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Call:

HORIZON-MISS-2021-CANCER-02-02: Develop and validate a set of quality of life and patient preference measures for cancer patients and survivors

Expected Outcome: Cancer patients and survivors have specific and currently largely unmet needs. These require deeper insights into quality of life aspects, patient preferences and unmet needs so that health and care systems can better address them. This will improve patients' and survivors' quality of life and ensure that they can achieve personal and professional goals, **including return to work if they wish so**, while respecting individual, social and cultural rights and values. New metrics, self-reported evidence from the perspective of those who are affected, and an expanded high-quality data collection and analysis, using appropriate digital tools, are needed to adequately capture quality of life aspects of cancer patients and survivors. This should serve to orient clinical practice as well as health, social care, and **employment policies** with the goal of delivering innovation and improving the quality of life of cancer patients, survivors and their families to the highest possible levels, and **facilitating their return to work and active participation in** society.

Interested in:
Participation in coordinating a Work Package focused on the (further) development and validation of a set of quality of working life, work participation and patient preference measures for return to work and active participation in society.

Experience:
Angela is founder and chair of the European Cost H2020 network on cancer and work CANWON. She conducts international leading research in the field of Cancer and Work with a unique focus on the integration of clinical and occupational care. By performing meta-analyses and meta-regression analyses she showed higher unemployment risks in survivors of childhood cancer and in adult cancer survivors compared to healthy controls. In clinical studies on recently diagnosed cancer patients she showed that work ability and neurocognitive functioning are strong predictors of work participation and sick leave duration. Earlier research involved projects on work participation, quality of life and questionnaire development being part of the research line: "Chronic diseases and Work Participation".
She and her team developed the validated Quality of Working Life Questionnaire for cancer patients.

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