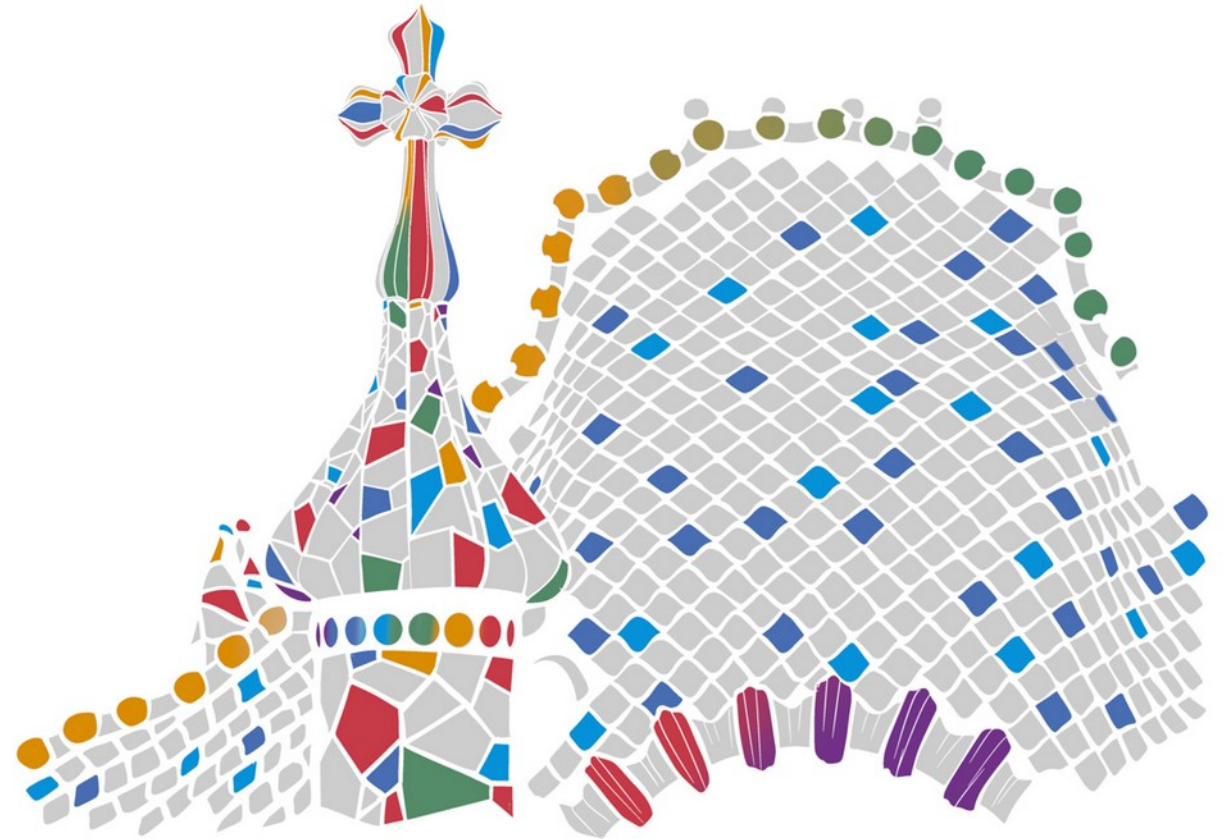




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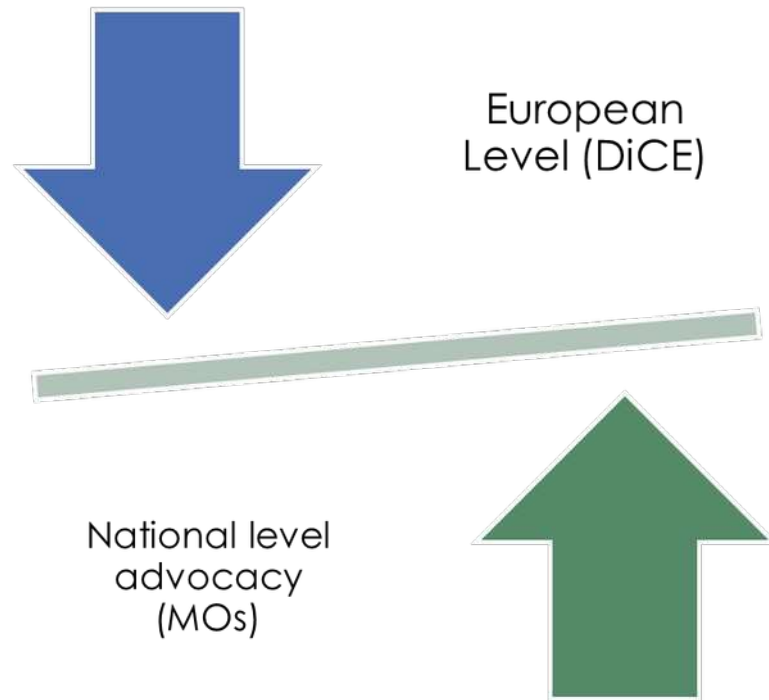


# Policy Updates – National Events

Marianna Vitaloni  
DiCE

# 2023 – national policy events

Leveraging on The Europe's Beating Cancer Plan momentum for action.

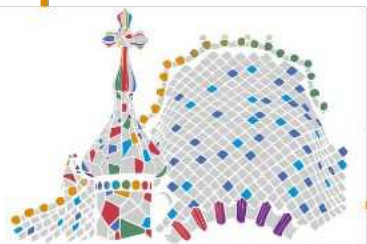


## HEALTH IS LOCAL

EU does not have competence to regulate (legally binding) in area of health per se. But health is regulated using another legal basis.

## PRIMARY GOAL

raise awareness of the salience of digestive cancers at the national level and if deemed appropriate by MOs, adding on the perspective at the European level.



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# Framework for events

- MOs in the lead of the event – their event
- Adapt to national policy context
- Great level of flexibility
- No two events will be the same
- DiCE role is to support

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Building the concept of the event

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Securing international speakers (if deemed suitable by MOs)

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Promotion of the event via DiCE channels

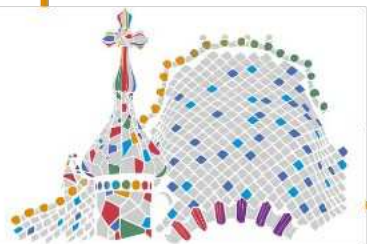
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Support in liaison with MEPs

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Advice and support as needed

