

2nd OPEN DAYS OF SLOVENIAN CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMMES

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Ljubljana, Slovenia

EVENT EVALUATION

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Overview and methodology

The 2nd Open Days of Slovenian Cancer Screening Programmes 2023 took place in Ljubljana between November 22–24, 2023. The event was co-organized by the Institute of Oncology Ljubljana, National Institute of Public Health, Ministry of Health, EU-TOPIA-EAST project, and WHO Regional Office for Europe. The overarching objective of this event was to provide theoretical and practical insights into Slovenia's cervical, breast, and colorectal cancer screening programs. Participants had a chance to learn about the program structures, governance, quality assurance, and research work during the first day and visit the local sites where the day-to-day operations occur on the subsequent days. The Open Days offered an opportunity to promote knowledge exchange and discussions between the relevant stakeholders from Eastern European countries and allied professionals from other parts of Europe.

In total, 74 individuals (including the organisers) from 23 countries attended at least one day of the Open Days: Albania, Armenia, Belgium, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, France, Georgia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine, Uzbekistan. Of those, 31 individuals attended the site visits for cervical screening, 30 for breast screening, and 22 for colorectal screening.

Upon the conclusion of the event a short anonymous evaluation survey was sent to the attendees in order to gather feedback and improve organisational and content aspects for the future events.

Participants

Out of the 74 participants, 46 (72 %) responded to the anonymous evaluation survey. Responders were a diverse group and came from 16 different countries: Albania, Armenia, Cyprus, Czechia, Georgia, Kosovo, Latvia, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

Professional background: 39% public health, 37% were medical doctors, 11% with economics or management, and 13% other, including IT.

Role in screening programmes: 65% management, operations, or coordination, 31% research and analysis, 2% in policy/decision-making, and 2% other.

Interest: The majority of the responders was interested in breast and cervical screening, followed by colorectal screening, new screening, and high risk screening. See Figure 1.

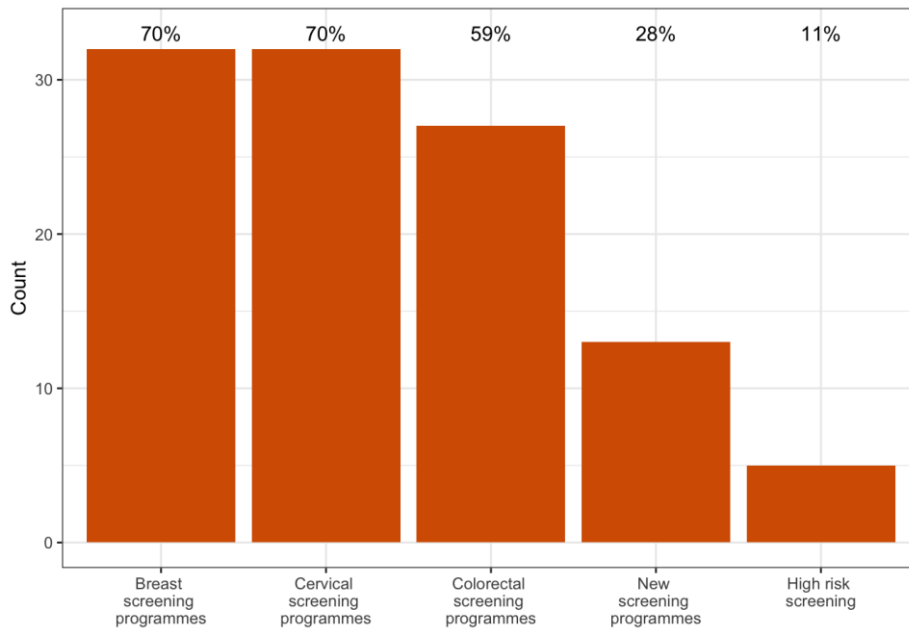


Figure 1: Interest in cancer screening programmes

Overall impressions and comments

On a scale from 1 (*Unsatisfactory*) to 5 (*Excellent*), **on average, people rated the event as 4.82** ($SD = 0.4$; $N = 45$).

Out of 46, 45 (**98%**) attendees said they would recommend Open Days to their colleagues, and 42 (**91%**) would attend the event again.

Content and organisational aspects

Responders reported the level of agreement on a 5-point Likert scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree with statements related to the content of the event. Percentages show responses to agree or strongly agree.

The event was important for my work: 96%

The topics were timely and relevant: 96%

The information was presented in an understanding way: 87%

I learned something new: 96%

I will be able to apply new knowledge in my own country: 91%

The event was important for their network: 96%

Responders were asked to rate several aspects of the event organisation from 1 (*Unsatisfactory*) to 5 (*Excellent*). The average ratings were as follows:

Communication about the event: 4.8

Timeframe of the presentations: 4.6

Timing and organisation of Site Visits: 4.8

Technical organisation: 4.7

Kindness and effort of the organisers: 4.9