

Building Strong Networks in Cluster 1 Health & Mission Cancer

Brokerage Event

September 28, 2026

13.00 – 19:00

Venue: Comet meetings Louise, Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

The Research Council of Lithuania National Contact Point and the National Contact Point at the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR, Poland), in collaboration with the Lithuanian Research Development and Innovation Liaison Office in Brussels (LINO) and the NCBR Office in Brussels, and in partnership with French, Estonian, Latvian and Belgian NCPs, are pleased to invite you to a high-level brokerage event dedicated to Horizon Europe Cluster 1 Health and the Cancer Mission.

This event is designed to support stakeholders interested in participating in upcoming Horizon Europe calls and in fostering strong international partnerships. It will bring together researchers, innovators, healthcare professionals, and policymakers working in areas such as healthcare innovation, clinical trials, digital health, and artificial intelligence.

Participants will benefit from:

- insights into upcoming Horizon Europe 2027 calls and priorities,
- contributions from distinguished speakers representing the European Commission, the European Parliament, and leading European health research institutions,
- opportunities to pitch project ideas, identify partners, and join consortia.

The event is organized just prior to the [EU Cancer Mission Showcase](#), which will take place from 29 September to 1 October 2026 in Brussels (Belgium).

Agenda

12:30 – 13:00	Registration and welcoming coffee
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome speeches: H. E. Mr. Nerijus Aleksiejūnas, Ambassador, Lithuanian Permanent Representative to the EU; Prof. Dr. Juozas Augutis Chairman of Research Council of LithuaniaTBC; NCBR
13:15 – 13:30	Key note: MEP Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) European Parliament, former Commissioner for Health and Food Safety TBC
13:30 – 13:45	Key note: Annika Novak, Head of Sector Cancer Mission Secretariat, European Commission,
13:45 -14:00	Pre-commercial procurement: not as boring as it sounds, sexier than you think: Marcin Kautsch, Project Co-ordinator & Consultant, EC Evaluator (Poland)
14:00 -14:30	Intro to CL1&Cancer Mission 2027 calls
14:30 -15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 16:00	Pitching session 1 – Healthcare innovations (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas) 10 pitches Moderator: Sigita Auvertin (Lithuanian NCP, LMT)
15:00 – 16:00	Pitching session 2 – Clinical trials (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas) 10 pitches Moderator: Dagmara Robakowska-Hyżorek (Polish NCP, NCBR)
15:00 – 16:00	Pitching session 3 – Digital health and AI (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas) 10 pitches Moderator: Vania Rosas (French NCP, MESRI)
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 18:00	Bilateral meetings (up to 7 meetings per person)
18:00 – 19:00	Networking cocktail



Pitching session 1 calls – Healthcare innovations

- Leveraging functional genomics to reveal novel targets for cancer treatment HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-01
- Personalised approaches to reduce risks from Adverse Drug Reactions due to administration of multiple medications HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-CARE-02
- Improving equitable health outcomes and added value for and with cancer patients through health-economics research, health systems research and outcomes research HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-04
- Pre-commercial procurement of affordable solutions for healthcare systems in the areas of cancer technologies, cancer medical devices, or cancer medicines HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-05

Pitching session 2 – Clinical trials

- Prevention and management of chronic non-communicable diseases in children and young people (GACD) HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-10
- Clinical trials for advancing innovative interventions for neurodegenerative diseases HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-14-two-stage
- Phase 1 including first-in-human clinical trials to test biomarker-guided medicines or multi-modal treatment interventions for patients with rare or very rare cancers or cancer subtypes HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-03
- Innovative healthcare interventions for non-communicable diseases HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-01-two-stage

Pitching session 3 – Digital health and AI

- Virtual Human Twins (VHTs) for integrated clinical decision support in prevention and diagnosis HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-04
- Towards Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) for healthcare HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-08
- Development of predictive biomarkers of disease progression and treatment response by using AI methodologies for chronic non-communicable diseases HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage