


A EUROPEAN MASTER PLAN TO JOIN
OUR FORCES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST

CANCER

THE POWER OF **WE**
WEBER

A close-up portrait of Manfred Weber, a middle-aged man with light brown hair, smiling slightly. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a green tie. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

While Europe is threatened both internally and externally, we must not forget our most insidious enemy that we are not able to defeat: 40% of us will face cancer in our lives. Most of us have a family member or a friend who has battled cancer. That is why Europe must join forces: as the next European Commission President, I will make the fight against cancer an absolute priority.

Today, only 1 in 2 cancer patients survives. But if we truly pool all our knowledge and resources together, we can pursue ambitious goals so that, by combining prevention, early diagnosis and screening with personalized medicine, we could dramatically increase the survival rate of bad prognosis tumours. In paediatrics, 80% of children are cured. This is remarkable but we can do much more.

I believe Europe can make a difference in people's lives: by the "Power of WE". By joining our ideas, energy, and resources, we launch a 10 step European Master Plan to join our forces in the fight against cancer.

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Manfred Weber

EPP Lead Candidate for President of the European Commission

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EUROPEAN DIGITAL CANCER CENTRE TO HARNESS BIG DATA

By linking vast amounts of information through a decentralised database, we can overcome the research gap by harnessing the potential of Big Data. We want to enable researchers and future generations of data scientists to achieve breakthrough advancements by seeing the bigger picture behind single dots.

INTERNET THINK TANK TO PROTECT US IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Unlike China or the US, in Europe, we strike a balance between progress and protection. While embracing innovation, we will protect our patients' rights to privacy by establishing an Internet Think Tank that would focus on seizing the digital wave while setting clear ethical and social standards to translate our core values in our European innovation strategy.

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EUROPEAN QUALITY ACCREDITATION FOR CANCER CENTRES

We will strive to reach the same quality level of cancer care in each European country. Therefore, we will encourage an agreement among European level organisations representing cancer institutions, healthcare professionals, patients, and other stakeholders on a set of core standards and evidence-based indicators to measure the quality of all cancer services.



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EUROPEAN CANCER PREVENTION STRATEGY TO REDUCE CANCER BURDEN

It is estimated that 40% of cancers could be prevented. That is why we will step up our prevention strategy to reduce the cancer burden by outlining a coherent European Cancer Prevention Strategy, building on previous EU-led and stakeholder initiatives.



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EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR EARLY CANCER DETECTION TO IMPROVE CHANCES OF SURVIVAL

The ability to identify the disease at the earliest stage possible allows for the treatment of the tumour before it becomes too advanced, increasing the chances of survival. Therefore, we will promote a broader implementation of screening programmes and early diagnosis techniques across all EU Member States.

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PROMOTING EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES FOR A NEW BOOST IN CANCER RESEARCH

We want to set free all of our continent's capacity by promoting European Universities to empower our top talent alongside attracting the best researchers to Europe. We must bridge the gaps in the continuum of cancer research, taking advantage of the latest technology, for results to spread much faster across the scientific community.

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EUROPEAN PARTNERING PROGRAMME TO BRING OUR PROFESSIONALS TOGETHER

We will bring our professionals together by promoting collaboration among centres as effective collaborative units and across networks of excellence. All centres and hospitals, regardless of their size, should be able to reach the highest standards of care and benefit from European scale.



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EUROPEAN PLATFORM FOR TELEMEDICINE AND E-HEALTH TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

We will leave no one behind in the fight against cancer. Patients from remote areas have to be able to benefit from the same quality of care as patients in central areas. By harnessing the potential of technology we can breakdown the distance barriers.



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INVESTMENT PLAN 4.0 FOR THE MOST ADVANCED INFRASTRUCTURE

If Europe wants to succeed in the fight against cancer while protecting our patients' data, we cannot keep relying on technology coming from China and the US that does not have to meet our security standards. Every region must have access to the latest digital infrastructure such as supercomputing and cloud technology.

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INITIATIVES TO HELP PATIENTS DURING AND AFTER CARE

We must focus on psychological support and on improving information available about the treatment and care process. Caregivers also deserve much more assistance in their private lives. Finally, we should encourage Member States to strengthen the right to be forgotten, so that healed patients are truly free to go on with their lives without being discriminated against for their difficult medical history.



I GUARANTEE

*Dear citizens of Europe,
These are my proposals for Europe to stand united in the fight against cancer. With a mandate from millions of Europeans, we, the European People's Party, can do it together with the best minds of Europe. I give you my guarantee: if you choose me as your next European Commission President, these proposals will see the light within the next 5 years and I will do everything I can to unite Europe in the fight against cancer.*

Sincerely yours,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'M' and a cursive 'W'.

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