

EUROCOURSE origins

- Europe against Cancer: Optimisation of the Use of Registries for Scientific Excellence in research
- Main aim: An ENCR project, to support ENCR activities
- Funded under FP7
- Supported by IARC
- Three years—ends in September 2012



Work plan: 10 work packages

- WPI Exchange of knowledge about national programmes
- WP2 Ethical conduct of research
- WP3 Tools for improving the quality, coverage and use of cancer registration data in Europe
- WP4 The development, harmonization, analysis and exchange of European cancer registry data
- WP5 Interface of cancer registries with cancer screening programmes
- WP6 Interface of cancer registries with clinical care
- WP7 Interface of cancer registries with biobanks
- WP8 Dissemination of findings and training
- WP9 European cancer control summit
- WPI0 Coordination of EUROCOURSE activities

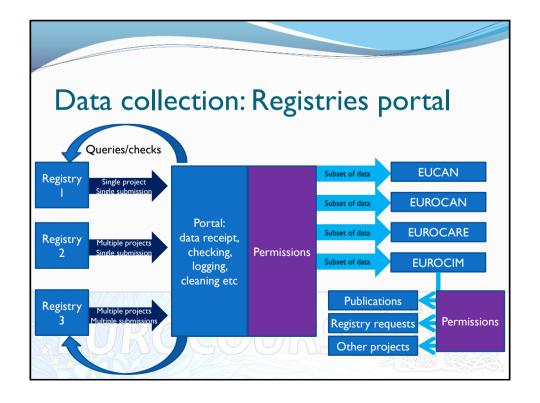
Work package 4: tasks and deliverables

Tasks

- 4.1: Harmonization of data submission and standardised European Cancer Database
- 4.2: Development of the analytical capacity for quality statistics in Europe
- 4.3: Exchange of data between registries

Work package 4

- Call for data
- Data collection
- Data processing
- Website—European Cancer Observatory
- Descriptive analysis
- Research and publication of results
- Further development of data and analysis

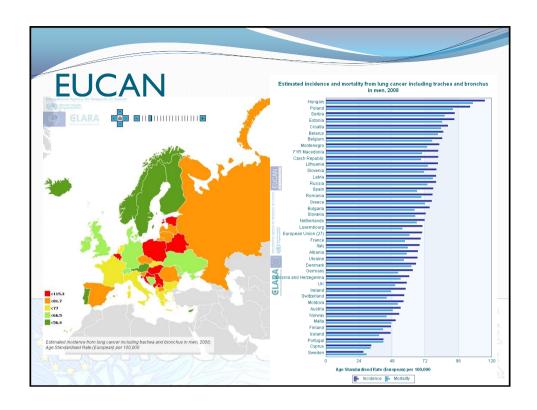




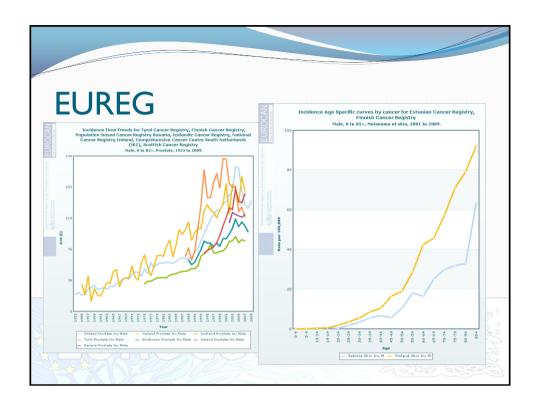












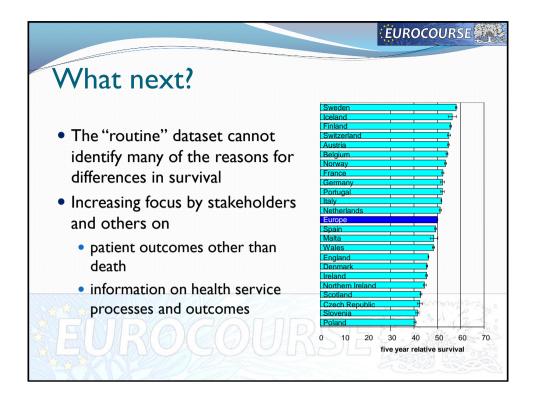


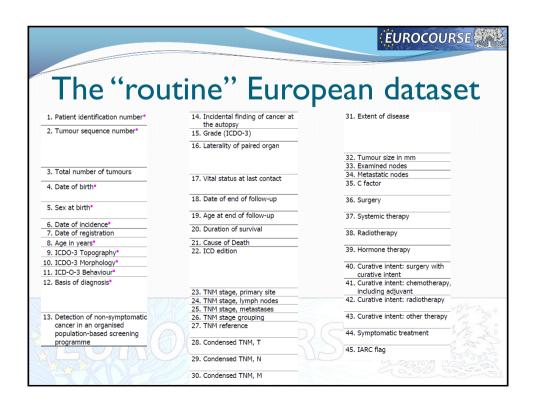
Advantages of portal

- Population-based data
- Common data submission for all projects
- Clear diagnostic criteria
- International coding and classification standards
- European structure
- Data inventory
- Rapid dissemination and reporting

The future of the Observatory

- European cancer database
- Updated annually
- Routine statistics and analysis available on-line
- Dataset downloads
- Expanded dataset





Quality measures Structure: quality of cancer services Service utilisation Screening Access and delays Costs and effectiveness Process: quality of care Adherence to guidelines Complications and side-effects of treatment Equity Outcomes: quality of life Patient-reported outcomes Disease-free interval Survival

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Expanding the dataset: some issues

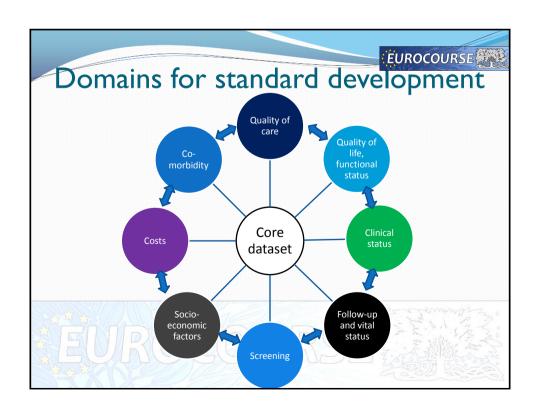
- Less control of quality by registries
- Varying levels of completeness
- National or local, rather than international, coding and classification standards
- Additional work for registries in matching, de-duplicating outside data sources
- Additional work in data management and quality assurance for central repository
- Data protection and other local issues
- Self-protection
- Collecting routine data is already difficult enough—resources!



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Possible next steps

- Agreement on data sharing and release
 - Bring together collaborators
 - Agree data sharing and publication plan for additional data
 - Essential to have "payback" to registries for the additional work
- Develop standards for additional items
 - Define domains in which standards could be developed
 - ENCR to coordinate work on these
 - Develop standards for a wide range of data items



European cancer information system (EPAAC proposals)

- Individual data from population based cancer registries
- · Individual data from clinical registers
- WHO-IARC-Eurostat mortality data (for all causes and cancer)
- Population counts
- Socio-economic data aggregated at national and cancer registry level
- Risk factors aggregated at national and cancer registry level (tobacco, alcohol, diet)
- Area specific data on health care system resources (hospitals, RT machines, doctors)



