland.
- **Ms. Katarzyna Kacperczyk**, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Health, Poland
- **Ms. Magdalena Sobkowiak-Czarnecka**, Undersecretary of State, European Union Affairs Division, Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland
- **Mr. Michalis Damianos**, Minister of Health of Cyprus
- **Ms. Nina Hvid Enevoldsen**, Minister Counsellor, Head of Trade, Denmark
- **Prof. Beata Jagielska**, Director of the Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology in Poland

10:20 – 11:00

### INAUGURAL SESSION:

#### New perspectives in cancer prevention in Europe

- **ROOTING OUT CANCER: IARC'S VISIONARY BLUEPRINT FOR PREVENTION**  
Keynote Speech by **Dr. Elisabete Weiderpass**, Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Lyon, France,
- **CANCER KNOWS NO BORDERS: EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP AND COLLECTIVE ACTION IN FOCUS**  
Keynote Speech by:  
**Mr. Olivér Várhelyi** – Commissioner Health and Animal Welfare, European Commission,  
**Mr. Adam Jarubas**, Chair of the Committee on Public Health SANT at the European Parliament,
- **POLAND'S VISION FOR CANCER CONTROL – NATIONAL STRATEGY AND THE LAUNCH OF THE ONCOLOGY PORTAL**  
Keynote Speech by **Prof. Piotr Rutkowski**, Chair of National Oncological Strategy Working Group, President of Polish Oncological Society, Head of Department of Soft Tissue/Bone Sarcoma and Melanoma, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Poland.

11:00 – 11:15

### Coffee break

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11:15 – 12:15

### EXPERT PANEL 1:

Challenges and strategies in European  
cancer prevention policies

#### MODERATOR:

- **Dr. Joachim Schüz**, Branch Head Environment and Lifestyle Epidemiology, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), France  
**Introductory keynote speech to the panel discussion** (10 min.)

#### PANELISTS:

- **Dr. Sabine Vuik**, Health Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development — OECD,
- **Mr. Jannick Brennum** — Deputy Chief Executive and Centre Director for the Centre for Cancer and Organ Diseases at Rigshospitalet, Denmark,
- **Dr. Nino Berdzuli** — Head of the WHO Country Office in Poland,
- **Dr. Carolina Espina** — Environment and Lifestyle Epidemiology Branch, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), France,
- **Prof. Piotr Rutkowski**, Chair of National Oncological Strategy Working Group, President of Polish Oncological Society, Head of Department of Soft Tissue/Bone Sarcoma and Melanoma, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Poland.

### Key discussion topics

#### Major challenges in cancer prevention policies:

- barriers to implementing effective prevention programs
- differences in prevention approaches across Europe

#### The European Code Against Cancer — new edition and its impact on EU health policy:

- key changes in the 5th edition of the Code
- strategies for implementation at the national level

#### Tobacco and alcohol prevention — is Europe ready for radical changes?

- actions under the EU's "Tobacco-Free Generation by 2040" strategy
- alcohol consumption policies and their impact on cancer prevention

#### How do EU regulations influence cancer prevention?

- the role of EU directives in shaping public health policies
- the impact of legislation on access to modern preventive therapies

### Q&A session with participants

12:15 – 12:30

Coffee break

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12:30 – 13:45

### EXPERT PANEL 2:

#### Early detection and cancer prevention in high-risk groups

##### MODERATOR:

- **Dr. Nino Berdzuli**, Head of the WHO Country Office in Poland  
**Introductory keynote speech to the panel discussion** (10 min.)

##### PANELISTS:

- **Dr. Inge de Kok** — Associate Professor at the Department of Public Health of Erasmus Medical Center, Netherlands,
- **Dr. Magdalena Stępień** — project leader of the EC Knowledge Centre on Cancer and the EU Cancer Inequalities Registry at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, Belgium,
- **Mr. Bogi Eliassen** — Executive Director, Movement Health Foundation, Denmark,
- **Prof. Andrzej Nowakowski**, Head of the Cervical Cancer Prevention Clinic, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Poland,
- **Prof. Marta Mańczuk** — Deputy Head, Cancer Epidemiology and Primary Prevention Department, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Poland,
- **Prof. Jarosław Reguła** - Head of the Department of Gastroenterology, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Poland.

### Key discussion topics

#### Increasing participation in cancer screening programs:

- effective public awareness campaigns and their impact on participation rates,
- personalized screening programs and emerging technologies.

#### Breast and cervical cancer prevention — how to improve effectiveness?

- the role of genetic testing in identifying high-risk groups
- innovations in early diagnosis and detection

#### Artificial intelligence and innovations in cancer diagnostics:

- the use of AI in medical image analysis
- examples of AI applications in cancer prevention

#### The role of national and European educational programs in promoting cancer prevention:

- the importance of health education in schools and workplaces,
- best practices for increasing public awareness,
- the future role of ECAC5 in cancer prevention.

### Q&A session with participants

13:45 – 13:55

### Closing Remarks – summary of key takeaways from the Summit

##### MODERATOR:

- **Prof. Paweł Koczkodaj**, Cancer Epidemiology and Primary Prevention Department, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Poland.

14:00 – 15:00

### Networking lunch

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