



### NATIONAL CANCER INITIATIVES

**Yes**  
National Cancer Plan  
(2017-2026)

ICCP

**Yes**  
National Cancer Registry

ENCR

### PREVENTION

**16%**  
Daily smokers  
(IE Goal: 5%)  
EU 18.8%  
OECD (2023)

**9.5L**  
Alcohol consumption per adult (15+) per year  
(IE Goal: 9.1L)  
EU 10.0L\*\*  
OCED (2021)

**28.3%**  
Obesity rate  
EU 22.6%\*\*  
WHO (2022)

**Girls & boys**  
HPV vaccine eligibility  
EPF

**83%**  
HPV immunisation coverage (9- to 14-year-old girls)  
EU Goal: 90%  
WHO (2022)

### SCREENING

#### SCREENING RATES

Cancer Type	Ireland	EU Average
Breast cancer	74.8	54
Cervical cancer	72.9	56
Colorectal cancer	49.5	36

EU Goal (90%)

OECD and National Screening Service (2021)

#### ORGANISED SCREENING PROGRAMMES

Lung cancer  
UPCOMING pilots  
SOLACE (2024)

Prostate cancer  
UPCOMING pilot  
PRAISE-U (2024)

Gastric cancer  
UPCOMING pilot  
TOGAS (2024)

### DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

**MEDIUM**  
Multi-biomarker test access  
Normanno et al. (2022)

**11.7**  
Radiation therapy equipment  
Per 1 m inhabitants  
EU 7.38\*\*  
IAEA (2017)

### WORKFORCE

**1,273**  
Nurses  
OECD (2021)

**8.39**  
Radiologists  
Per 100,000 inhabitants  
EU 11.37\*\*  
EUROSTAT (2016)

### SURVIVORSHIP AND QUALITY OF LIFE

**1.91**  
Palliative care services  
Per 100,000 inhabitants  
EU 0.74\*\*  
EAPC (2019)

**Code of conduct**  
Right to be forgotten  
Ending discrimination against cancer survivors (2024)

\*Global Burden of Disease Compare (2019). \*\*Overall/Average value for countries of the WHO Europe region with available data (i.e. only EU). EAPC: European Association for Palliative Care - ECIS: European Cancer Information System - ENCR: European Network of Cancer Registries - EPF: European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights - IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency - ICPC: International Cancer Control - Partnership - NCRI: National Cancer Registry Ireland - Normanno et al.: Access and quality of biomarker testing for precision oncology in Europe (European Journal of Cancer) - OECD: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development - WHO: World Health Organization. Special thanks to Prof. Mark Lawler, Prof. Deirdre Murray, Dr. Aline Brennan, Dr. Caroline Mason Mohan, Dr. Therese Mooney, Dr. Heather Burns and the Irish Cancer Society team for their support in the development of this report.