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# Target groups and policy asks

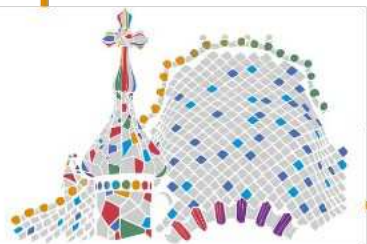
The main aim of the event will be to raise awareness

- among **policy and decision makers** at a national level about the burden of digestive cancers.
- if resources of national MOs allow, **media** will be targeted too.



**Suggested policy asks:**

- More resources and funding to be dedicated to digestive cancers
- Swift and comprehensive implementation of EU Cancer Screening Recommendations
- National level specific policy asks



# State of play

- Took place on **28 May**
- Hybrid event
- In English with experts across Europe
- Around **50 participants**



## Could quality assurance make the difference in colorectal cancer outcomes?

**8:45 AM** Registration and opening word

**9:15 AM** Diagnostic test assurance quality  
**Iris Seriese**  
Programme Manager Dutch CRC Screening • Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Rotterdam, Netherlands

**9:30 AM** Colonoscopy indicators  
**Asst. Prof. Mirjana Kalauz, MD, PhD**  
Specialist gastroenterologist • University Hospital Centre Zagreb, Croatia

**9:45 AM** Pathology benchmarking  
**Heather Dawson, MD**  
Institute of Tissue Medicine and Pathology • University of Bern, Switzerland • President of the Swiss Section of the International Academy of Pathology

