EUROPE CAN PREVENT CANCER BY TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS

A public health opportunity

OVER 40%

More than 40% of all cancer cases are preventable

3.2 MILLION

The annual number of expected new cancer cases by 2040 in the European Union

€199 BILLION

The economic burden of cancer in the EU each year due to premature deaths and morbidity, loss of productivity and costs of treatment

25%

Cancer causes 1 in 4 deaths in the European Union

53%

Over half of all work-related deaths are due to cancer. 50 carcinogens account for more than 80% of all exposure at work

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS THAT INCREASE OUR CANCER RISK INCLUDE:

- UV exposure
- Known and suspected carcinogens
- Radon exposure
- Pesticides and biocides
- Endocrine disrupting chemicals
- Air pollution

EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENTS MUST TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT CANCER

As part of the update of the European Code Against Cancer, undertake a full review of the latest evidence on environmental carcinogens

Implement Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan in line with the objectives of the Chemicals Strategy, Zero Pollution Action Plan & Farm to Fork strategy

Increase compliance with health & safety laws and data about cancer-related deaths at work

Ensure EU and national policies set strict targets to reduce the intake of pesticide residues

Strengthen CLP and REACH to identify and restrict carcinogens and endocrine disruptors faster and more efficiently

Improve air quality by fully aligning EU standards with WHO guidelines

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