

NATIONAL CANCER STRATEGY AND EU BEATING CANCER PLAN

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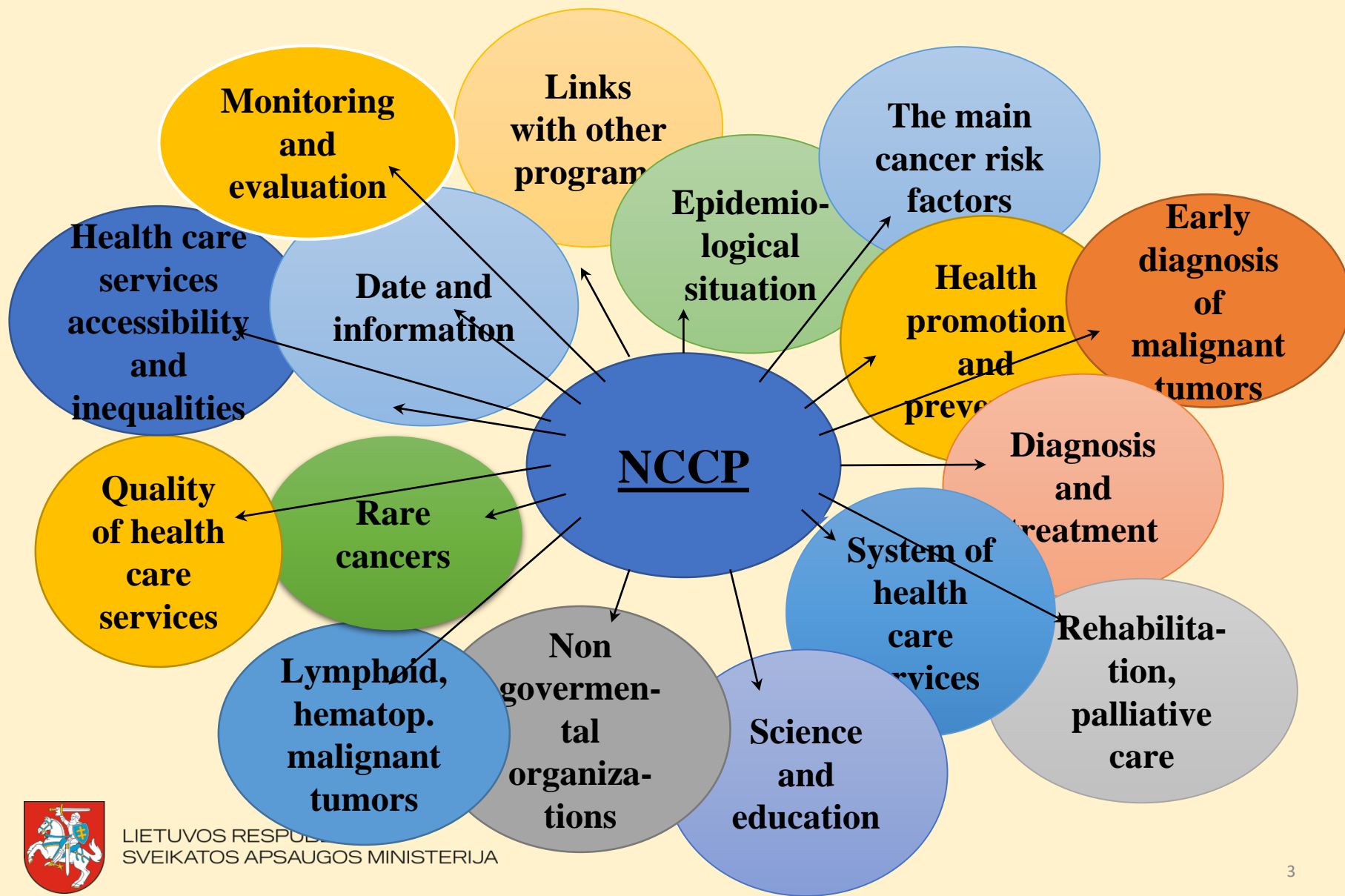
LITHUANIA



- ✓ Population - 2,8 mln.
- ✓ Area in km² 65 300
- ✓ More than 17 000 new cancer cases
- ✓ Cancer is the second most common cause of death in Lithuania (20 % of all deaths)



NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM 2014-2025



OBJECTIVE AND TASKS

✓The NCCP sets up operational objective to be achieved by 2025 – reduce the mortality rate from cancer

✓ACTIONS:

