**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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x47c3c37bd34ca35f:0xd0f57b16a819e4a8?sa=X&ved=1t:8290&ictx=111), Belgium

### Moderator Laura Pėkienė, Nation Contact Point, Research Council of Lithuania, Lithuania

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| 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 | **Key note:** Vytenis Andriukaitis, MEP, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, "EU Priorities and Challenges for Environemt and Health Research" |
| 14.20 - 14.40 | **Key note:**  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 |
|  | * Prof. dr. Arvydas Laurinavičius, Head of the Center for Digital Medicine, Institute of Translational Health Research, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University, LT * Prof. Asta Pundzienė, Director of the Business Digital Transformation Research Center, Kaunas University of Technology, LT |
|  | * Ph.D. Cezary Mazurek, Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center affiliated with the Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences, PL * Ph.D. Kadi-Liis Veiman, Head of the Estonian Cancer Center, EE * Dr. Marc Van Den Bulcke PhD, Head of service, Belgian Cancer Centre, Sciensano, BE * Marco Ciaramella, R&D Engineer and Business Developer,Intellisemantic, IT |
| 15.20 - 15.45 | Coffee break |
| 15.45 - 16.25 | **Panel discussion:** "EnvironMental Health: European Cooperation for Successful Disease Prevention and Treatment” |
|  | Moderator: Emmanuel Broullet, Head Europe and International Affairs, CNRS, FR   * Prof. Veronique Perrier, Research director, Institute for Neurosciences of Montpellier, FR * Prof. dr. Eglė Lastauskienė, Director of Institute of Biosciences, Vilnius University Life Sciences Center, LT * Prof. dr. Jakub Fichna, Head of Department of Biochemistry, Medical University of Lodz, Lodz, PL * Prof. dr. Vaida Kitrytė-Syrpa, Dean of Faculty of Chemical Technology, Kaunas University of Technology, LT * Dr. Antonio Andreu, MD PhD, Scientific Director, European infrastructure for translational medicine EARTIS, NL * Norbert Couespel, Senior Coordinator, Policy Research and EU Projects, European Cancer Organisation, BE (TBC) * Prof. Malgorzata Klass, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), BE |
| 16.25 - 16.30 | Conclusions |
| 16.30 – 17.30 | Social networking |

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 Envirnomental 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.

**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**

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| 09:00 –09:30 | Registration and welcoming coffee |
| 09:30– 09:40 | Welcome and introduction Waldemar Dubaniowski – Director of the Support Department for Polish Entities in Brussels |
| 09:40– 09:55 | **Key note:** Brain health, Environmental health and Digital aspects in Cluster Health (Emilie Fonck, Belgium NCP, Hub Brussels) |
| 09:55–10:10 | **Key note:** How to Create a Good Consortium - Tips and Tricks (Vania Rosas-Magallanes French NCP, MESRI) |
| 10:10-10:20 | Q&A |
| 10:20 – 10:25 | Pitching sessions - setting up the scene |
| 10:25 – 11:10 | **Pitching session 1** – Mental health/brain health (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas)  Moderator: Argo Soon (Estonian NCP, ETAG)   * Andrius Ališauskas, Kaunas Hospital of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (Lithuania) “Advancing Clinical Excellence and European Collaboration: Kaunas Hospital at the Heart of Innovation and Care” * Ercan KÜÇÜKARSLAN, BOSEV Foundation (Turkey) “Mamak MEM& BOSEV Foundation” * Irina Cleemput, Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre (Belgium) “The Needs Examination, Evaluation and Dissemination (NEED) project” * Jakub Lickiewicz, Jagiellonian University Medical College (Poland) “Innovation in Mental Health-photography for wellbeing” * Lolita Rapolienė, Klaipeda University (Lithuania) “Smart, holistic and Innovative Frameworks for Transformation in Mental Health (SHIFT-MH)” * Vaida Kitrytė-Syrpa, Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania) “HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-12 Nutrition and Mental Health” * Jocelyn Deloyer, Centre Neuro-Psychiatrique St Martin (Belgium) “Forest4Youth” * Cezary Mazurek, Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center -PSNC (Poland)” Neurorehabilitation of language system functions” * Patrick Bensen, Brainmark, “Future technologies shaping the world today“ |
| 11:10– 11:40 | Networking coffee |
| 11:40– 12:15 | **Pitching session 2** – Environmental health (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas)  Moderator: Janis Ancans (Latvian NCP, LZP)   * Elżbieta Dobrzyńska/Dorota Sawicka, Central Institute for Labour Protection–National Research Institute (Poland) “Micro-and nanoplastics in the work environment” * Jakub Fichna, Medical University of Lodz (Poland) “Challengesof the 21st century in relation to Digestive tract & Nutrition” * Katarzyna Zamaro/Tomasz Wojdacz, International Society for Molecular and Clinical Epigenetics (Poland) “Epigenetics in Action: From Environment to Disease” * Kerti Ausmees, National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics (Estonia) “Complex mixtures NMR analysis team in NICPB (EE)” * Sonata Jarmalaite, National Cancer Institute (Lithuania) ” T-Cancer” * Tadas Prasauskas, Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania) “Advancing knowledge on the impacts of micro- and nanoplastics on human health” * Ahmed Sedik, Clermont Auvergne University/Pharmacology National Research Centre (France/Egypt) “Impact of heavy metals on human health” |
| 12:15 – 12:55 | **Pitching session 3** – Digital technologies and artificial intelligence in health (Coordinators looking for partners/Partners looking for consortia/Project ideas)  Moderator: Vania Rosas-Magallanes (French NCP, MESRI)   * Agris Liepa, Riga Stradins University (Latvia) “Artificial intelligence in an augmented reality game with an eye-tracking system to improve stress management, cognition.” * Arvydas Laurinavicius, Vilnius University and National Center of Pathology (Lithuania) “Multimodal Computational Pathology for Medical Learning Systems” * Asta Pundzienė, Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania) “Digital Healthcare Innovations” * George Nikolaidis, Ergobyte Informatics S.A. (Greece) “GENAIHEALTH: Generative AI for better healthcare decisions” * Marcin Paprzycki, Systems Research Institute Polish Academy of Sciences – SRIPAS (Poland) “SRIPAS (has a lot to) offer” * Marco Ciaramella, Intellisemantic (Italy) “AI Data Readiness and Explainable AI for Health” * Mohammadreza Azimi, Riga Stradins University (Latvia) “Federated Learning for Digital Pathology Images Across Hospitals” * Vidas Kapušinskas, Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Clinics (Lithuania) “Reliable partner for Horizon projects” * Dainius Pavalkis, “Lithuanian University of Health Sciences as multiprofile partner in Biomedical research” |
| 12:55 – 13:00 | Introduction to bilateral meetings |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Networking lunch |
| 14:00 – 17:00 | Bilateral meetings |