

Riga, 10 January 2025

**To: Ms Made Bambus,
the Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia**

Invitation to Nominate Delegates for the EUCanScreen Governmental Advisory Board (GAB)

The European Joint Action *EUCanScreen* is aiming at reducing the burden of cancer in Europe through effective and sustainable cancer screening programs. The activities have been planned to ensure full implementation of evidence-based, cost-effective and quality-assured screening programmes for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers across the EU as well as preparing for possible implementation of evidence-based, cost-effective and quality-assured screening programmes for lung, prostate and gastric cancers. Ensuring proper program governance and sustainability is an important factor to be addressed by the Joint Action.

The outcomes of *EUCanScreen* are highly depending on the involvement and support of the decision-makers in the Member States. To assure maximum gain from the project while implementing the project outcomes, support from the responsible specialists within the Ministries responsible for cancer screening is a prerequisite. The establishment of a Governmental Advisory Board (GAB) is therefore planned to support these endeavours and facilitate communication between the decision-makers in Member States.

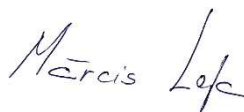
Therefore, on behalf of *EUCanScreen* we ask each of the EU Member States as well as other countries participating in *EUCanScreen* to delegate between 2 and 3 representatives (one representative and one deputy as the minimum) from the responsible ministry, or other similar institutions, with expertise in cancer

screening for participation in the GAB. The Governmental Advisory Board will be a vital component of the *EUCanScreen* project. It will serve as a platform to engage political decision-makers and funding authorities in shaping national strategies and governance structures that align with the **2022 EU Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening, Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**, and the **WHO's goal for the elimination of cervical cancer**.

We expect delegates to participate in virtual meetings held twice a year, along with 1-2 in-person meetings over the next three years. Additionally, they will be responsible for sharing the acquired information within their respective ministries and at the national level.

Please send the names and the contacts of the suggested delegates **before the end of January 2025 to screening@lu.lv**.

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and Preventive Medicine of the
University of Latvia,
Scientific Project Manager of the
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