

## **8**<sup>th</sup> **Luce report** on lung cancer

# Financial impact of lung cancer: A European perspective



### Monetary and financial distress



Experienced financial difficulties



Had difficulties paying expenses associated with lung cancer



Found it difficult to live on their household income



Needed >20% of the household income to pay expenses associated with lung cancer

#### WHAT COSTS DID PARTICIPANTS EXPERIENCE DUE TO LUNG CANCER?





**72.3%**Personal items



63.2% Pharmaceutical bills



56.3% Hospital bills





83.7%
Transportation



77.3%
Household utility bills

< 20%

21.3%



64.5% Eating out



Reduction of household income

Work absence

27.9% 26.8%

20-40% > 40%

#### FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENTS TO DEAL WITH FINANCIAL REPERCUSSIONS

47.6% · reduced spending on leisure activities

Unable to work

37.0% · changed plans

36.8% · reduced basic spending

22.6% · used savings

Retirement due to illness

17.9% · needed to borrow money

14.7% · had to sell possessions

#### **CALL TO ACTION**



 Screen for financial toxicity and provide programmes to assist with costs if financial vulnerability is detected  Increase income replacement programme coverage for people unable to work because of lung cancer or caregiving

Methodology

Answers based on self-filled online survey (May 26th - July 5th, 2023). n= 1,161 participants (834 people with lung cancer and 327 caregivers). The full report can be accessed here: www.lungcancereurope.eu