- to improve cancer care coordination
- to develop an informed and healthy society
- to improve screening programs implementation
- to ensure timely comprehensive quality cancer diagnosis and treatment, reduce health services inequalities
- to improve quality of life for patients with cancer
- to improve the quality of training, development of education
- to develop of cooperation with non-governmental organizations
- to ensure a high-quality cancer data registration and publicly available information



NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DRUGS, TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL CONTROL, PREVENTION AND HARM REDUCTION UNTIL 2035 AND ITS ACTION PLAN

- Is being prepared by implementing the new Law on strategic management and the Governmental Programme
- It is the highest level, long term strategic document, to be adopted by the Parliament
- It is being developed by 6 huge inter-sectoral working groups (> 120 members)
- It is steered by high level political coordination group (Government, 7 vice-ministers, WHO and Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Department)
- Inter-Institutional Action Plan – to be adopted by the Government in 2023 Q1



National Strategy will replace the State Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol Control and Prevention Programme for 2018-2028
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PLAN ON INCREASE IN ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO EXCISE DUTY RATES IN 2022-2024 ADOPTED 2021/06/29

- For spirits – annual increase +6,8%;
- For beer – annual increase +10%;
- For wines – annual average increase +14%

- For cigarettes – annual average increase +6%;
- For cigars, cigarillos – annual average increase +20%;
- For wines – annual average increase 14,3%;
- For heated tobacco products – annual average increase 32%;
- For e-cigarette liquids – annual average increase 28%



TOBACCO

Recent developments:

- expanded list of **smoke-free places**:

- common residential outdoor premises: balconies, terraces, galleries, if any of the residents of the multiapartment house has justified objections against
- outdoor places where catering services are provided, except special areas set for smoking
- public transport stops; children playgrounds; at outdoor events, except special areas set for smoking

- introduction of **licensing of e-cigarettes, licensing of** wholesale of **raw tobacco**

- introduction of **ban on advertising, promotion and sponsorship of devices** to consume novel tobacco products and tobacco related products

- **introduction of regulation of the content of electronic cigarettes without nicotine** (will come into force 05/2022)

Plans for development of smoking cessation services:

- **tobacco brief advice and smoking cessation services in primary health care:** preparation of the draft MoH order, manuals for service delivery and training of health care specialists;



ALCOHOL

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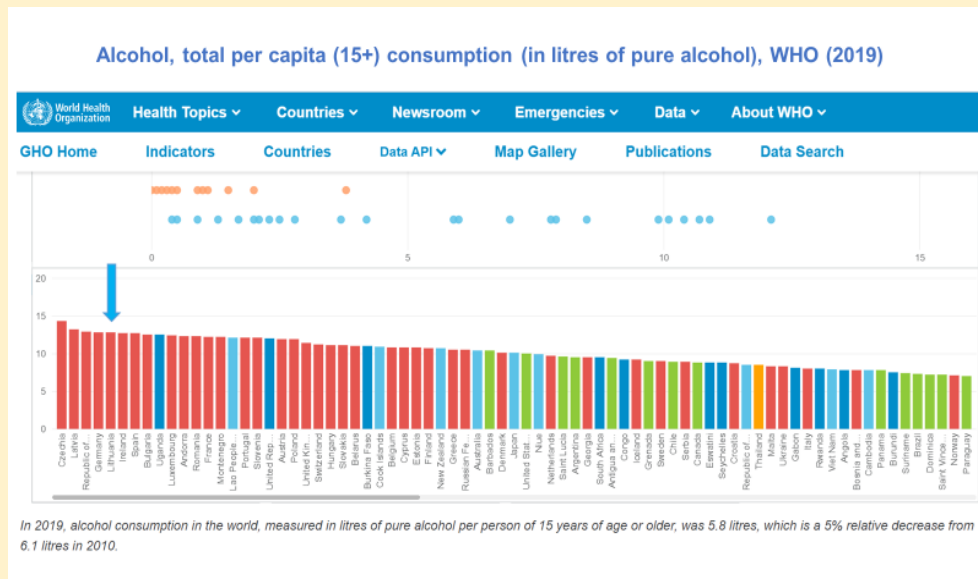
- further reduction of alcohol consumption and significant shift in consumption reduction among other WHO/EURO countries
- action plan to improve the availability and quality of addiction treatment and reduce harm for 2021-2024 adopted
- funding from the Compulsory health insurance fund for the inpatient treatment of addiction diseases under the Minnesota program approved

