



2nd Scenario Building Workshop

EU-LAC collaboration on health research

Cancer

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Objective



- EU-LAC is a project funded by the European Commission, defining a **Roadmap** for **Cooperative Health Research** between the EU and Latin America-Caribbean countries with a **Policy Oriented** Approach.
- *Questions:* type of research, how to transfer the conclusions to the next operational level, etc.

Epidemiological Situation in Europe and Latin America



- General picture
- Differences about availability and quality of data
- Good data are critical in any planning process
- Possible ways to improve the situation in LA
- Epidemiological research to explore similarities and differences.

Detection, screening and diagnosis



- Improvement of existing detection and diagnostic methods, within the different health care systems and existing resources
- Development of innovative strategies
- To avoid the unnecessary and to include the useful, in a prioritized and strategic plan
- Investment in early detection and screening with cost-effective interventions

Treatment



- Early detection and screening are important , but the results will take years, while the patients are now, requesting an urgent answer
- The first priority from a public health perspective are palliation and morphine access.
- Surgery is the basic treatment in cancer and must be properly supported.
- Radiotherapy and medical care must be available and rationally applied.
- Access to proper care is a critical issue in LA.

Scientific challenges of the area



- Cancer research is vital to the development and improvement of methods to prevent, detect and treat cancer.
- Lack or insufficient research in developing countries.
- Ethnic (genetic), cultural and resource differences.
- Actions: Promotion of **ALL** types of cancer research
- Development of innovative research strategies

Added value, feasibility and expected impact of the EU-LAC collaboration



- The REAL meaning of Partnerships
- Benefits for Latin America
- Benefits for Europe

Prevention of cancer and promotion of well-being



- Changing lifestyles, chronic infection and increasing life spans lie at the root of the global growth in cancer.
- Environmental and occupational factors have to be considered as major factors in LAC.
- Better lives will diminish cancer incidence and increase curability

An example of possible EU-LAC collaboration in Palliative Care and End of Life Care



- A recent example of the benefit of EU Collaboration with Latin America has been OPCARE9.
- The results of the OPCARE9 project indicate that scope of the current knowledge base within each of the themes examined lacks depth and breadth.
- An action plan was decided and is being implemented.



Thank you very much for your attention