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## RCE-ESMO-ESO Training Course for Rare Cancer Patient Advocates 2022

### SESSION

***Political engagement: ensuring the needs of rare cancer patients are reflected in the policy agenda***

***Case study: Rare cancers and the Romanian National Plan for Cancer***

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- **The launch of the Romanian National Cancer Plan – RNCP:**
- **Goal and objectives of the RNCP**
- **Special chapters for 7 types of cancers in the RNCP**
- **Conclusions**

## Good news

- A National Plan for Cancer has been published on 19.01.2022:  
<http://www.ms.ro/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Plan-National-de-Combatere-a-Cancerului.pdf>
- Pediatric cancers are included !!!
- Actions for organizing & accreditation of centers of expertise & participation in the ERNs are mentioned

## Not so good news


- ✓ Rare cancers are not included or mentioned !!!!
- ✓ They are not “defined” as being rare cancers in the Cancer Plan

What  
can be  
done?



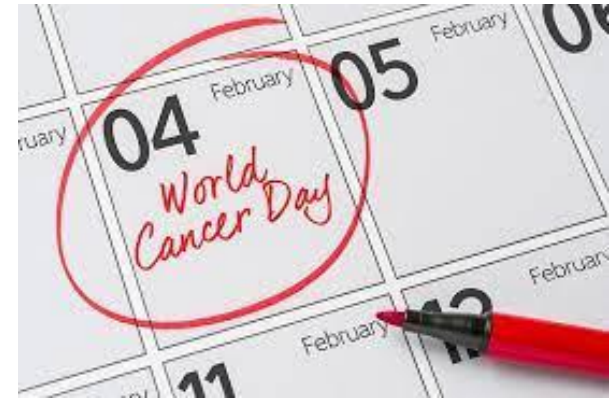
**Goal: *An integrated approach to cancer to achieve a well-established and standardized patient pathway between the various levels of care.***

**Specific objectives:**

<p><b>1. Improving access to innovative therapies</b></p>	<p><b>2. New services for onco - psychology services and nutrition for patients with cancer</b></p>	<p><b>3. National strategy for prevention in cancer</b></p>	<p><b>4. Establishing a national network for cancer and connection with the ERN</b></p>
<p>5. Identification and measure the risk factors</p>	<p>6. Establishing a national registry for cancer inter-connected with the regional registries</p>	<p>7. Improving the palliative care access</p>	<p>8. Continuous updating and development of clinical practice</p>
<p><b>9. Establishing a national patient journey for</b></p>	<p><b>10. Development Tumor boards – interdisciplinary</b></p>	<p><b>11. Personalized medicine</b></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3% Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma</li> <li>3% Melanoma</li> <li>4% Prostate Cancer</li> <li>7% Breast Cancer</li> <li>9% Bowel Cancer</li> <li>23% Lung Cancers</li> <li>51% Rare and Less Common Cancers</li> </ul>

# Special chapters for 7 types of cancers & conclusion

1. Colorectal cancer
2. Breast
3. Uterine cervical cancer
4. Pulmonary cancer
5. Prostate cancer
6. Hematological cancer
7. Pediatric cancer



## Conclusions:

### TO DO:

- *Send a proposal for a special chapter for RC while the document is on transparency*
- *Use BECA Report as a strong advocacy document*
- *Create a network of collaboration with other stakeholders*
- *Contact de drafting official team and advocate for a separate chapter*

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**Thank you!**