

**OECD**

**General Assembly 2008**

# Workshops

- Late effects of cancer treatments – Budapest
- Communication with patient organizations – Avignon
- Accreditation – Genua
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# Other events

- ECCO
- Eurocan
- Stockholm Declaration

# Fragmentation – main reasons

- Suboptimal integration of the research process
- Lack of critical mass

# Translational research

- A research continuum from basic research through preclinical and clinical research and implementation and evaluation in the routine care
- Transforms scientific discoveries arising from laboratory, clinical or population studies into clinical applications to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality

# Comprehensive Cancer Center CCC

- A structure in which cancer care and prevention are integrated with research and education
- Mission – innovation of cancer care and prevention. Prerequisites are both high quality of care and translational research
- In a CCC cancer research and innovation are linked

## Critical mass – an increasing problem

- Collaboration between research groups is not enough
- Collaboration between centers is mandatory to guarantee infrastructure support and reach critical mass for most areas of cancer research

## A European platform for translational cancer research

- A network of CCCs with a strong research agenda
- A linkage to basic/preclinical research centers
- The Stockholm Declaration



# Missions

- Define and coordinate specific areas for research collaboration
- Harmonize and share infrastructures and competences
- Optimize information exchange between the centers
- Improve mobility of researchers within the platform

## Missions, cont

- Develop research education to attract young investigators and retain them in Europe
- Speak for translational cancer research with one voice at the European level