

# Common Training Framework Oncology Nurses and Recognition



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# Agenda

## 01 RECaN- Project

Recognition European Cancer Nursing

## 02 EONS Education Framework

## 03 Future Steps



# RECaN-Project

“Specialised cancer nursing continues to be frustrated by a continuing lack of uniform regulation and recognition across Europe. Yet, despite this situation, cancer nursing provides an undeniable added value in terms of patient outcomes.” *ECCO position statement*

**01**  
Systematic  
Review of  
Cancer  
Nursing Trials

**02**  
Comparing  
Cancer Nursing  
in 4 European  
countries

**03**  
Advocating  
at EU-Level

## 3 Phases

# RECaN-Project – Phase I

Systematically identify the roles, types of cancer nursing interventions and their effectiveness and cost-effectiveness



# RECaN-Project – Phase I

Majority of the interventions were nurse-led and delivered by specialist cancer nurses or advanced cancer nurses  
Contribution that cancer nurses have made to evidence-based innovations & improving outcomes of cancer patients





# RECaN-Project – Phase II

Data from Estonia, UK, The Netherlands and Germany (2017)

Clinical visits, focus group interviews, individual interviews, survey, meetings with stakeholders

Hospital Survey on Patient Safety (n=400 nurses)

Questions on support, work content and workplace, leadership, communication, errors, safety

# RECaN-Project – Phase II

## Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture

% of positive scores

- NL nurses scored the highest on 'event reported' and 'communication openness' and 'nonpunitive response to errors'
- NL and UK nurses scored higher on 'frequency of event reported'
- German nurses rated the overall patient safety lowest and UK the highest
- Associations between overall patient safety and staffing ( $p < .0001$ ), communication openness ( $p = .007$ ), handoffs and transitions ( $p = .022$ ), and nonpunitive response to errors ( $p = .024$ )



# RECaN-Project – Phase II

## Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture

Differences in patient safety culture between the countries

- ❑ Cancer nurses autonomy, status, education and recognition will impact patient safety culture
- Increase availability of education for specialist cancer nurses
- Cancer nursing need to be recognised as a speciality across Europe



# RECaN-Project – Phase III

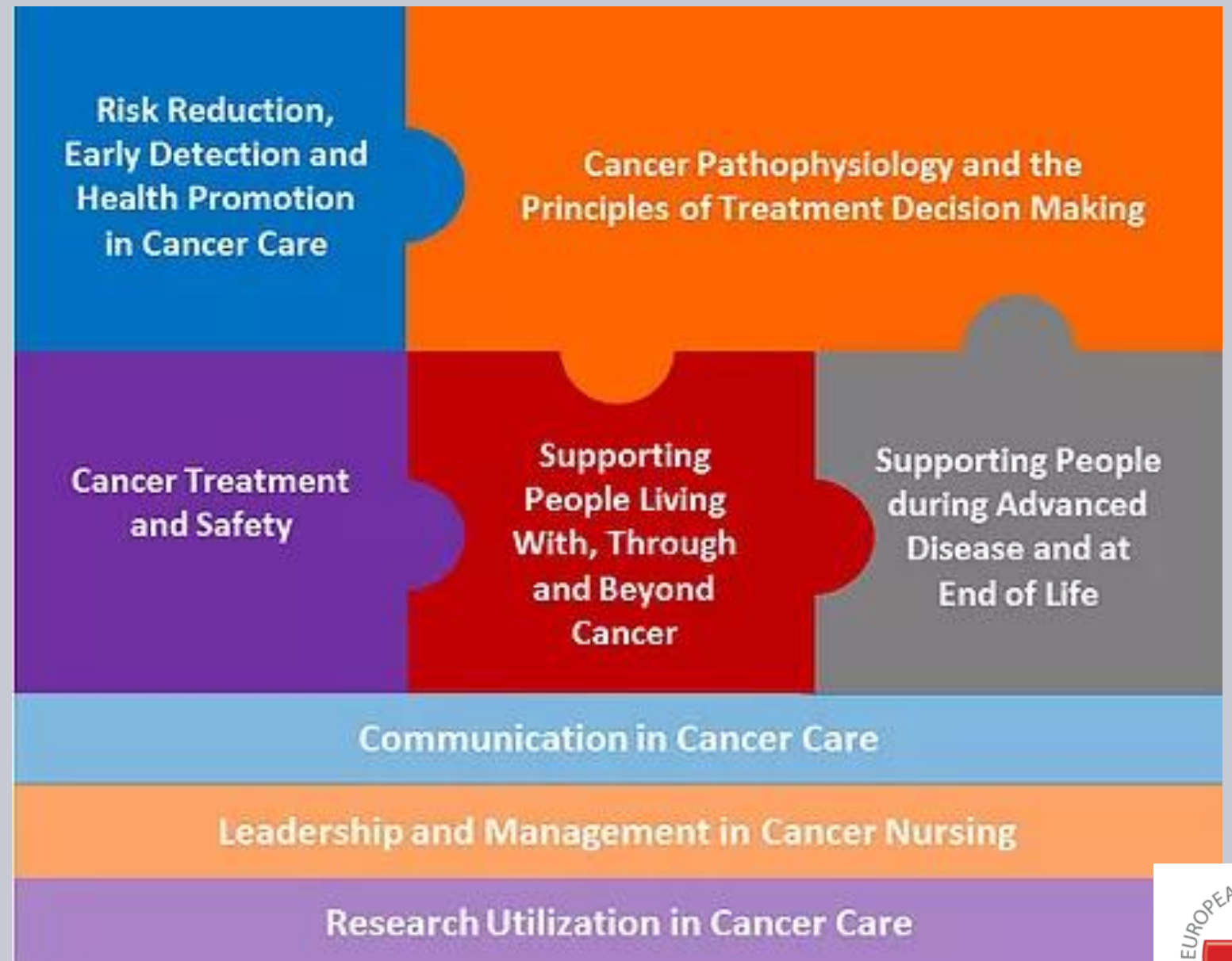
## Advocating for Recognition at the EU-level

- ❑ Advocacy meeting with the MEPS Against Cancer (MAC) in the European Parliament in May 2018 to share the findings to support the recognition of cancer nursing as a specialty
- ❑ Findings presented at the EONS11 conference at ESMO 2018 Congress in Munich, in October 2018



# EONS Education Framework

Knowledge  
Skills  
Competencies





# Future Steps

- ☐ Use of EONS Cancer Nursing Education Framework as a CTF
- ☐ Adopted in at least 1/3 of member states by competent authority
- ☐ Check & approval by the European Commission
- ☐ Continuing advocating & lobbying at the EU political level
- ☐ Strive for an EU-Directive on the recognition of Cancer Nursing