

# Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients

Horizon Europe

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## Descrizione

### Objectives

This incentive aims to improve the quality of life for cancer patients aged 65 years and above across Europe. Older cancer patients currently represent the largest group of cancer diagnoses, yet there is a significant knowledge gap in their functional health and care needs both during and after treatment. The objective is to develop innovative, age-specific approaches to care, provide evidence for tailored treatment, and address the unique vulnerabilities of older adults, such as increased risk of treatment toxicity, multiple comorbidities, and reduced representation in research. Eligible entities include multidisciplinary consortia featuring healthcare providers, academia, patient representatives, SMEs, regional and national health authorities, and social science and humanities (SSH) experts. The direct involvement of patients and survivors, alongside their caregivers and relevant SSH expertise, is mandatory to generate significant research impact and innovative care solutions.

### Project Types

Funded projects should focus on advancing understanding of older cancer patients' care needs and developing, testing, and scaling up holistic, innovative approaches in real-world settings. Projects may leverage clinical trials or hybrid effectiveness-implementation designs that address social and health determinants (such as comorbidities, functional status, socioeconomic status, and rural/remote living). Eligible expenses include costs related to patient-reported outcome measures, pragmatic trial implementation, digital health tools, rehabilitation services, health literacy interventions, and networking activities. Projects must ensure data sharing according to EU standards and utilize open science principles through platforms such as UNCAN.eu.

### Funding

The single-stage call allocates a total of €25 million, with an indicative EU contribution per project ranging from €5,000,000 to €6,000,000. Up to five grants are expected to be awarded under this topic. The maximum funding rate

for Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) is 100% of eligible costs. No explicit minimum or maximum project value beyond the contribution range indicated.

### Key Aspects

Project duration is typically expected to be up to 4 or 5 years, though the specific maximum is not stated. Key performance indicators must include primary and secondary endpoints grounded in patient-reported outcomes and quality of life, defined with patient and caregiver input. Projects must attend to cost justification rules for specific expense categories, adhere to open data requirements for EU catalogues, and actively participate in the Cancer Mission's Quality of Life cluster, allocating budget for networking and joint activities. Evaluation criteria focus on excellence, impact, and implementation, each with a threshold score of 4 out of 5, and a cumulative threshold of 12. The initiative strongly emphasizes cross-sectoral collaboration, patient engagement, and societal inclusivity.

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## Date e Scadenze

### DATA DI PUBBLICAZIONE

Non definita

### DATA DI APERTURA

10 febbraio 2026

### Fasi di Candidatura

- Deadline: 15 settembre 2026 alle ore 15:00 (140 giorni rimanenti)

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## Dettagli Finanziari

### TIPO DI SUPPORTO

Contributo a Fondo Perduto

### TASSO MASSIMO DI FINANZIAMENTO

100%

### BUDGET

25M€

### VALORE DI PROGETTO AMMISSIBILE

Up to 6M€

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## Criteri e Documenti

### Spese Ammissibili

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs

### Condizioni di Accesso

- Legal entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries
- Consortium must include partners from at least three different EU Member States or Associated Countries
- Compliance with general and specific admissibility and eligibility criteria

### Criteri di Selezione

- Excellence (scientific and technical merit)
- Impact (contribution to policy and partnership KPIs)

- Quality and efficiency of implementation

### Informazioni Obbligatorie

- Application form (Part A and Part B)
- Budget

### Indicatori di Risultato

- Improved patient-reported quality of life measures
- Uptake of innovative care models in routine treatment
- Access to age-specific approaches among older cancer patients
- Number of tools/datasets registered in EU Health Data Space

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## Dettagli Programma UE

#### ID BANDO

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07

#### CLUSTER

Cancer Mission

#### MODALITÀ DI PRESENTAZIONE

Single-stage

#### CONTRIBUTO UE

€5,000,000.00 to €6,000,000.00

#### PROGETTI PREVISTI

5

#### REGOLA DEL TASSO DI FINANZIAMENTO

100% of eligible costs for Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) as per Horizon Europe rules.

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## Idoneità

### Settori Idonei

- Salute e Life Sciences
- Economia Sociale
- ICT e Software
- Istruzione e Formazione

### Dimensioni Aziendali

- Micro
- PMI
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Grande
- Enti privati non profit
- Enti pubblici

### Modalità di Candidatura

- Consorzio / Co-promozione

### Tipi di Azione

- Clinical research and trials
- Innovative care models

- Rehabilitation services
  - Patient-reported outcomes development
  - Open data and open science practices
  - Societal engagement and SSH integration
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## Link Ufficiali

Regolamento Ufficiale:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502&programmePart=43108557&frameworkProgramme=43108390&deadlineDate=1780182000000,1798675200000>

Pagina Grantavia: <https://grantavia.com/it/incentives/improve-the-quality-of-life-of-older-cancer-patients>

Prenota un incontro: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>