

” One of the main problems with lung cancer is stigma. We need a change in how we relate to people suffering from lung cancer, from a societal point or view. The SOLACE project can really change that and lift the stigma for patients. ”

Ivica Belina, Croatia, patient organisation representative and SOLACE stakeholder forum member.



## Strengthening the screening of Lung Cancer in Europe

Lung cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer. As with all cancers, survival rates are much higher when it is caught early. There are many reasons that individuals at risk are not accessing lung cancer screening. Often, this relates to historical inequalities that exist with marginalised and vulnerable communities. Factors, such as smoking, can be more prevalent in these groups, further compounding their risk of lung cancer.

SOLACE aims at developing, testing and disseminating tools to help overcome identified bottlenecks and specifically address the health inequalities in different European countries. It will provide a toolbox for individualised approaches for lung cancer screening on a national or regional level.

### PILOTS

#### Females

- Needs of females
- How to increase participation in lung cancer screening
- Liaise with breast cancer screening
- Assessed in 10 countries

#### Hard to reach

- Needs of marginalised and vulnerable populations
- Addressing language barriers and ethnicity
- Working with trained mediators

#### Comorbidities

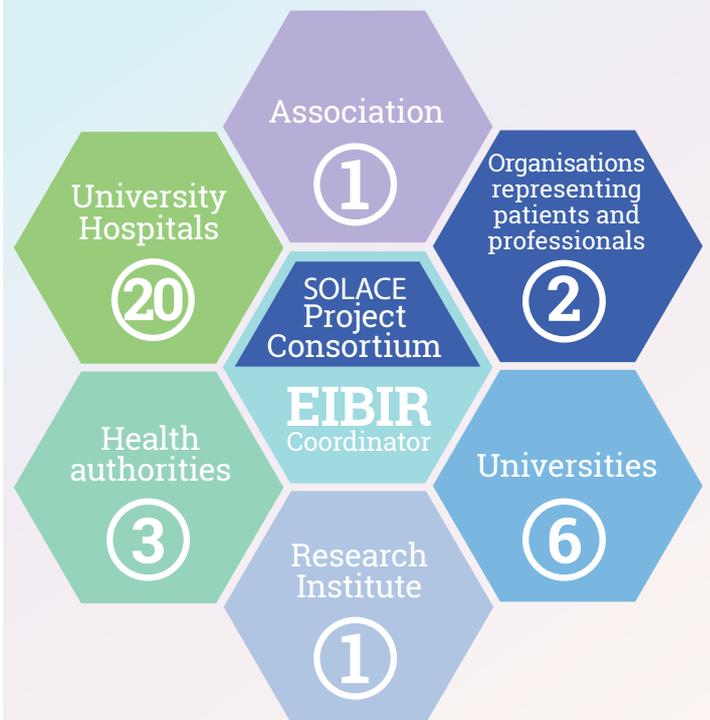
- Special needs of high-risk populations with comorbidities
- Focussing on COPD, interstitial lung disease and cancer survivors

## The consortium consists of 33 partners from 15 EU member states

### Participant countries



### Project consortium



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