

ECIBC: When Science and Policy collaborate for Health



*European Commission
Initiative on Breast Cancer
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Background

The European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) aims at improving and harmonising breast cancer care in Europe. The four specific objectives under development of the ECIBC are:

1. a voluntary European Quality Assurance Scheme for Breast Cancer Services (the *European QA scheme*);
2. the European Guidelines for Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis (the *European Breast Guidelines*);
3. a Platform of guidelines covering all care processes, from screening to end-of-life care;
4. a European training model on digital mammography for screening.

The ECIBC holds a plenary conference each year to inform stakeholders, including Members of the European Parliament, on the progress that the ECIBC projects is taking. This year's plenary deals with the transfer of science into policy and relates to the preparation for the implementation of the European QA scheme. The plenary will elaborate on the relation of ECIBC to national and European policies on breast cancer screening and care. Acknowledging the importance of developing scientifically sound and implementable deliverables, ECIBC aims at impacting on the health of women.

ECIBC takes a person-centred, transparent and inclusive approach in the development of its specific objectives. It is taken forward by the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) based on an agreement with the European Commission Directorate-General Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE). The JRC has the scientific and technical responsibility for ECIBC, coordinates its implementation, and ensures synchronisation of all ECIBC objectives.

Two working groups composed of experts and citizens/patients are supporting ECIBC: the Guidelines Development Group (GDG) for the development of the *European Breast Guidelines*, and the Quality Assurance Scheme Development Group (QASDG) for the development of the *European QA scheme*. In addition ECIBC National Contacts are key to ensure that what is developed is also feasible and meaningful for the respective breast cancer services in the countries. Stakeholders and the public contribute to ECIBC by providing feedback and input.

Day 1, November 24: Science for Policy Development

Day 2, November 25: The policy maker's perspective on how implement science

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