



## **CraNE Joint Action: the newest European project in the field of cancer**

### **INC and LIH participate in an EU-funded project on the establishment of national comprehensive cancer centres**

The CraNE Joint Action-JA (Network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres-Preparatory activities on creation of National Comprehensive Cancer Centres and EU Networking) was funded under the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan ([EBCP](#)) with the aim of establishing by 2025 an EU Network of National Comprehensive Cancer Centres (CCCs) in every Member State, ensuring that 90% of eligible patients have access to high-quality early detection, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and support by 2030, as well as enhancing cancer research and training of health professionals. In this context, CraNE JA will prepare the necessary administrative, professional, and quality-related preconditions to facilitate the integration of existing CCCs, as well as supporting the MSs that still need to develop and certify such centres.

To reach the target set by the European Commission in the EBCP, Luxembourg strives to develop access to and availability of comprehensive, high-quality care and to improve the interfaces between cancer care and cancer research.

Being the national coordinating actor in the areas of oncology and cancer care in Luxembourg, the INC mainly contributes to CraNE JA – Work Package 6 by implementing a national Comprehensive Cancer Care Network in lung cancer, as Luxembourg has been selected as a pilot country to assess the process of creation and certification of such a network.

As a leading biomedical research organisation focused on precision health, the LIH is actively involved in Work Package 7 on defining standards for research, innovation, education and integration of research and care for the Comprehensive Cancer Centres.

*“By participating in this Joint Action, Luxembourg aims to improve cancer care and reduce the unacceptable disparities currently present across the EU. Representing the second smallest Member State in the European Union today, Luxembourg needs to establish networks and synergies in its fight against cancer – not only within but also beyond the national context”,* says Dr Nikolai Goncharenko, director of the INC.

The kick-off meeting of CraNE JA was held in November 2022 at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia in Brussels. The consortium, coordinated by the

Slovenian National Institute of Public Health, brings together 44 partners from 25 different countries.

The CraNE JA project, which will last two years, received funding from the European Union through the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) within the framework of the EU Health Program (EU4Health) 2021-2027.

More information on the project: [JA CraNE](#).

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