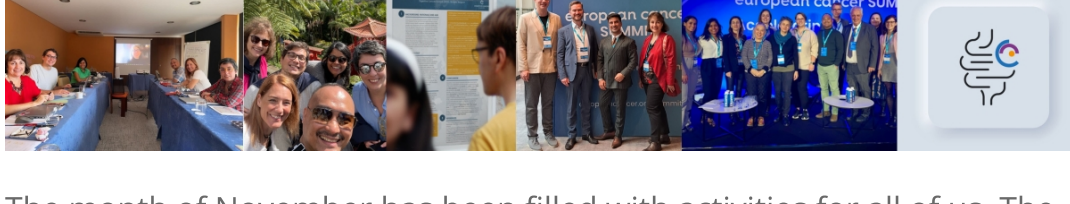




Newsletter



The month of November has been filled with activities for all of us. The DICE team went to Madeira, Portugal, for our annual in-person team meeting to prepare for 2024. We had an excellent campaign for Gastric Cancer Awareness Month. Our Liver Cancer Map was a featured abstract at the European Cancer Summit held in Brussels, and it was another very successful 4th Annual DICE CRC Screening Summit! Our involvement in these activities continues to prove that engaging with all of you is both energising and motivating as we continue to celebrate DICE's 5th year anniversary.



This is our last newsletter for the year. In our December edition, we will feature our annual season's greetings, and January's edition will feature a message from our CEO, Zorana Maravic.

From and For Members



16 November 2023. Oncology patients, led by our Latvian MO, Onkoallianse, opened a symbolic environmental object – an illuminated clock at the Independence Square near the Saeima in a special campaign **#Time And Cancer Do Not Wait!** The clock, which is complemented by many worn-out timepieces, will symbolically remind Saeima members during the review of the 2024 state budget of the need to make faster decisions to improve the field of oncology and allocate more funding. [Read more](#)



Europacolcon Portugal and IPO-Porto. In collaboration with **DICE**, are organising an event for reflection and scientific discussion on the major challenges of digestive cancer in Europe and Portugal. The event will be held in the Main Auditorium of IPO-Porto (Portugal) on 26 February 2024 and will be open to the general public. More details on the programme and registration will follow soon.

DICE Organisational Grants

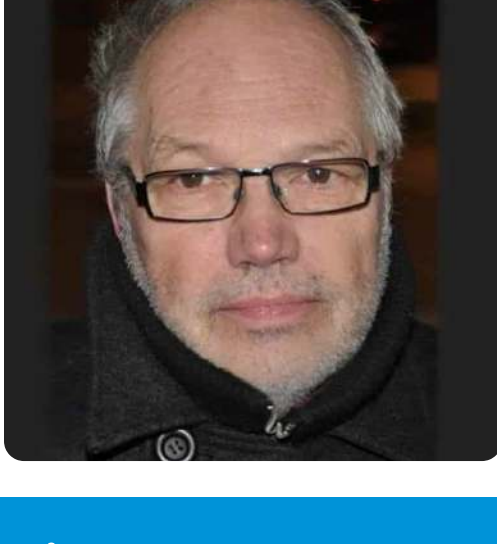
DICE received 10 applications for the Operational Grant, and each applicant was contacted and will receive financial support for their organisation. The grant will be used to fund the organisation's future projects and initiatives. We thank all the applicants for their interest and look forward to seeing what they can accomplish with the financial support.



We received five high-quality proposals from our Member Organisations (Croatia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland and Portugal). The 2023 project from **Latvia** scored the highest: **"Producing Educational Material for Colorectal Cancer Patients with Low Anterior Resection Syndrome"**. We wish **ONKOALLIANSE** the best with the project's implementation! [Read more](#).

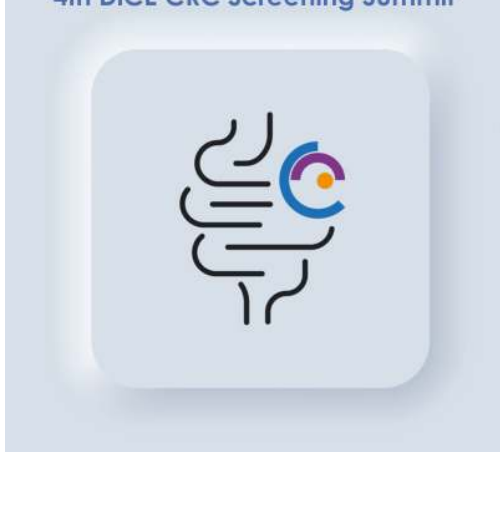
Patient Story - Kjell

Kjell Olof was born in 1942 in Sweden. He began experiencing persistent stomach pain, which led to a direct referral to the emergency room of the local hospital after visiting the health centre. An upper endoscopy the following day revealed a pancreatic tumour. [Read his story](#).



