





News Release – SIOPE Europe celebrates wide support during Gold September: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

*Paediatric cancer remains a major public health and societal issue in Europe. The **Gold Ribbon** is the universal symbol to create awareness about childhood cancer. Gold is a precious metal and since children are our most precious treasures, it is indeed a perfect symbol for the childhood cancer journey to survivorship.*

Although SIOPE Europe strives to raise awareness about childhood cancer all year round, September is a special time in our community as we increase our efforts and activities to support children and young people with cancer.



Thank you to MEPs for supporting the childhood cancer awareness campaign



Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) endorsed Childhood Cancer Policy Priorities

We are delighted that **31 MEPs** from **17 countries** showed their support to the paediatric cancer cause, also by wearing the **SIOPE Europe Gold Ribbon pin** and sharing their photo on Twitter ([@SIOPEurope](#)) using the hashtags **#ChildhoodCancerAwarenessMonth** **#GoGold**.

We invite other MEPs to support the [Childhood Cancer Policy Priorities](#) on our website and in recognition of this support, we will be happy to provide a **Gold Ribbon pin**.

Run for kids with cancer

The Fintro 'Dwars door Mechelen Run for kids with cancer' took place on Sunday 29 September in Mechelen, Belgium.

The SIOPE Team was very pleased to run together with almost **50 participants from 10 countries** to raise awareness about childhood cancer.

We would like to thank and congratulate all the **runners** for their amazing support during this **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** activity.



Click [here](#) to see pictures from this memorable day.

CCI Europe collects signatures through a petition to ensure adequate care for childhood cancer all over Europe

Sign the petition [here](#) to raise awareness about the needs of childhood cancer survivors and their right for adequate personalised follow-up care, regardless where they live in Europe. **The collected signatures will be presented at the European Parliament in 2020** to emphasise the needs of childhood cancer survivors in Europe. **Your voice matters!**

Dedicated to the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the launch of two survivorship movies is the highlight of this campaign. Watch the movies [here](#).



JARC (Joint Action on Rare Cancers)* Book is OUT!



The JARC Book is a product of 3-year collaborative project and contains 10 chapters for policy makers. Each chapter presents targeted policy recommendations on rare cancers, including a **dedicated section on specific priorities in childhood cancers**, which are all rare. The **JARC Book is now available!** To receive a copy of the JARC Book, please send an email to: office@siope.eu.

*The joint action "724161/JARC" has received funding from the European Union's Health Programme (2014-2020).

Pharmaceutical students supporting SIOPE Europe and CCI Europe

EPSA – European Pharmaceutical Students' Association supported SIOPE Europe and CCI Europe by organising a joint **Public Health Campaign** during the **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** of September.



EPSA shared SIOPE Europe and CCI Europe key messages with **100 000 students across Europe in 37 countries**, while students participated in several runs and engaged on social media.

Thank you all!

SIOPE Europe expresses sincere gratitude to the entire community, committees, working groups, partners and sponsors in making this **Gold September** yet another success.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH **Did you hear about SIOPE Europe?**

The European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE) is the only pan-European organisation representing all professionals working in the field of childhood cancers to ensure the best possible care and outcomes for all children and adolescents with cancer in the region. Further, SIOPE collaborates with parents, patients and survivors organisations.



SIOPE actively participates in the EU and global cancer agenda. Through the integration of research, standards of care and education, SIOPE and the European community of health professionals are working tirelessly to increase the cure rate and the quality of cure for children and young people with cancer.

