



Zertifizierung – Entwicklungen in Europa

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Development of the DKG Certification Program



Starting point:
Differences in survival rates of (breast) cancer patients in the member states of the European Union



2003
Certification of Breast Cancer Centres



2008
National Cancer Plan



Cancer care is provided in certified cancer centres



Starting in 2017

Internationalization of the Certification Program

Initiatives of the European Commission: Europe's Beating Cancer Plan



Structured around
4 Key action areas:

- Prevention
- Early detection
- **Diagnosis and treatment**
- Improve quality of life

... with 2 financing
sources:

Generaldirektorat Forschung u Entwicklung

Horizon Europe
The next research and innovation
framework programme

= Projects / CSA

Cancer Mission

Generaldirektorat Gesundheit



= Joint Actions



Development of the DKG Certification Program

- There are numerous initiatives/projects at European level to ensure and improve the quality of cancer care.
- Through our engagement, we want to actively shape the structures, processes and standards of the EU, and ensure that our centers and their work are recognized and thus contribute to improving the quality of oncological care in Europe.

European certification programs

1. Initiation of ECC Certification Program



2. Participation in EU-financed Joint Action projects



European Cancer Centre Certification Program (ECC)

Foundation:

The ECC Program is based on the experience, results and core elements of the DKG certification program and takes country-specific aspects into account.

• 171 centres
• 5 countries
(status: 03/2023)

Objectives of the ECC Program:

1. ensure and establish unified structures, standards and processes for tumour-specific oncological care throughout Europe;
2. build-up a pan-European database -> to make quality of cancer care measurable, transparent and comparable on a European scale;
3. reduce differences and improve quality of cancer care in the European region.

Implementation of ECC Program by ...

... "translating" the DKG certification program into English, i.e.

- All documents are translated, published and updated in English (www.ecc-cert.org)
- Creation of a country-specific equivalence table to translate "German requirements" to national requirements (e.g. specialist training, oncology nurse)
- Audits are conducted in English and at least one auditor should speak the national language
- Close co-operation with national oncology institutes in countries where ECC certification is to be introduced nationwide (e.g. Switzerland OncoSuisse, Luxembourg INC)
- Establishment of an annual European Cancer Centres Certification Commission meeting

ECC Certification Commission

Consisting of:

- Member states represented by national cancer institutes, ministries, oncology institutions....

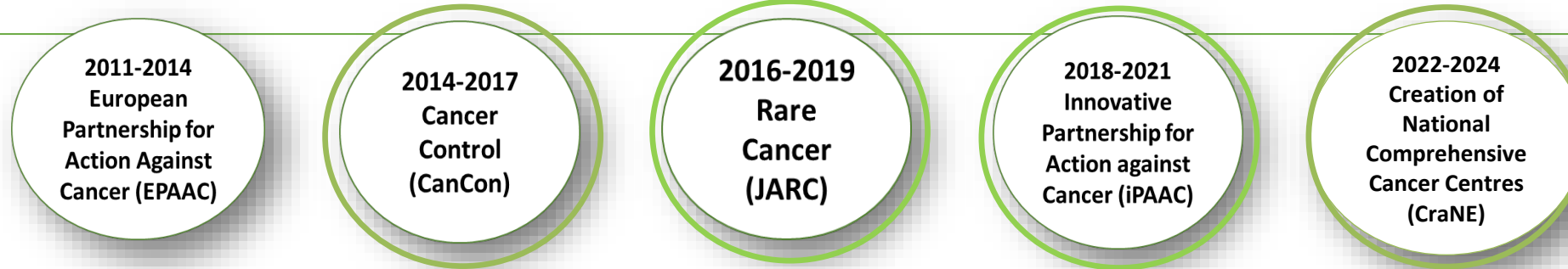


Tasks among others:

- Identification of country-specific features
- Processing of questions/comments from the member states
- Identification of new forms of networks: e.g. establishment of transnational centres
- Initiation of health service research projects

Next meeting will be held in November 2023 (online)

