

Executive Summary



COUNTRY

Italy

DEEP DIVE VISIT

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THEMES

Screening & Early Detection
Patient Pathways
Clinical Research

The inaugural Deep Dive visit to Northern Italy spanned two and a half days in November 2024.

It commenced with a strategic presentation to General Directors, Oncology Department Heads of the hospitals involved, and Regional Health Commissioners from two regions, outlining project objectives and operations.

Event planning was efficiently handled by Professor Massimo Aglietta, coordinator of the [Bi-regional Oncology Network](#) (est. 1998), and Dr. Vanesa Gregorc, OECl A&D Board representative and Director of Clinical Research and Innovation at the Comprehensive Cancer Center Candiolo Institute. Federica Rossi MSc was promptly appointed as Local Coordinator to oversee logistics.

The ultimate goal is to identify and address challenges, evolve, and mature the system to serve as an exemplary organisational model aligned with European standards.

Key Themes



A team of 9 experts visited 4 regional hospitals, following a well-defined and structured agenda to explore key themes identified via a maturity model:

Screening and Early Detection

Clinical Research

Patient Pathway

Action Plan



Screening and Early Detection



The project aims to improve coordination among the various units involved, with an added focus on the vulnerable population.

Clinical Research



Enhancing collaboration between academic hospitals/Cancer Centers and extending clinical research capabilities to smaller or more remote hospitals.

Patient Pathway



Ensuring all hospitals meet the goals defined in the Regional Patient Pathways and redefining the Hub & Spoke network.
