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# Thematic Network Colorectal Cancer

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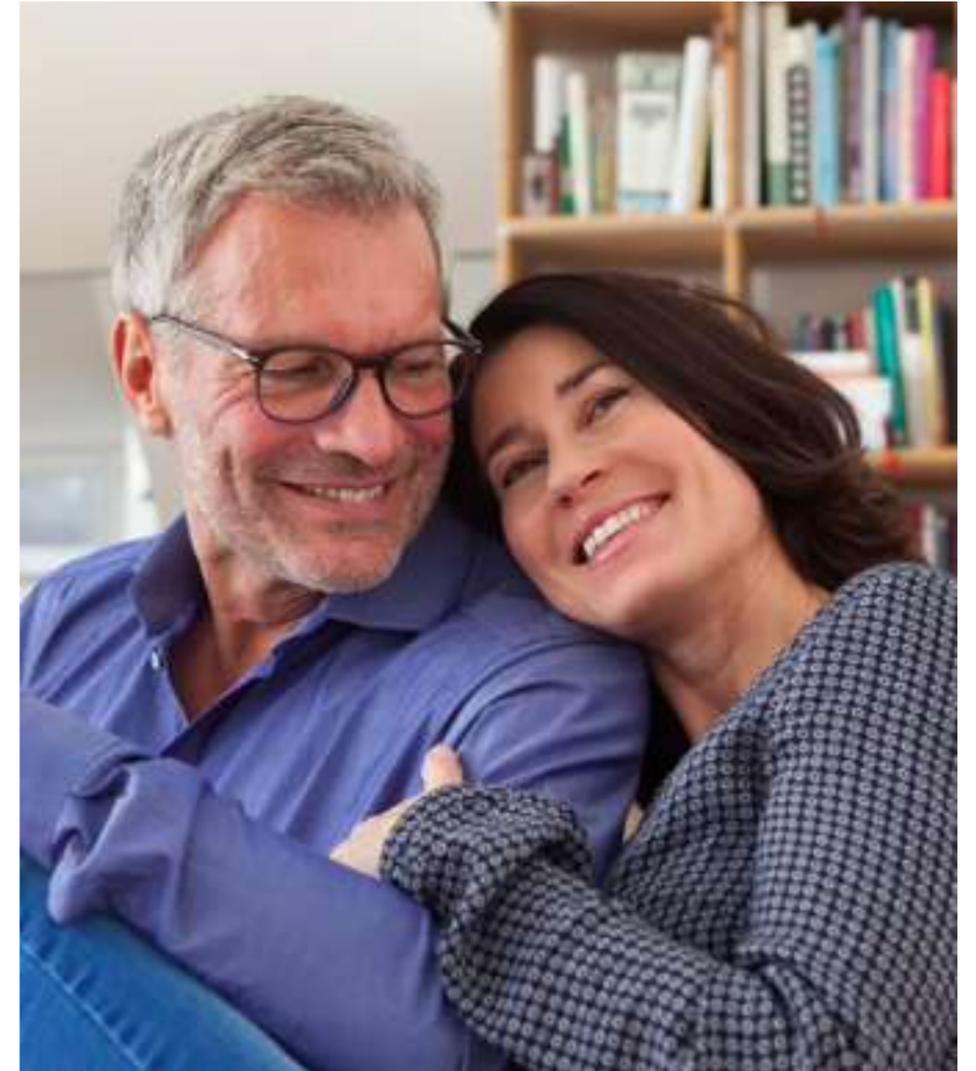
# Challenge & Best Practice

- Around 500,000 citizens are diagnosed with colorectal cancer in Europe every year, of which 250,000 die
- Only 13-15% of patients are diagnosed in Stage I
- Best practice: 48% of patients diagnosed in Stage I, thanks to national population-based screening
- The general application of the best practice could halve the number of deaths annually
- Best practice saves money to the healthcare system

	<b>Stage I</b>	<b>Stage IV</b>
<b>Survival chance</b>	90%	8%
<b>Treatment cost</b>	4,000€	40,000€

# Why a Thematic Network?

- With the Thematic Network, we want to create **a forum** to exchange ideas on the different practices that can be used and improved
- Joint Statement by the end of the year by all national and regional screening agencies, the registries and the ministries of health, including public health together with our national associations
- A first concrete step is to help organise a **Colorectal Cancer Screening Summit** in Brussels on November 30, 2020



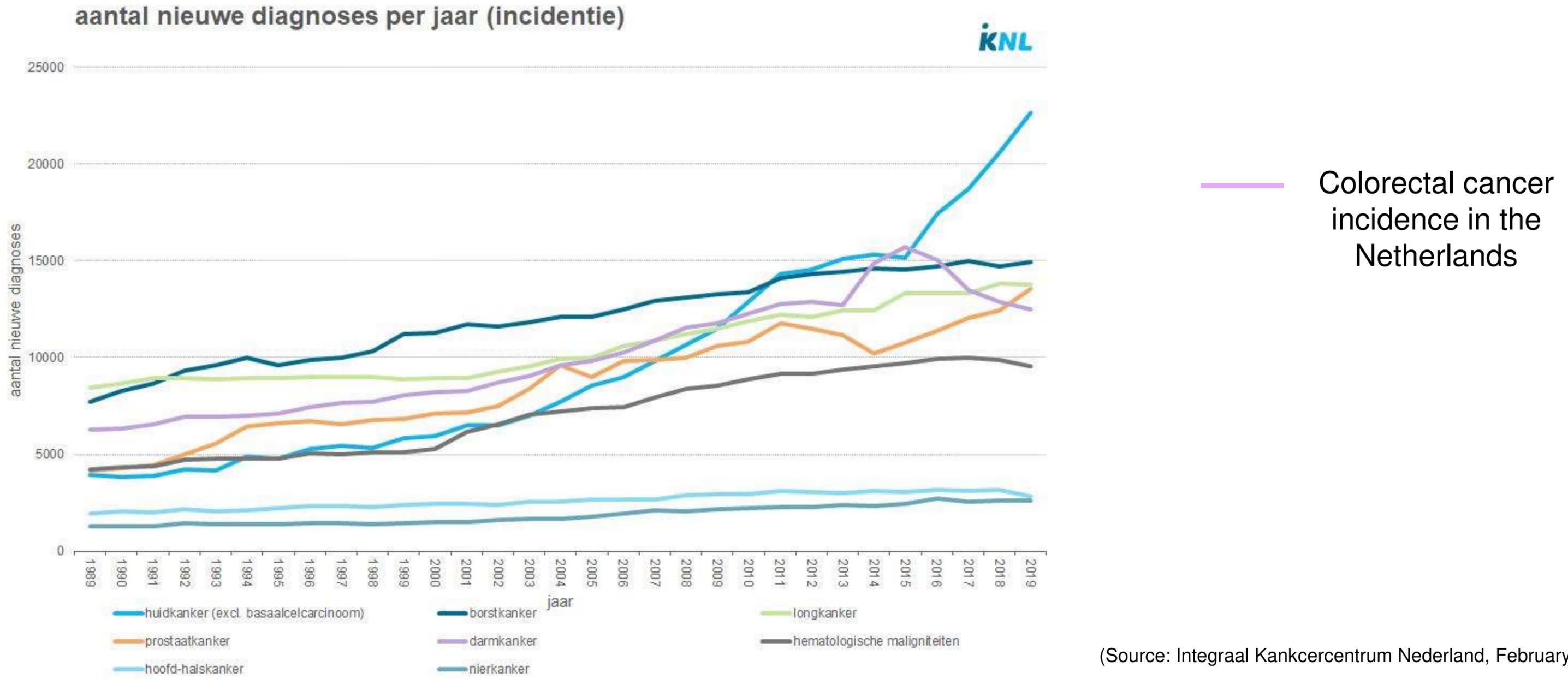
# Barriers for Screening

There are many barriers for optimal screening programmes

- the need to **collaborate with many partners**: screening agencies, national ministries of health, hospitals, endoscopists, oncologists, test laboratories, ministry of the interior, general practitioners, patient organisations, ...
- **citizen participation rates**: what will persuade healthy citizens to get screened? How to make citizens aware of the need to participate, and how to involve minority groups, ...
- **organisational aspects**: how to align hospital capacity with many newly discovered cancers, allowing to treat patients within acceptable time frames?
- **technical aspects**: linking patients with databases, and tracking results in integrated IT systems
- **funding aspects**: even if colorectal cancer has been demonstrated to be cost-saving to the healthcare system, the upfront investment has to be made
- **quality assurance**: at all levels, taking into account European quality assurance guidelines for cancer screening
- ...



# Curbing incidence thanks to screening



(Source: Integraal Kankercentrum Nederland, February 2020)

# Joint Statement

## Member State Recommendations

1. The development of national implementation plans to achieve the committed goals of 65% participation rate among citizens between 50 and 74 years old as a multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder effort
2. Invest in annual inputs and outcomes metrics
3. Invest in technologies and human resources
4. Ensure that total health economic value is measured
5. Ensure coherence and consistency of the political vision and health policy approaches at local and national level

## European Institutions Recommendations

6. Ensure that all EU Member States apply the best practices in Colorectal Cancer screening
7. Ensure that all EU Colorectal Cancer Screening Agencies join a common platform to exchange best practices

## Other stakeholders

8. To commit, participate and provide support, insights and expertise based on every stakeholder's competences and possibilities



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# Questions?

Shoot!