Further development of alcohol brief interventions in primary health care:

- update of the MoH order for service delivery to improve availability of services provided
- services are provided in 93% of municipalities, since introduction until now – for 185 390 unique persons

Plans for future developments:

- regional Fund for strengthening of alcohol, drugs, tobacco prevention in municipalities;
- NDPHS ASA EG project „Local municipalities focused on preventing work to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs“
- Rehabilitation programme within the framework of Alcohol Interlocks System



KEYHOLE LABELLING SYSTEM IN LITHUANIA



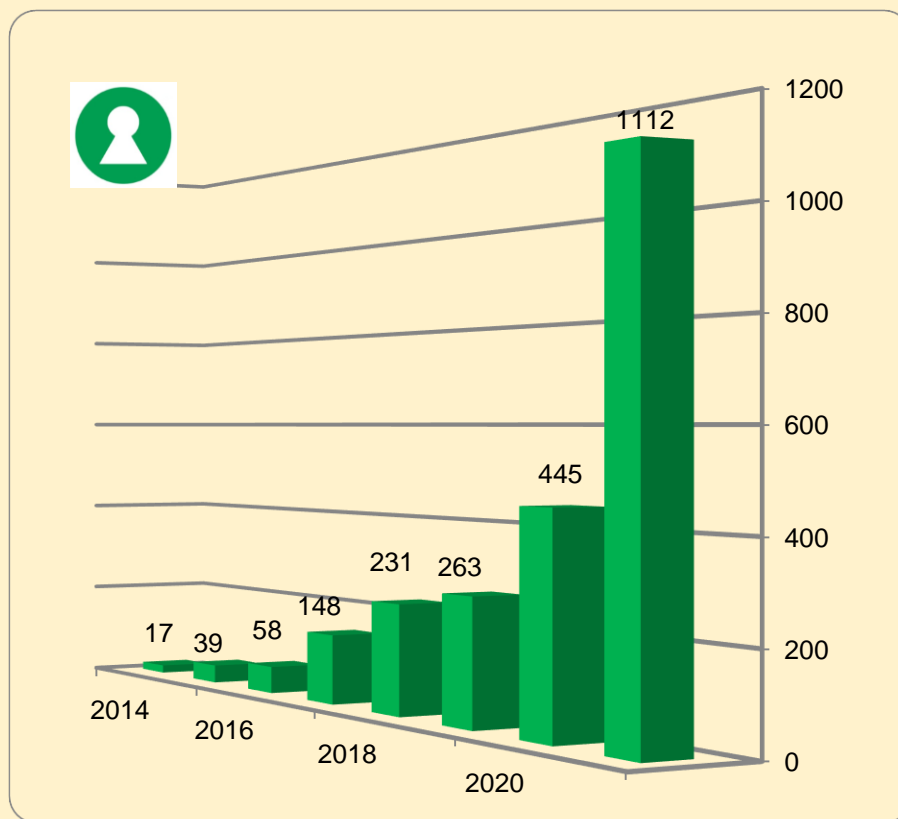
- Full compliance with Nordic KeyHole criteria:
(low in saturated fat, sugar, salt and high in dietary fiber)
- KeyHole development tasks enrolled into national strategic documents
- Full list of KeyHole labelled foodstuffs published on the internet for population awareness and for official food control authority
- **Keyhole** is an easy understandable logo for all elements of the food chain, free and positive







GROWTH RATE OF "KEYHOLE" LABELLED FOODSTUFFS IN LITHUANIA (2014-2021)



CANCER CARE

✓ *Primary health care*

Prevention (HPV vaccination launched in 2016 (11-year-old girls 62%, 2020) + screening (40-45%) + early detection

