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Introduction

European Breast Cancer Council (EBC Council) is an association of European organisations involved in breast cancer. The three founding members of the organisation are EORTC Breast group, EUSOMA and Europa Donna.

The mission of the Association is to raise awareness and improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of breast cancer patients.

Goals and objectives in support of the Association's mission shall be to:

- Increase awareness for breast cancer
- Promote consensus on controversial issues concerning breast cancer
- Uphold and disseminate guidelines related to screening, prevention, treatment, research and care aspects of breast cancer in cooperation with our members and partners
- Promote and support educational activities of professionals and advocates in the field of breast cancer
- Promote and support research initiatives and the dissemination of knowledge in the field of breast cancer
- Promote and support initiatives aiming at improving the quality of care
- Build a reliable source of information on breast cancer
- Streamline communications between different actors active in breast cancer prevention, education, advocacy and all aspects of research, treatment and care
- Stimulate and support the coordination of breast cancer events in Europe

To further the above goals and objectives, the Association provides a platform for its Members and Partners by carrying such activities as the organization of international scientific meetings and study groups, amongst other events.

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Since the beginning the aim of the EBCC conferences was to:

- To promote the establishment of a European platform for scientific exchanges about all aspects of breast cancer, from bench to bed side

- To facilitate the dissemination of breast cancer research results through the existing channels of the three founding Organisations
- To promote the implementation throughout Europe of multidisciplinary in the field of breast cancer research and treatment and equal access of patients to quality treatments
- To communicate with the authorities, the public and the patients and provide them with the best available information

The first conference in Florence was deemed a success attracting 3.003 multidisciplinary participants from 74 countries. At the conference, delegates voted for the “Florence Statement”, setting out their vision and priorities for the future in research, treatment and care of breast cancer. This manifesto was given to Europa Donna to lobby EU policy makers.

The European Breast Cancer Conference, now in its' ninth edition, has become a unique conference, which encourages interaction between researchers, clinicians and patient groups. It brings together doctors, scientists, and patient advocates to talk not just about the latest scientific advances, but also the ethical, psychological, economic, social and practical issues concerned with caring for patients with breast cancer.

In 2005, the Breast Cancer Working group, the non profit association responsible for EBCC, revised its statutes to be compliant with the amendments in the Belgian law for non-for profit associations. In 2012, the statutes were revised again, changing its name from Breast Cancer Working Group to European Breast Cancer Council, with the aim to further increase its breast cancer network