

# Experts call for virtual European cancer institute / infrastructure

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A new article that addresses the challenges of cancer proposes combining innovative prevention and treatment strategies in a state-of-the-art virtual European Cancer Institute/Infrastructure that promotes sharing of the highest standards of practices and big data among countries and centres across Europe and beyond.

By doing so, it will be possible to achieve a long-term survival of 3 out of 4 cancer patients in countries with well-developed healthcare systems, according to the *Molecular Oncology* article. Furthermore, the concerted actions will pave the way to handling economic and [social inequalities](#) in countries with less developed systems.

Implementing the mission will require the engagement of all the key stakeholders in the cancer research/care continuum, as well a full understanding of the needs of research and care across all Member States in Europe to address existing inequalities, noted co-authors Dr. Julio E. Celis, of the Danish Cancer Society Research Centre, and Dr. Dainius Pavalkis, of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences.

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