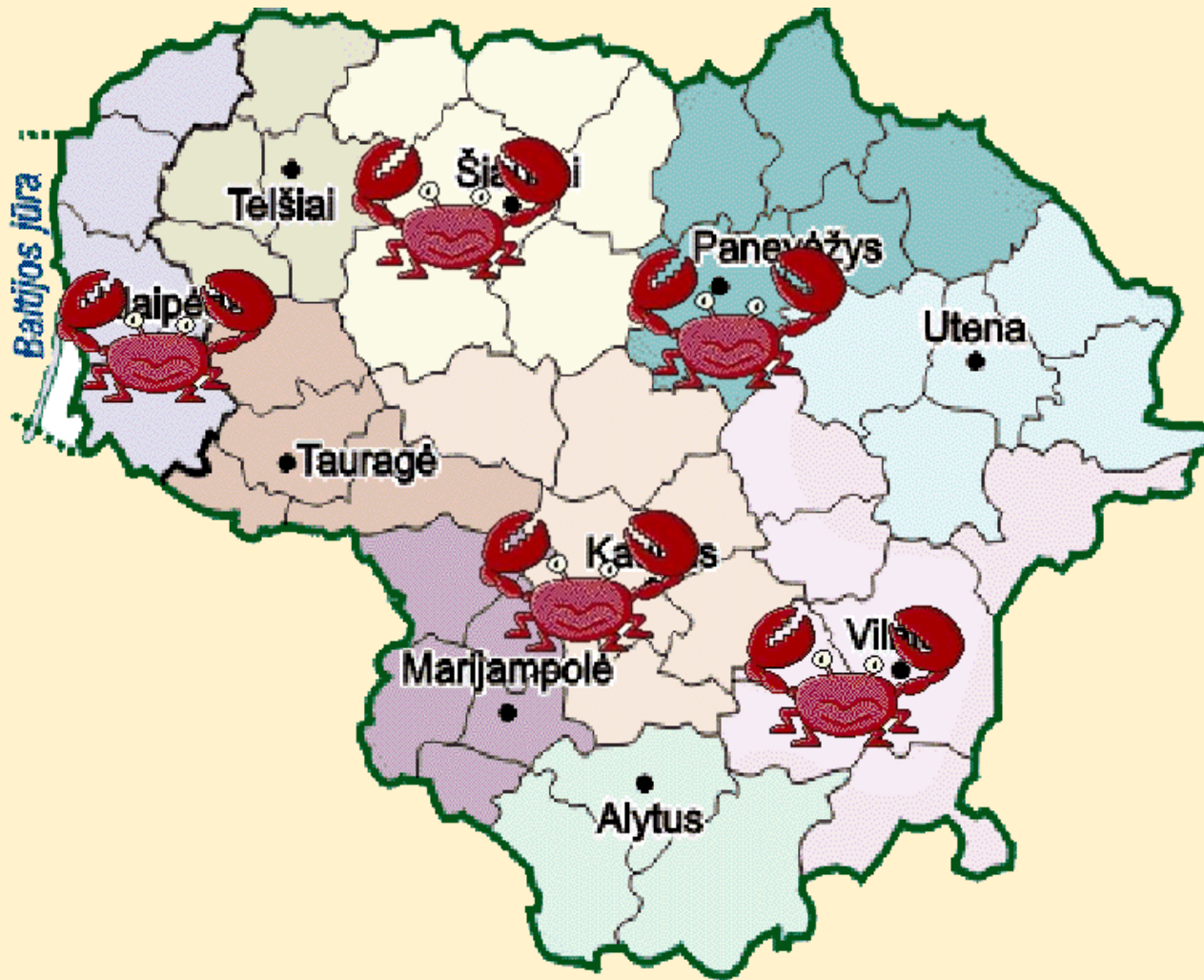
✓ *Specialized cancer care*

6 health care institutions, multidisciplinary team, cancer diagnostics and treatment + research + education + methodology

✓ Rehabilitation, palliative care, pain treatment, psychological support



SPECIALIZED CANCER CARE



- Multidisciplinary team
- The time to diagnosis (28 calendar days)
- The time from the diagnosis to treatment (14 c.d.)
- The waiting time of scheduled outpatient appointment (30 c.d.)
- The waiting time of scheduled inpatient care (60 c.d.)
- The wait time from the date of admission to hospital to the date of elective surgery performed (2 c.d.) etc.



MAIN ACTIONS 2014-2021

- ✓NCCP Steering committee and indicators for annual cancer care evaluation was established and a website for sharing information was created
- ✓Coordination centers of screening programs were established, and quality requirements are being prepared
- ✓Project for designing, testing and launching of the effective patient flow model („green corridor“) was launched
- ✓Investments in development of infrastructure and innovative technologies (digital mammography systems, linear accelerators gamma knife etc.) were done
- ✓E-Health System Development is being implemented
- ✓Projects to support NGOs activities were financed



NCCP AND BEATING CANCER PLAN

REVISION

*STATE OF
PLAY*

*MEASURES AT
NATIONAL LEVEL*

EU CALLS

*STEERING
COMMITTEE
(MIRROR
GROUP)*

- Mapping of gaps and opportunities
- Prioritization of needs
- Participation
- Report
- Monitoring and evaluation

