Le principali attività del Centro EUROPE DIRECT Siena

Il Centro EUROPE DIRECT è un progetto europeo - ospitato dall’Università di Siena - che prevede l’attivazione di iniziative al fine di informare, comunicare e formare sui temi dell’Unione europea. Si tratta di un network di oltre 40 Reti Europe Direct (ED) in tutta Italia, coordinate dalla Commissione Europea; in Toscana si trovano a Siena e Firenze che cooperano attraverso un Coordinamento Toscano.

La EUROPE DIRECT Siena si rivolge a tutti i cittadini e ha l’obiettivo di diffondere sul territorio le informazioni relative alle politiche ed ai programmi dell’Unione nonché dei finanziamenti al fine di soddisfare le esigenze informative e formative su questo tema. La EUROPE DIRECT Siena si occupa, inoltre, di organizzare, in collaborazione con altre istituzioni e associazioni del territorio, iniziative ed eventi volti a sensibilizzare i cittadini e soprattutto a promuovere il dibattito, favorendo la conoscenza delle tematiche legate all’Unione europea.
L’obiettivo di questo ciclo gratuito di webinar è far conoscere il “Piano europeo di lotta contro il cancro” e l’impegno dell’UE per contrastare questa malattia e promuovere una vera politica sanitaria europea, al fine di proteggere più efficacemente la salute dei cittadini ed essere quindi maggiormente sicura e resiliente.
Programma, approfondimenti e modalità di iscrizione al seguente link:
http://eventipa.formez.it/node/440516

Obiettivi
Il ciclo di webinar intende far conoscere ai cittadini il Piano europeo di lotta contro il cancro, con un focus su seno e polmone.
Il Piano è strutturato intorno a quattro ambiti di intervento fondamentali, nei quali l’azione dell’Unione europea può rappresentare un fondamentale valore aggiunto:
1) la prevenzione;
2) l’individuazione precoce;
3) la diagnosi e il trattamento;
4) la qualità della vita dei pazienti oncologici e dei sopravvissuti alla malattia.
Il Piano mira, inoltre, a sostenere la ricerca e l’innovazione e a sfruttare le potenzialità offerte dalla digitalizzazione e dalle nuove tecnologie. Infine, esso mobilita diversi strumenti finanziari per sostenere gli Stati membri.
In view of the unfolding situation in Lampedusa, and while recognising the increasing pressure along different migratory routes, European Commission President von der Leyen laid out the following set of immediate actions to be exercised in full respect of fundamental rights and international obligations:

1. **Reinforce the support to Italy** by the European Union Asylum Agency (EUAA) and the European Border and Coast Guard (Frontex) to manage the high number of migrants to ensure registration of arrivals, fingerprinting, debriefing and referral to the appropriate authorities.

2. **Support the transfer of people out of Lampedusa**, including to other Member States using the voluntary solidarity mechanism and with particular attention to unaccompanied minors and women.

3. **Step up returns** by undertaking a renewed, concerted outreach to the main countries of origin of the new arrivals, namely Guinea, Côte d’Ivoire, Senegal and Burkina Faso so as to improve cooperation and facilitate readmission; and **increase the support by Frontex**, including as regards training and capacity building, to ensure the swift implementation of returns.

4. **Support the prevention of departures by establishing operational partnerships on antismuggling with countries of origin and transit**. This includes the possibility of a working arrangement between Tunisia and Frontex, and a coordination task force in Europol to focus on anti-smuggling along the route to Tunisia and onward to Lampedusa.

5. **Step up border surveillance** at sea and aerial surveillance including through Frontex, and explore options to expand naval missions in the Mediterranean. Furthermore, we will speed up supply of equipment and increase training for the Tunisian coast guards and other law enforcement authorities.

6. **Take measures to limit the use of unseaworthy vessels** and take action against the supply chains and logistics of smugglers; and ensure the disabling of recuperated boats and dinghies.

7. **Increase support by the EUAA** to apply swift border and accelerated procedures, including the use of the safe country of origin concept, rejecting applications as manifestly unfounded, issuing entry bans and recording them in the Schengen Information System (SIS).

8. **Increase awareness and communication campaigns** to disincentivise the Mediterranean crossings, while **continue working to offer alternatives** such as humanitarian admission and legal pathways.

9. **Step up cooperation with UNHCR and IOM** to adopt a comprehensive route-based approach to ensure protection along the route and to increase assisted voluntary return from countries of transit.

10. **Implement the EU-TU Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** and prioritise actions with immediate impact to address the current situation and accelerate the contracting of new projects under the MoU.

The European Commission has analysed the data related to the impact of the exports of 4 categories of agricultural products on the EU market. It has concluded that thanks to the work of the Coordination Platform and to the temporary measures introduced on 2 May 2023, the market distortions in the 5 Member States bordering Ukraine have disappeared. A constructive attitude of all participants in the platform helped to solve concrete problems and ensured that exports to third countries outside the EU are flowing and even increasing. As a result, it has been agreed that:

• Existing measures will expire today.
• Ukraine has agreed to introduce any legal measures (including, for example, an export licensing system) within 30 days to avoid grain surges.
• Until then, Ukraine is to put in place from 16.09.2023 effective measures to control the export of 4 groups of goods in order to prevent any market distortions in the neighbouring Member States. Ukraine will submit an Action Plan to the platform no later than close-of-business on Monday 18 September 2023.
• The European Commission and Ukraine will monitor the situation via the platform to be able to react to any unforeseen situations.
• The European Commission will refrain from imposing any restrictions as long as the effective measures by Ukraine are in place and fully working.