

Best Practices tackling Social Inequalities in Cancer Prevention. Contest Results

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Background

The **iPAAC Joint Action**, co-funded under the 3rd European Health Programme (DG Santé), brings together 24 European countries and 44 partners whose main objectives are to implement innovative approaches to cancer control. The iPAAC Joint Action is coordinated by the National Institute of Public Health Slovenia (NIJZ); further information on iPAAC can be obtained by visiting the official website (www.ipaac.eu).

In the field of cancer prevention and population-based screening programmes, the project aims to strengthen the principles of the European Code against Cancer (ECAC) as well as to optimise population screening programmes by **integrating social equality as a crucial cross-cutting issue**.

In this light, iPAAC partner FISABIO (*Fundació per al Foment de la Investigació Sanitària i Biomèdica de la Comunitat Valenciana*) launched in 2019 a **Contest of Best Practices tackling social inequalities in cancer prevention**, including both health promotion and cancer screening programmes. The aim of this contest being to:

- **Identify and compile** relevant European experiences,
- **Disseminate** them among European countries in order to promote and facilitate their implementation in different health systems and services,
- Contribute to the **exchange and replication** of best practices on equality in cancer prevention.



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This initiative adds to the efforts undertaken by the European Commission in preventing and managing non-communicable diseases through a good-practice-sharing approach, focusing exclusively and specifically on cancer prevention and screening, from the perspective of social inequalities.

Evaluation Board

Assessment of submitted proposals was approached on a peer-review basis. Evaluation Board was integrated by **external independent reviewers** (previously appointed through a pertinent call for experts):

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Contest Results

Table below shows proposals that have been acknowledged as *Best Practice*:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Health area</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Country</i>
Improving informing decision making in the Flemish cancer screening programs for persons with a disability.	Secondary prevention	Flemish Centre for Cancer Detection	Belgium
Nutri-Score.	Primary prevention	France Health Authorities, French Health Promotion Agency	France
OPTICOURSES program, participatory workshops (demand side).	Primary prevention	French National Institute for Agricultural Research, INRA; Health education regional committee (CRES)	France
TABADO.	Primary prevention	French national cancer institute	France

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<i>Vivons en Forme</i> (Let's live healthy) Program.	Primary prevention	Fédérons les villes pour la Santé (FLVS)	France
Slovenian national colorectal cancer screening - Svit Programme.	Secondary prevention	National Institute of Public Health	Slovenia
Bringing cancer prevention closer to the most vulnerable population.	Primary and Secondary prevention	Public Health Local Centre in Alzira (Valencia)	Spain
Primary Care Involvement as a key to reduce inequalities in the Colorectal Cancer Screening.	Secondary prevention	Basque Country Regional Ministry of Health	Spain
Programme for prescribing health assets for physical activity.	Primary prevention	Public Health Directorate, Valencia Regional Government	Spain
Effects of Evidence-Based Strategies to Reduce the Socioeconomic Gradient of Uptake in the English NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.	Secondary prevention	English NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme	United Kingdom
GP-endorsed cervical screening text reminders in London.	Secondary prevention	NHS England/Improvement (London Region)	United Kingdom

Full details on Best Practices will be available at [iPAAC website](#) from March 2020.

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