**Projekt PERCH - PartnERship to Contrast HPV**

18 European countries and 34 partner organisations are working together to increase HPV vaccination coverage specially in regions with low coverage and to optimize data collection to monitor HPV vaccination coverage and the impact of vaccination.

Project duration: 30 months

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The General Objective of PERCH is to contribute to the implementation of Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan, which aims to support Member States’ e­fforts to extend the roll-out of routine HPV vaccination of girls and boys to eliminate cervical cancer and other cancers caused by HPV in the coming decade.

**PERCH objectives:**

Improve capacities of Member States to plan and implement HPV vaccination campaigns by sharing knowledge and experience. Improve data and monitoring system on HPV vaccination and HPV screening. Improve knowledge and awareness on HPV-related disease and prevention in specific target groups (adolescent girls and boys). Improve knowledge and abilities for healthcare professionals in HPV vaccine communication.

PERCH will contribute to achieve the first objective of the “90-70-90” WHO cervical cancer elimination strategy, of reaching at least 90% of HPV vaccine coverage among girls by the age of 15 years.

**PERCH work packages (WP)**

**WP1** Project Management and Coordination: aims to ensure well-coordinated governance and management of the Joint Action (JA).

**WP2** Communication and Dissemination: aims to ensure well-coordinated communication in each stage of the JA and to maximise the dissemination of the JA’s eff­orts and results.

WP3 Evaluation: aims to monitor and evaluate the progress of the JA and to assure that the JA accomplishes its established objectives.

**WP4** Integration and Sustainability: aims to frame the conditions to be fulfilled in order to reach or maintain high HPV vaccination coverage.

**WP5** Monitoring: aims to describe how HPV vaccination is currently monitored and to propose common data collection systems to improve the monitoring of population coverage and the impact of HPV vaccination.

**WP6** Improving Knowledge and Awareness to Increase Vaccine Uptake in Target Communities: aims to support Member States to increase knowledge and awareness on HPV-related disease and prevention in adolescent girls and boys.

**WP7** Training and Support in Vaccine Communication for healthcare professionals: aims to provide support to healthcare professionals in terms of communication training to facilitate communication with teenagers and their parents about HPV vaccines in order to promote HPV vaccine confidence.