

Horizon Europe – Seeking consortium partners for HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07: Improving quality of life of older cancer patients

Summary

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Research & Development Request Moldova

Company's country

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Research and development cooperation agreement

Targeted countries

• All countries

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General Information

Short summary

PMSI Institute of Oncology, Republic of Moldova is forming a consortium with a Romanian partner for Horizon Europe call HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07 (Improving QoL of older cancer patients). Public cancer centre offers comprehensive care, patient access, national cancer registry, and Horizon Europe experience (CCI4EU, EUonQoL). Seeks additional partners; wishes to join as partner, WP leader or task leader.

Full description

PMSI Institute of Oncology is a public tertiary cancer centre in the Republic of Moldova, operating under the Ministry of Health. It is the country's leading institution for cancer diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care, and it runs the national cancer registry. The institute has participated as an affiliated entity or partner in Horizon Europe projects (CCI4EU, EUonQoL) and is involved in EU4Health Joint Actions and OECl.

Older cancer patients often face multiple chronic conditions, reduced functional reserve, frailty and social vulnerability. Standard oncology pathways do not always address their specific needs regarding quality of life (QoL), symptom burden, psychological support, nutritional status, mobility and continuity of care after treatment. Call HORIZON MISS 2026 02 CANCER 07 specifically targets interventions to improve QoL in this growing population.

The institute offers direct access to a large cohort of older cancer patients as a nationwide referral centre, a multidisciplinary care model covering surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, nutritional and psychological support, palliative care and rehabilitation, and the national cancer registry to provide real world data and follow up on QoL indicators. Clinical research infrastructure includes immunologic and molecular genetic laboratory, endoscopy, nuclear medicine, radiology, cytology and early detection programmes. The institute has proven ability to collect patient reported outcomes and participate in multi centre studies through its experience in EUonQoL, as well as strong links with the University of Medicine and Pharmacy and national health authorities.

The institute offers to act as a partner, work package leader or task leader – for example in work packages related to patient recruitment, clinical data collection, QoL assessment, dissemination of results at national level, or adaptation of interventions to resource limited settings.

The institute is currently in advanced discussions with a partner from Romania to form a consortium for this call. The institute aims to learn from and contribute to European best practices in QoL focused cancer care. It brings under represented patient populations (Eastern European, older, mixed urban/rural) into consortia, which strengthens the external validity of project outcomes.

Advantages and innovations

The institute is the national referral centre for cancer in the Republic of Moldova, treating a large cohort of older cancer patients aged sixty five and above, including frail, multi morbid and socio economically diverse individuals. This demographic profile is under represented in European quality of life research, offering strong added value for external validity and transferability of project results to Eastern European and resource limited settings.

The institute runs the only national cancer registry of the Republic of Moldova, providing longitudinal, real world data on diagnosis, treatment pathways, survival and follow up for older patients, enabling robust quality of life indicators and health outcomes tracking beyond the project duration. Through active participation in the Horizon Europe project EUonQoL, the institute has demonstrated capacity to collect patient reported data across different care settings, handle ethics and GDPR requirements, and contribute to multi centre quality of life studies.

The institute offers a complete care chain covering diagnosis, surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, nutritional and psychological support, palliative care and rehabilitation, together with specialised laboratories for immunology, molecular genetics and nuclear medicine. This allows testing and validating quality of life interventions across the entire patient journey. As the guiding entity for Moldova's National Cancer Control Program and host of the Ministry of Health's Oncology and Hematology Commission, the institute has a direct channel to influence national cancer policies, helping translate project results into real world practice and sustainability plans.

Technical specification or expertise sought

The institute is looking for partners with proven expertise in designing and implementing quality of life interventions for older cancer patients, including validated assessment tools, patient reported outcome measures, and psychosocial support programmes. Experience in multi centre clinical studies, health economics analysis, and dissemination of results to policy makers would be particularly valuable.

Stage of development

Concept stage

IPR Status

No IPR applied

IPR Notes

Sustainable Development goals

• Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being

Partner Sought

Expected role of the partner

The institute is currently in advanced discussions with a potential partner from Romania, but still seeks an experienced consortium coordinator – preferably with a proven track record in Horizon Europe projects under the Mission on Cancer. Other sought partners include research organisations, universities, and clinical centres with expertise in quality of life assessment, geriatric oncology, patient reported outcomes, and health economics. The



coordinator and partners should be willing to integrate the institute as a work package or task leader, or as a regular partner contributing patient data, clinical expertise and dissemination activities at national level.

Type of partnership

Research and development cooperation agreement

Type and size of the partner

• **R&D Institution**

Call Details

Framework program

Horizon Europe

Call title and identifier

**Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients
HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07**

Submission and evaluation scheme

Anticipated project budget

Coordinator required

Yes

Deadline for EoI

15 Sep 2026

Deadline of the call

15 Sep 2026

Project duration in weeks

Web link to the call

Project title and acronym

Dissemination



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Technology keywords

Market keywords

- **05005014 - Oncology**

Targeted countries

Sector groups involved

- **All countries**