

Radiotherapy has the potential to **SAVE MILLIONS OF LIVES.** It's time to seize this opportunity.



1 in 4 patients who require radiotherapy are not offered it¹



40% of national cancer control plans in high-income countries do not include radiotherapy²

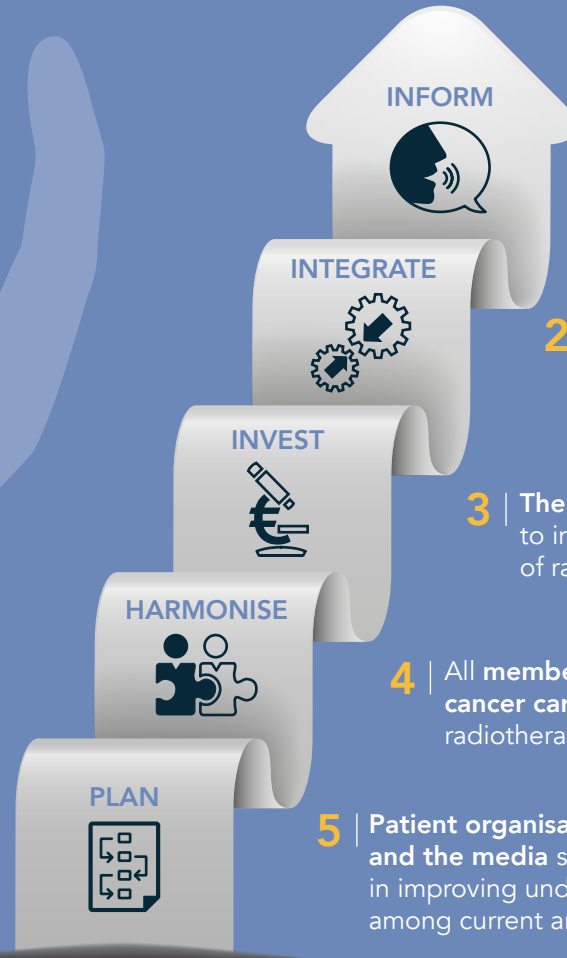


RADIOTHERAPY IS A SOUND INVESTMENT

If the capacity of radiotherapy were increased to match demand, society would gain up to **€5 for every €1 invested**

Demand for radiotherapy will **INCREASE** by 16% by 2025. We must act now.³

5 key actions to ensure radiotherapy is fully integrated into cancer care:



1 | **Governments** must include provision of radiotherapy capacity and workforce in their cancer policies

2 | **Professional societies** must work with decision-makers to ensure the delivery of radiotherapy meets the same high standards across Europe

3 | **The research community** needs to invest in research to guide the use of radiotherapy in clinical practice

4 | All members of the multidisciplinary cancer care team must integrate radiotherapy into their treatment plans

5 | **Patient organisations, professional societies and the media** should play their part in improving understanding of radiotherapy among current and future patients



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