

# Towards gastric cancer screening implementation in the European Union (TOGAS) project\*

## Consortium meeting

May 11, 2026

LU Academic Center "Zinātņu māja", Jelgavas Street 3 | Riga, Latvia

### Participants:

- Project consortium members
- HaDEA and DG SANTE
- External Advisory Board members

10.00-10.30 Registration and welcome coffee

10.30 – 11.20 Introductory Session

10.30-10.35 **Welcome and general instructions**

Mārcis Leja | LU

10.35-10.50 **TOGAS' contribution to the implementation of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**

Domenico Fiorenza Glanzmann | DG SANTE

Debora Fumagalli | HaDEA (*remotely*)

10.50-11.00 **The role of TOGAS within European Cancer Screening Landscape (WP7)**

Mārcis Leja | LU

11.00-11.10 **Quality indicators for gastric cancer screening**

Jan Bornschein | LU

11.10-11.20 **Update on the EU-GAINS**

Jin Young Park | IARC

11.20 – 12.50 Pilot Studies

11.20-11.40 **W4 Pilot study 1: Helicobacter pylori screen and treat study for primary gastric cancer prevention in young adults in six EU member states**

Bojan Tepeš | NIJZ

11.40-11.50 Discussion

11.50-12.10 **W4 Pilot study 2: Combined upper and lower GI cancer screening - benefits beyond cancer detection**

Jan Bornschein | LU

12.10-12.20 Discussion

12.20-12.40	<b>WP4 Pilot study 3: Addressing the long-term effects of <i>H. pylori</i> eradication in a middle-aged population</b> Danute Ražuka-Ebela   LU
12.40-12.50	Discussion
	<b>GROUP PHOTO</b>
12.50-13.30	Lunch Break
13.30 – 15.50	TOGAS Progress in WP5, WP6 and WP3
13.30 -13.50	<b>WP5 The voice of the policy makers and the public, to summarise the results of the General Population survey, the Member State survey and the focus groups that were conducted</b> Marlon Van Loo   Thomas More
13.50-14.00	Discussion
14.00-14.20	<b>WP5 Acceptability and patient-reported experience of gastric cancer prevention strategies in Europe: evidence from the TOGAS pilot studies</b> Juliana Calheiros   DiCE
14.20-14.30	<b>WP5 General population survey</b> Marianna Vitaloni   DiCE
14.30-14.40	Discussion
14.40-14.50	<b>WP5 Survey of Community Practicing Specialists</b> Sindija Kezika   LU
14.50-15.10	<b>WP6 Cost-effectiveness modelling of gastric cancer prevention</b> Iris Landsdorp-Vogelaar   ERASMUS MC
15.10-15.20	Discussion
15.20-15.40	<b>WP3 Evaluation</b> Tamara Matsiyak-Budnik   CHU Nantes
15.40-15.50	Discussion
15.50 – 16.15	TOGAS Progress and Administration Overview
15.50-15.55	<b>TOGAS Deliverables</b> Liene Logina   LU
15.55-16.05	<b>WP1 Preparation and Submission Procedure for the Final Project Report: Part B and Financial Report</b> Jānis Briedis   LU
16.05-16.15	Q&A

16.15–17.45 From Outreach to Evaluation: Advancing TOGAS Visibility and Impact

- 16.15-16.25 **WP2 – Communication & dissemination activities update**  
Laura Urena | DiCE
- 16.25-16.30 **Reporting on the European Cancer Screening and Early Detection Policy Summit**  
Otilia Colceriu | ECO
- 16.30-16.40 **Comparison of endoscopic and histological assessment of gastric IM. Do we still need biopsies?**  
Judith Honing | ERASMUS MC
- 16.40-16.50 Discussion
- 16.50-17.10 **Input from the External Advisory Board**  
Mangesh Thorat, United Kingdom  
Torsten Blum, Germany
- 17.10-17.40 **General information on TOGAS Plus project**  
Kateryna Priadko and Iveta Eniņa | LU
- 17.40-17.45 **Wrap-up and departure for work dinner venue**  
Mārcis Leja | LU

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