

86th ENCR Steering Committee (SC) Meeting and Meeting of the JRC-ENCR Management Committee minutes

Date and place: 11 December 2023, Videoconference

Attendees: ENCR SC (2021-2023), JRC-ENCR Management Committee, Representatives from the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Survival in ECIS (European Cancer Information System)

The aim of this discussion was to agree on a JRC-ENCR strategy defining the future process for the provision of up-to-date survival indicators in ECIS. The survival estimates currently published in ECIS are based on the results of the EUROCARE-5 project, covering the incidence period 2000-2007 with follow up until 2008. However, an additional information need was identified from the side of stakeholders involved in policy-making, for which more timely survival statistics need to be computed on a regular basis. Such statistics would also align with ECIS historical data on cancer incidence and mortality.

All ENCR SG members supported the idea of JRC computing survival statistics in ECIS using data routinely submitted by cancer registries. Initial proposal on the specifications of cancer survival output to be shown in ECIS was prepared by the ENCR SC experts on the subject and will be further developed by the dedicated Working Group on this topic. The Working Group will also address the workflow for data validation for this purpose. The call to express interest in this Working Group will be advertised shortly and will also be open to collaborators from EUROCARE and other projects on cancer survival. Following the delivery of outputs from the Working Group, JRC will compute the survival indicators based on data submitted in the 2022 Data Call and repeat the exercise on a regular basis in the future data calls.

ENCR recommendations and Working Groups

Tumour recurrences

The Working Group is working on drafting a paper based on the recommendation.