

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF CANCER REGISTRIES

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The European Network of Cancer Registries was established in 1989, within the framework of the **'Europe Against Cancer'** programme of the **European Commission**. It is currently supported by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, and has the following objectives:

- to improve the quality, comparability and availability of cancer incidence data;
- to create a basis for monitoring cancer incidence and mortality in Europe;
- to provide regular information on the burden of cancer in Europe;
- to promote the use of cancer registries in cancer control, health-care planning and research.

The ENCR Steering Committee is a body of elected or nominated individuals who direct and support the activities of the network.

The Steering Committee:

1. Represents the member registries of the European Network.
2. Represents the Network in interaction with other organizations.
3. Sets goals and priorities, reviews progress and proposes future developments.
4. Sets the criteria for full and associate membership of the Network.
5. Advises on definitions and coding practices for cancer registries within the framework of international coding schemes.
6. Facilitates the active participation of the member registries in the Network, in relation to the provision of data, and their use in studies or publications.
7. Establishes and publishes rules for the use and release of detailed data from the Network's database.
8. Promotes the development of tools for processing and analysing cancer registry data.
9. Supports training initiatives aimed at registry staff.