Promoting Cervical Cancer Screening in the New EU Member States

- Identifying a common and feasible strategy in the fight against Cervical Cancer
- Favouring a EU exchange of information and expertise
- Training health professionals to offer quality services
- Building skills for advocacy leaders

This publication arises from the project “AURORA” which has received funding from the European Union in the framework of the Health Programme
What is the project’s mission?
13 partners around Europe (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Poland) are cooperating in AURORA project, sharing the same concept that organized screening programmes can significantly reduce the incidence of Cervical Cancer in Europe, especially on women in the reproductive age and on hard to reach groups (youth, rural people, minorities, immigrants, etc.). Based on this concept and on the EU recommendations, AURORA mission is to promote the implementation of high quality population based screening for cervical cancer in the New EU Member States, through exchanging know-how and expertise, training healthcare professionals and collaboration among experts and stakeholders. Furthermore, AURORA consortium believes that advocacy is essential to stimulate governmental authorities to implement cervical cancer screening programmes and therefore the project mission includes the training of advocacy leaders in the New EU Member States.

Which are the project’s activities?
AURORA partners will develop the following activities in their local context:
1. Analysis of the local context studying the literature in the participating countries concerning Cervical Cancer Epidemiology, Screening programmes and presentation of the needs of the population groups more at risk, identified according to each country situation.
2. Identification of good practices and strategies in the fight against Cervical Cancer and in the screening promotion.
6. Set-up of an E-learning Platform on AURORA themes to serve all the users of the participating countries.

The main results of AURORA will be:
a) Analysis of the local contexts and needs of the participating countries, useful to stakeholders to organize more effective training and prevention activities.
b) Manual on good practices with identification of common strategies in the fight against Cervical Cancer and promotion of the Screening.
c) Training of 24 healthcare professionals.
d) Training of 12 advocacy leaders to broad coalition with stakeholders and to influence public policies on Cervical Cancer Screening.
e) E-learning platform to offer distance courses to all interested key actors.
f) EU Network of Pilot Healthcare Centres to offer quality services.

What will be AURORA’s results?
The main outputs will be published on AURORA website for all interested healthcare operators and other stakeholders. Furthermore they will be disseminated in all participating countries thanks to the partners dissemination activities, with a special focus on the New EU Member States, through the participation in EU conferences and experts networks. Finally, healthcare operators and advocacy leaders trained will guarantee the sustainability of AURORA outcomes and the long term results.

Do you have Cervical Cancer Screening or Advocacy expertise?
Join the EU Network of Pilot Healthcare Centres or get specific training! Share our mission, and your expertise with us!
If you work in a Healthcare centre you can contact us to extend AURORA activities to your facility and to be part of our network. If you are a healthcare professional or you are involved in advocacy activities you can participate in our training courses. If you already have expertise on AURORA themes, contact us to participate in our seminars and to receive our newsletter.

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