Declaration on the need for increased coordination of cancer research in the European Union

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The European Parliament adopted a declaration on the need for increased coordination of cancer research in the European Union.

Stressing that cancer remains the leading cause of death in Europe and that cancer research is undertaken mainly at national level, Parliament invites the Commission to: (i) improve the coordination, cooperation and coherence of pan-European, national, regional and local cancer research activities; (ii) utilise the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer to organise different research working groups.

The Commission and the Member States are called upon to:

- ensure that there is adequate mapping and funding of, and increased cooperation in, cancer research;
- develop a holistic cancer research strategy based on a matrix, with horizontals such as transnational research and diagnosis and verticals such as research on prevention, research on screening and research on quality of life and care.

Lastly, Parliament calls for the promotion of partnerships with patient groups, harnessing their specific expertise and knowledge to support accelerated progress.