## **SIOPE STRATEGIC PLAN**

A EUROPEAN CANCER PLAN FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

## CANCER IN YOUNG PEOPLE IS RARE, BUT IT IS STILL A MAJOR HEALTH ISSUE IN EUROPE

SIOPE (THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY) has established a European Cancer Plan for Children and Adolescents to tackle this problem, together with several stakeholders from the paediatric haematology-oncology community. This Strategic Plan identifies a number of key areas where joint efforts are needed in order to improve the lives of childhood cancer patients and survivors, and it will be implemented in partnership with parent, patient and survivor advocates from the European Regional Committee of Childhood Cancer International (CCI).

1 out of 300 newborns will develop cancer before turning 20



Around **20** children and adolescents die of cancer every day (more than **6,000** each year)

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**35,000** new cases of cancer in young people every year

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community in the past decades

cancer are disease free at 5 years,

thanks to the progresses made by the paediatric haemato oncology

80% of young people with

Today there are approximately **300,000** European survivors of childhood cancer. By 2020, there will be nearly half a million

Most frequent cancers affecting young people: leukaemia, brain tumours, lymphoma and neuroblastoma

More than **60** cancers occur from birth to adolescence different from those occurring in adults



OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE CURE RATE AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SURVIVORS



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## **TARGET OBJECTIVES**





UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF PAEDIATRIC CANCERS AND SET UP PREVENTION WHEREVER POSSIBLE



IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD CANCERS



## **KEY AREAS FOR SUCCESS:**

- Better coordination and sustainability of research
- Commitment from all funding bodies and effective European regulations
- Raise the EU and global profile of paediatric haematology-oncology
- Strengthened partnerships with patients, parents and survivors advocates — SIOPE has strengthened its collaboration with them by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the European Regional Committee of Childhood Cancer International (CCI) — as well as adult oncology, stakeholders from other continents and industry
- Better communication and dissemination of information

ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS



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