**10:00 AM** Quality assurance in surgery  
**Prof. Marko Zelić, MD, PhD**  
Clinical Hospital Center of Rijeka, Croatia

**10:15 AM** Chemotherapy – timing makes a difference / **Anneli Elme, MD**  
Clinical oncologist • Head of the Chemotherapy Centre, North Estonia • Medical Centre Tallinn, Estonia

**10:30 AM** Discussion

**10:40 AM** Coffee, tea and fruits break with an active discussion

**11:00 AM** Financial implication on cancer care / **Prof. Wim H. van Harten, MD, PhD**  
Chair of Cancer Economics Group of OECI • University of Twente, Netherlands

**11:15 AM** Quality assurance in radiotherapy  
**Assist. Prof. Tanja Marinko, MD, PhD**  
Radiation oncologist • Institute of Oncology Ljubljana, Slovenia

**25th May  
2023**

**11:30 AM** Importance of accreditations for Comprehensive cancer centers  
**Prof. Simon Oberst**  
Chair of the Accreditation Board of OECI • University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

**11:45 AM** Communication and common sense – a patient perspective or a way to go?  
**Zorana Maravić, MSc in Molecular Biology**  
CEO of DICE (Digestive Cancers Europe), Serbia

**12:00 PM** Discussion

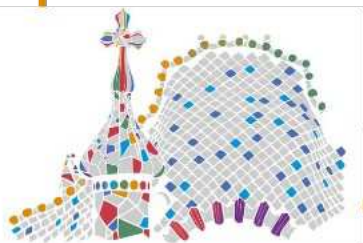
25th May 2023, 9 AM – 1 PM  
Venue: Urania, Kvaternikov trg 3, Zagreb, Croatia

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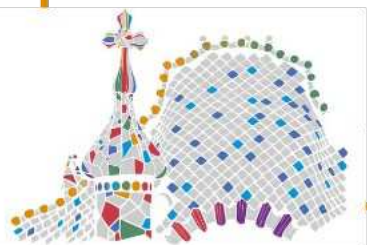
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# 3 more to go

- Poland – EuropaColon Poland, this summer
- Italy – EuropaColon Italia & Vivere Senza Stomaco Si Può, September 2023
- Portugal – November 20, 2023





## Four Sessions

- Diagnostic Therapeutic Care Pathway
- Multidisciplinary
- Comprehensive Cancer Centres
- Screening and Early Diagnosis

20 speakers confirmed

Round tables with Institutional Representatives  
Endorsement of various medical and scientific societies

## TUMORI DELLO STOMACO, E DEL COLON-RETTO: IL PAZIENTE AL CENTRO DEL CAMBIAMENTO.

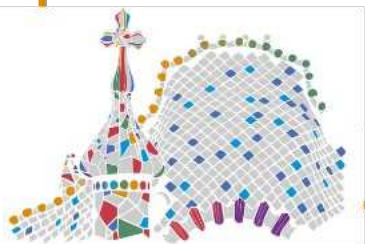
25 Settembre 2023, 10:00 - 17:15 CET

Senato della Repubblica, Sala Zuccari

Via della Dogana Vecchia, 29, 00186 Roma



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# Digestive Cancer burden in Europe

## A Southern-European perspective on current and future approaches – integrative with patient perspectives



November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
IPO Porto, Porto, Portugal

- Burden of digestive cancer for Portuguese citizen: a global perspective
- Current strategies to reduce burden: when and how screening is an option?

Esophageal cancer

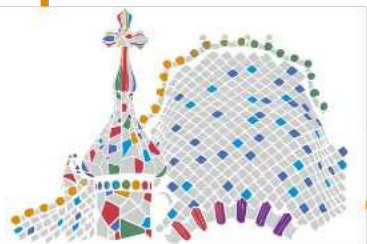
Colorectal cancer

Hepatocelular carcinoma

Pancreatic cancer

Gastric cancer

- Is all about stop smoking, reduce alcohol and healthy diet!



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