Updates on Digestive Cancers

Colorectal Cancer



DICE's CRC Screening Summit a Resounding Success

We express our gratitude to the distinguished speakers and all participants for their contributions to the success of the 4th CRC Screening Summit. At the heart of this year's Summit was a focus on exploring the promising technologies, data, and potential benefits of tailoring CRC screening.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in making this event a success. The recording and presentations will be available soon on the [event page](#).

Gastric Cancer

Guide For Patients with Gastric Cancer

The European Society of Medical Oncologists (ESMO) has launched a valuable resource to assist patients, friends, family, and caregivers better understand gastric cancer and its treatment. This guide is filled with detailed information on the causes of the disease, diagnosis, up-to-date guidance on available treatments, and possible side effects of treatment.



Zorana Maravic, DICE's CEO, participated in the launch this October at the annual ESMO meeting in Madrid, as part of the team that developed and reviewed the guide. [Download now!](#)

Pancreatic Cancer



DICE, Pancreatic Cancer Europe (PCE), and United European Gastroenterology (UEG) came together at the 2023 European Cancer Summit held in Brussels on November 15-16. This important event coincided with World Pancreatic Cancer Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about this devastating disease. If you would like to learn more, you can visit the [campaign page](#).

All Digestive Cancers



Act4Biosimilars is a global initiative that aims to increase patient access to biologics by facilitating greater Approvability, Accessibility, Acceptability and Affordability (the 4As) of biosimilars.

Earlier this year, the Act4Biosimilars initiative launched the Act4Biosimilars Action Plan alongside the first in a series of Deep Dive Reports focused on the Americas, which brings into focus the challenges hindering biosimilar adoption across the region. Most recently, the second Deep Dive Report, which puts a spotlight on biosimilar uptake in Europe, was launched on 16 November 2023. [Read more](#)



ECO Summit 2023, Accelerating Momentum: A Manifesto to 2030

DICE attended the European Cancer Organisation's (ECO) annual summit, a 2-day meeting highlighting the urgency of enacting the EU's Beating Cancer Plan through the implementation of a variety of new projects to provide better care for cancer patients and survivors.

This year, DICE was selected to share an abstract at the summit; each poster was connected to ECO's Focused Topic Networks and priority areas within Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the EU Cancer Mission recommendations. Check out the [Liver Cancer Index Poster](#)

EU-Funded Projects

Educational Booklets for TOGAS Pilot Studies Participants Are Now Available

DICE has developed specialised educational booklets customised to the unique characteristics of each study. Furthermore, these booklets contain comprehensive information about gastric cancer prevention, signs, and symptoms. [Read more](#).



SmartCare

At the ECO Summit, smartCARE - one of the EU-funded projects that DICE is involved with, highlighted updates to the cancer survivor smart card - in the form of a mobile app - to improve the health and well-being of cancer survivors throughout Europe. SmartCARE is a flagship initiative in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan under the EU4Health Programme 2021-2027. [Read more](#)

DICE is engaged in multiple EU-funded research projects, each dedicated to advancing digestive health. Some of the topics covered are:

- Gastric Cancer Prevention
- Personalised Cancer Care
- AI-Driven Solutions
- Easier access to clinical history

For more information on the projects we are working on, [visit this page](#).



Organisational Updates



Celebrating a Lifetime of Achievement: Dr Eric Van Cutsem Honoured as Professor Emeritus

Leuven, 24 November 2023 - In a distinguished ceremony held in Leuven, Dr Eric Van Cutsem, world-renowned Professor of Clinical Digestive Oncology and co-founder of DICE, was honoured as Professor Emeritus for his extraordinary accomplishments and unwavering dedication to the field of digestive oncology. [Read more](#)

DICE Team Meeting

The DICE team held its annual meeting in Madeira, Portugal, from November 6-10. The team had the opportunity to discuss ongoing projects and work for 2024 and lay the groundwork for future initiatives. The vibrant exchange of ideas, the breathtaking backdrop of Madeira, and enjoyable team-building activities fuelled our collective commitment to advancing our mission.

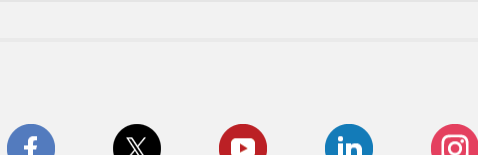


Dates for Your Diary

05 December 2023 - [European Cancer Forum](#)

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4 February - [World Cancer Day](#)
15 February - [World Cholangiocarcinoma Day](#)
22 February - Launch of ECCAM 2024
March - Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
21 March - Anal Cancer Awareness Day
22 March - Lynch Syndrome Awareness Day



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