

MAKE SENSE CAMPAIGN

2021 RESULTS REPORT



The *Make Sense* campaign's ninth year proved to be another resounding success with lots to recognise and celebrate!

2021 saw yet another fantastic Awareness Week for the Campaign, with participants from all over Europe coming together to deliver a variety of activities to raise awareness of head and neck cancer with the aim of improving outcomes for patients with the disease. This year, **the Campaign took place in 20 countries** – one of our best turnouts of all time!



2021 CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

This year, the Campaign theme and motto continued to ask our audience to 'Stay Head and Neck Cancer Aware', while acknowledging the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which affects each of our lives and has very specific implications on the head and neck cancer population.

STAY HEAD & NECK CANCER AWARE:

don't ignore the warning signs in COVID times.



9TH AWARENESS WEEK, 20-24 SEPTEMBER 2021:



MONDAY

Survivor Survey results launched, in partnership with European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC)



TUESDAY

Take Action on HNC Pledge letter sent to EU Commission



WEDNESDAY

Early diagnosis day clinics held across Europe



THURSDAY

Social media push on risk factors (including smoking, alcohol and HPV) and prevention education



FRIDAY

HCP education focus and promotion of *Impact of COVID-19 on HNC Treatment & Management* HCP webinar



"As ever, we rely on strong ongoing relationships with our committed partners to maximise the success of the Campaign. To those on both European and national levels, thank you for your support!"

- Professor René Leemans,
Make Sense Steering Committee Chair



Our Partners



European Dental Students' Association



SURVIVOR SURVEY

The launch of our Survivor Survey results demonstrated that survivors face a range of physical, social and professional challenges as a result of the disease. In many cases these have been worsened by COVID-19, and a vital need for improved support services was uncovered. The launch was accompanied by a factsheet and an impactful series of #StayHNCAware social media campaign posts.

229 SURVIVORS RESPONDED

FROM

12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES



SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES IN 2021

In addition to the Awareness Week, the Secretariat delivered a range of activities and materials throughout the year, engaging with new and current stakeholders, policy makers, HCPs and more!



FEBRUARY

EU Cancer Plan response letter sent to EU Commission



JUNE

Engaging Local Policy Makers toolkit launched



OCTOBER

Impact of COVID-19 on HNC webinar for HCPs held in collaboration with AO CMF

MAY

Country Engagement toolkit launched

AUGUST

Take Action on HNC Pledge launched



KEY RESULTS



20

countries participated



223

screening clinics



1 new country
participated



>5,800
patients
screened



92
attended HCP
educational
webinar



652
patients referred

SOCIAL MEDIA



>6,140,000

people reached
on Facebook*



>1,030,000

impressions
on Twitter*



>8,840,000

social media reach
across all platforms

*Includes organic and
promoted content shared
by both the *Make Sense*
campaign and local
country teams

EU POLICY



Beating Cancer Plan
letter media coverage in
Brussels Times



43 Take Action
on HNC Pledge
signatories



1 meeting secured with
EU Commission's Beating
Cancer Plan Task Force

TRADITIONAL MEDIA



>1,730

pieces of original
media coverage



>100,000,000

estimated potential
media reach*

*Reach based on total media outlet audience figures. May
not reflect exact number of readers, viewers and listeners

THE CAMPAIGN'S GROWING REACH



+266%

increase in social media
reach since 2020

+33%

increase in original media
pieces generated since 2020



Country Activity Highlights

Once again, participation and interest in the Campaign from our local country stakeholders, old and new alike, was remarkable. We also saw an incredible amount of involvement and support from our sponsors, both on a European and country level, with a fantastic array of creative and impactful activities and events.

These ranged from virtual and in-person early diagnosis clinics, symposiums and webinars, national conferences, multimedia campaigns, social media influencer engagement, patient surveys, and much more. Check out some wonderful examples here!



Looking Ahead To 2022

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that participated in the Make Sense campaign in 2021. Your efforts have contributed to another successful year for the Campaign, and certainly aided in raising awareness of head and neck cancer across Europe.

Next year will be a very special one for the Campaign, as we celebrate our 10th Awareness Week! We are sure to have some fantastic activities, materials and updates in store, including the launch of dedicated European Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Guidelines which are currently in progress, and the outcome of our meeting with EU Beating Cancer Task Force. We sincerely hope you will join us again next year for this milestone, and very much look forward to working with you all!

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