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# Women's Right to Health

## The WoRTH Project

### OBJECTIVES

The WoRTH Project aims to reduce the incidence and mortality of female cancers (breast and cervical) in Albania, Montenegro and Morocco through:

- The implementation of a comprehensive cervical and breast cancer control strategy in line with national public policies and plans and in close coordination with national health authorities and local health care practitioners.
- Increased capacity of National Health Systems to develop cancer control initiatives driven by ownership, alignment, standardization, mutual accountability and results-focused monitoring.
- Increased cancer awareness and health literacy among women as an important factor in women's empowerment in the broader context of health education.

### BENEFICIARIES

- Women: priority will be given to disadvantaged women living in vulnerable situations through free access to systematic cancer screening.
- National ministries, health professionals and other relevant stakeholders (e.g. decision makers), in particular those working in detection/screening programs.
- Civil society and women's associations that are committed to women's health.



### DURATION

2016 –2020

### TOTAL COST

€4.16 million

*PROJECTS FOR PROGRESS*

## ACTIONS

- **Analyses of national contexts** to assess economic, social and epidemiological conditions and the legal framework for planning and implementing a suitable cancer early detection programme.
- **Implementation of a multidimensional and sustainable cervical and breast cancer early detection programme** for the benefit of disadvantaged women in two different areas in each country (urban vs. rural), through the DNA Human Papilloma Virus test and Clinical Breast Examination.
- **Training of health professionals and other relevant stakeholders** (e.g. decision makers) involved in planning, managing, running and evaluating the early detection/screening program.
- **Women's awareness on the risks of cervical and breast cancer.**
- **Development of national networks** of decision makers, health professionals and community bodies active in cervical and breast cancer control.
- **Strengthening the Mediterranean network** of cervical and breast cancer early detection and screening to promote translational and implementation research and North-South and South-South cooperation.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- **National diagnostics** on cervical and breast cancer control.
- **45,000 women** in the appropriate age range will be offered a test for cervical (25-65 yrs.) and breast (40-65 yrs.) cancer **and will be made aware** of the risks and the importance of prevention.
- At least **15 training sessions** for more than **300 beneficiaries** including policy makers, health professionals and other relevant actors as well as **12 tutoring actions** and **several training activities offered by high quality EU centres** dealing with cancer prevention and control.
- **National networks** of decision makers, health professionals and active community bodies will be created.
- **Existing Mediterranean networks** for cervical and breast cancer early detection and screening will be strengthened.



### PROMOTERS

- Centre for Epidemiology and Prevention of Cancer in Piedmont (CPO) - lead promoter
- World Health Organisation

### PARTNERS

- Ministry of Health Albania
- Ministry of Health Montenegro
- Ministry of Health Morocco

### CONTRIBUTION

- CPO: €455,500
- Participating countries will contribute €400,000 to the overall budget.



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