EU-financed projects: Joint Actions

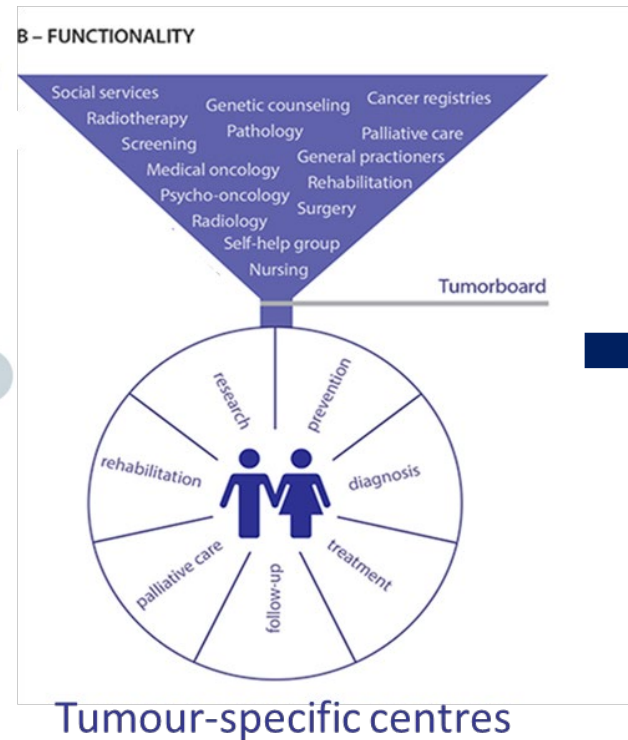
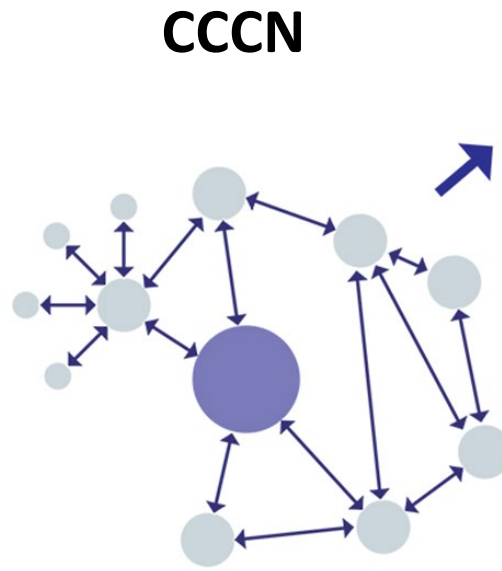


- DKG has been involved in EU projects since 2014
- Concept of Comprehensive Cancer Care Networks (CCCNs) was developed in the scope of European Commission financed “Joint Actions”
- During JA iPAAC and currently in JA CraNE , both times under the leadership of DKG, practical instruments for the establishment of CCCNs are being developed and implemented

Comprehensive Cancer Care Networks (CCCNs)

Key aspects CCCN:

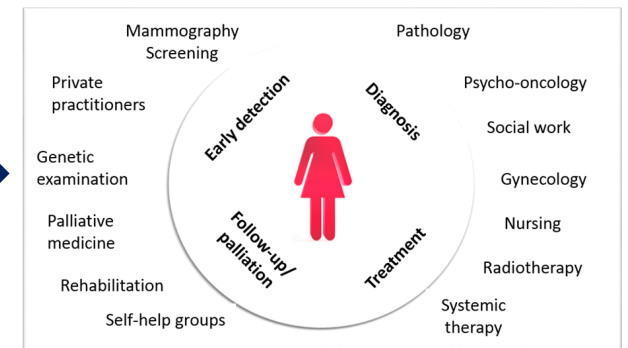
- Multidisciplinary and multi-professional **tumour-specific centres**
- Unified tumour specific **standards**
- Unified tumour and stage specific **patient pathways**
- **Quality indicators**
- **Continuous quality improvement process**



Based on & Correspond to

DKG
KREBSGESELLSCHAFT

EUROPEAN
CANCER
CENTRES | Certified
Cancer
Care



Initiatives of the European Commission: European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC, since 2014) & Initiative on Colorectal Cancer (ECICC, since 2022)



The **European Breast Guidelines** include evidence-based recommendations for screening and diagnosis of breast cancer.

<https://healthcare-quality.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ecibc/european-breast-cancer-guidelines>



The **European QA scheme** is a collection of requirements and indicators for breast cancer services.

<https://healthcare-quality.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ecibc/breast-quality-assurance-scheme>



“...to develop evidence-based guidelines for prevention, screening and diagnosis of colorectal cancer, together with a quality assurance scheme covering the entire care pathway.”

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- A pilot study to test the certification process and ECIBC quality criteria is currently underway.
- OnkoZert participates as a certification body
- Charité participates as pilot breast cancer centre
- OnkoZert also coordinates the pilot study at the LSOC in Wroclaw
- Our goal: DKG/ECC certificate enables certified Breast Cancer Centres to get the ECIBC certificate without (much) extra effort.



Conclusion

- Our expertise and experiences can support the setting up of high-quality oncological structures in the EU.
- With the ECC certification program and the continuous engagement in European projects the DKG has become a recognized and trusted partner to consult and engage when addressing quality assurance and improvement of quality of care for cancer patients



Danke für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!