



# Advancements in Cancer Treatment

21 November 2024 | 12:30 – 17:00

*Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the European Union,  
Rue Joseph II 14, 1000 Brussels*

*The event will explore the latest breakthroughs and innovations in the fight against cancer. As research progresses at an unprecedented pace, new therapies and technologies are transforming patient care, improving survival rates, and offering hope for a future where cancer can be managed more effectively or even cured. The event's presentations will highlight cutting-edge treatments, from proton, gene and cellular therapies to precision medicine, and the collaborative efforts – at the European and national levels– driving these exciting developments forward.*

*Additionally, amidst the impressive lineup of speakers, we are excited to feature a presentation by a distinguished ERC (European Research Council) grant recipient!*

## Programme

*Moderated by Dr. Draško Veselinovič,  
Slovenian Business and Research Association (SBRA)*

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**12:30 – 13:00** Registration of participants

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**13:00 – 13:15** Welcoming remarks from the host and organiser

- **Roman Weixler** - Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU
- **Dr. Draško Veselinovič** - President of the Management Board, Slovenian Business and Research Association (SBRA)
- **Dr. Alenka Rožaj** – Director, Support to Strategic Research and Innovation Partnerships (SRIP) on Health – Medicine

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**13:15 – 13:45** Keynote presentations

- **Dr. Tomaž Boh** – Director-General, Science and Innovation Directorate, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Slovenia delivering the **introductory word to the conference**
  - **Michiel Sweerts** - Head of Sector, eHealth, Well-being and Ageing, DG CNECT European Commission on **“EU digital policy priorities and initiatives towards digital transformation in cancer care”**
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**13:45 – 16:00 Presentations**

- *Prof. Dr. Sandro Rossi – General Manager and Technical Director, National Centre for Oncological Hadrontherapy in Pavia (CNAO) on “Hadrontherapy: exploring new challenges against cancer”*
- *Prof. Dr. Christian Graeff – Head of the Medical Physics Group at GSI, Helmholtzzentrum & European Research Council grant winner on “Advanced particle therapy – research and clinical transition”*
- *Prof. Dr. Gregor Serša – Deputy Head of Department of Experimental Oncology, Institute of Oncology Ljubljana on “Gene-based Immune Therapy of Solid Tumors based on pDNA”*
- *Philipp Goedecker – Digital Health Senior Manager, COCIR on “The Future of Cancer Care: Advancing Innovation, Research, and Digitalisation in medical technology under new EU Legislative Frameworks”*
- *Dr. Kathleen D'Hondt – Policy Advisor, Department of Economy, Science and Innovation, Flemish Government on “Belgian Cancer Centres on Modern Methods of the Cancer Treatment incl. Radiotherapy”*
- *Jolien Roovers – Policy Advisor, Department of Economy, Science and Innovation, Flemish Government and Coordinator of Vanguard Initiative Smart Health Pilot on “Vanguard Smart Health Pilot Developments”*
- *Dr. Mark Pleško – Founder and Managing Director, Cosylab on “Affordable Adaptive Radiotherapy”*
- *Dr. Draško Veselinovič – President of the Management Board, Slovenian Business & Research Association delivering the event’s “Conclusions and Take Aways”*

**16:00 – 17:00 Finger food and refreshments alongside networking**

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