

# From Baltic Region to European Cooperation: Building Strong Networks to Overcome Environmental and Digital Challenges in CL1&Mission Cancer

3 June 2025, 14.00 – 17:30, Bloom Hotel Rue Royale 250, 1210 Brussels, Belgium

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The Research Council of Lithuania National Contact Points (NCPs) together with Lithuanian Research Development and Innovation Liaison Office in Brussels (LINO), French, Belgian, Polish, Latvian and Estonian national NCPs are pleased to invite you to the working session „From Baltic Region to European Cooperation: Building Strong Networks to Overcome Environmental and Digital Challenges in CL1&Mission Cancer“. The event is aimed for the stakeholders, who are planning to participate in the HE Health and Cancer Mission oriented activities in Horizon Europe, joint cooperation actions on environmental health for successful disease prevention, mental health, digitalization. During the event, our guests from European Commission (EC), Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, Polish, French and Belgian Health Research Institutions will present the challenges they face while participating in HE Health and Cancer Mission and discuss strategies how to overcome them at regional level.

13:00 – 14:00	Registration
14.00 - 14.05	Welcome speech: H. E. Mr. Nerijus Aleksiejūnas, Ambassador, Lithuanian Permanent Representative to the EU
14.05 - 14.10	Welcome speech Prof. dr. Gintaras Valinčius, Chairman of Research Council of Lithuania
14.10 - 14.20	<b>Key note:</b> Vytenis Andriukaitis, MEP, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, "EU Priorities and Challenges for Environment and Health Research"
14.20 - 14.40	<b>Key note:</b> Henriette Van Eijl, Deputy to the Director of D - People: Health & Society, Head of Unit - D3 - Health and Societal Transitions, Directorate D - People: Health and Society, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation
14.40 - 15.20	Panel discussion: "Digitalisation: reshaping public health" Moderator: Tadas Tumėnas, Director of LINO Office in Brussels, LT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. dr. Arvydas Laurinavičius, Head of the Center for Digital Medicine, Institute of Translational Health Research, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University, LT</li> <li>• Prof. Asta Pundzienė, Director of the Business Digital Transformation Research Center, Kaunas University of Technology, LT</li> <li>• Ph.D. Cezary Mazurek, Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center affiliated with the Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences, PL</li> <li>• Ph.D. Kadi-Liis Veiman, Head of the Estonian Cancer Center, EE</li> <li>• Dr. Marc Van Den Bulcke PhD, Head of service, Belgian Cancer Centre, Sciensano, BE</li> <li>• Marco Ciaramella, R&amp;D Engineer and Business Developer, Intellisemantic, IT</li> </ul>
15.20 - 15.45	Coffee break
15.45 - 16.25	<b>Panel discussion:</b> "Environmental Health: European Cooperation for Successful Disease Prevention and Treatment" Moderator: Emmanuel Brouillet, Head Europe and International Affairs, CNRS, FR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Veronique Perrier, Research director, Institute for Neurosciences of Montpellier, FR</li> <li>• Prof. dr. Eglė Lastauskienė, Director of Institute of Biosciences, Vilnius University Life Sciences Center, LT</li> <li>• Prof. dr. Jakub Fichna, Head of Department of Biochemistry, Medical University of Lodz, Lodz, PL</li> <li>• Prof. dr. Vaida Kitrytė-Syrpa, Dean of Faculty of Chemical Technology, Kaunas University of Technology, LT</li> <li>• Dr. Antonio Andreu, MD PhD, Scientific Director, European infrastructure for translational medicine EARTIS, NL</li> <li>• Norbert Couespel, Senior Coordinator, Policy Research and EU Projects, European Cancer Organisation, BE (TBC)</li> <li>• Prof. Malgorzata Klass, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), BE</li> </ul>
16.25 - 16.30	Conclusions
16.30 – 17.30	Social networking



# Brokerage Event for Building Strong Networks in CL1&Mission Cancer 2025 Calls

**4 June 2025 9:30 – 17:00 Pitching sessions and Matchmaking event**  
**NCBR Office in Brussels, Rue Belliard 40, 1040 Brussels, Belgium**

## Agenda

08:30 – 09:30	Registration and welcoming coffee
09:30– 09:40	Welcome and introduction
09:40– 10:05	<b>Key note:</b> Brain health, Environmental health and Digital aspects in Cluster Health (TBC) Kasia Jurczak, Head of Unit, Combatting Diseases, Directorate-General, RTD, European Commission
10:05 – 10:20	<b>Key note:</b> How to form a good consortium, Vania Rosas (French NCP, MESRI)
10:20 – 10:25	Pitching sessions - setting up the scene
10:25 – 11:05	<b>Pitching session 1</b> – Mental health/brain health (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas)
11:05– 11:35	Networking coffee
11:35– 12:15	<b>Pitching session 2</b> – Environmental health (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas)
12:15 – 12:55	<b>Pitching session 3</b> – Digital technologies and artificial intelligence in health (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas)
12:55 – 13:00	Introduction to bilateral meetings
13:00 – 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00 – 17:00	Bilateral meetings

Pitching session times are subject to change depending on the number of people interested in presenting for each session. The event will end no later than 17.00

**The pitching session and bilateral meetings will target selected Horizon Europe calls:**

### Brain Health

- HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-STAYHLTH-01-two-stage: Improving the quality of life of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families – CL1
- HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-DISEASE-02-two-stage: Advancing innovative interventions for mental, behavioural and neurodevelopmental disorders – CL1
- HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-12 Nutrition and Mental Health – CL6

### Environmental Health

- HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-ENVHLTH-01-two-stage: The impact of pollution on the development and progression of brain diseases and disorders – CL1
- HORIZON-HLTH-2025-03-ENVHLTH-02-two-stage: Advancing knowledge on the impacts of micro- and nanoplastics on human health – CL1
- HORIZON-MISS-2025-02-CANCER-02: Understanding the effects of environmental exposure on the risk of paediatric, adolescent and young adult cancers – Cancer Mission

### Digital technologies and artificial intelligence in health

- HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL-03: Leveraging multimodal data to advance Generative Artificial Intelligence applicability in biomedical research (GenAI4EU)
- HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-CARE-01: End user-driven application of Generative Artificial Intelligence models in healthcare (GenAI4EU)
- HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-DISEASE-04: Leveraging artificial intelligence for pandemic preparedness and response

