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Dear Colleagues and potential partners,

On behalf of the **Public Health Institution Oncological Institute (IMSP Institutul Oncologic)** in Chișinău, Republic of Moldova, we would like to formally express our strong interest in joining a Horizon Europe consortium under the **EU Cancer Mission**, particularly for the following calls:

- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-02 (-03, -04, -05, -06)**

As a **designated non-profit tertiary public medical institution** and the **state-mandated national cancer centre**, our organisation offers a comprehensive clinical and research environment for the implementation, testing, and validation of innovative oncology solutions aligned with European priorities.

Institutional Capabilities and Strategic Value

National Clinical Scope

The Oncological Institute manages the full oncology patient pathway in the Republic of Moldova, covering screening, complex diagnostics, surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, follow-up, and rehabilitation.

High-Volume Patient Access

With a specialised workforce of **352 physicians** and **413 nurses**, we provide a robust environment for piloting personalised care models, integrated patient pathways, and large-scale implementation strategies.

National Cancer Registry and Long-Term Data Collection

We host and operate the **Cancer Registry of the Republic of Moldova**, ensuring systematic national-level data collection and long-term follow-up for all confirmed cancer cases. This makes our institute highly suitable for research requiring registries, cohort monitoring, and real-world evidence generation.

Specialised Clinical and Research Infrastructure

Our institution includes advanced laboratories in **immunology and molecular genetics**, nuclear medicine units, and specialised centres for **colorectal and mammary cancer detection**, providing strong technical capacity for translational and clinical research.

International Integration and Strategic Cooperation

We are an active member of the **Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI)** and maintain technical cooperation with the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**, supporting our commitment to high standards of quality, safety, and international medical alignment.



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Horizon Europe Engagement and Project Experience

The Institute is currently involved in Horizon Europe projects such as CCI4EU and EUonQoL, demonstrating our ability to comply with European project management, reporting standards, and collaborative requirements.

Regulatory Compliance and Ethical Standards

We operate under a formal **Gender Equality Plan (GEP)** and ensure strict adherence to **GDPR** and international research ethics frameworks.

Proposed Contribution to the Consortium

The Public Health Institution Oncological Institute is prepared to participate as a strategic partner and is fully capable of assuming roles such as **Work Package Leader**, particularly in areas including:

- **Pilot Implementation**
- **Clinical Validation**
- **User Requirements and Impact Assessment**
- **Regional scalability and sustainability planning** for the Eastern Partnership context

Our leadership team, supported by experienced oncology surgeons, researchers, and project coordinators, can contribute actively to proposal development and ensure the successful integration of Moldova into high-impact European cancer research and innovation initiatives.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how our national clinical scope, infrastructure, registry-based data capacity, and international engagement can strengthen your proposal and increase its impact.

Best regards,

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