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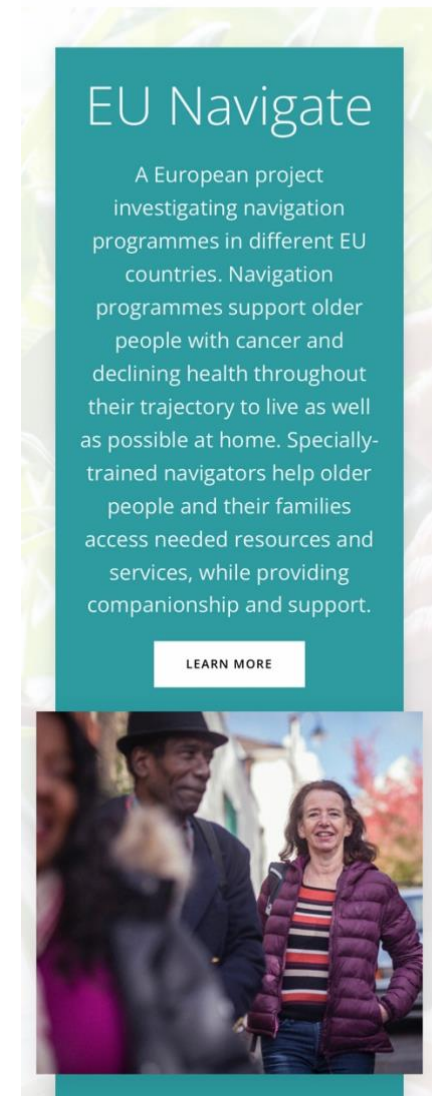
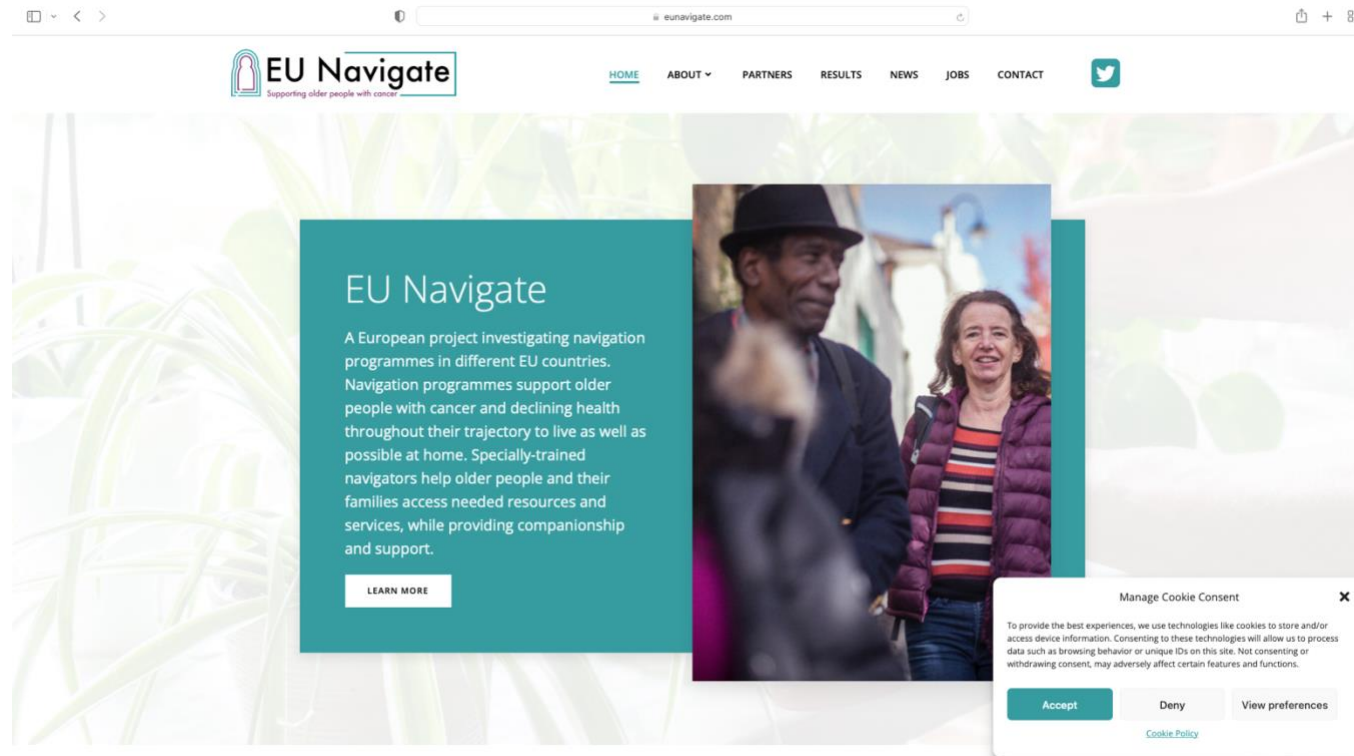
1 General description of the EU Navigate website (D8.15)

The EU Navigate website (<https://eunavigate.com>) will be up and running by M03. The website aims to disseminate crucial information about the project, including background information, overall project timeline, Twitter and LinkedIn handles, our ambition, project information, objectives, Nav-CARE programme, work packages, methodology, the consortium, results, job vacancies, news and contact information. The website will also include the Online EU Navigate platform at month 60, when the final NavCare-EU intervention toolkit, implementation, policy recommendations and project reports are estimated to be ready (see section 4.7 for more information). All stock photos used in the website are inclusive and were produced and made freely available by the Vlaamse Ouderenraad [Flemish Council of Older People], and Centre for Ageing Better, which were acknowledged accordingly.

The EU Navigate website has been made for both computer, tablet and mobile phone users. Hereunder you will find screenshots containing the exact content of the website, including the cookie and privacy policies. These screenshots are what the viewers can see on their computer and mobile phone.

2 Homepage

2.1 Header of every page, cookie policy and introduction to EU Navigate



2.2 Quote from EU Navigate Consortium

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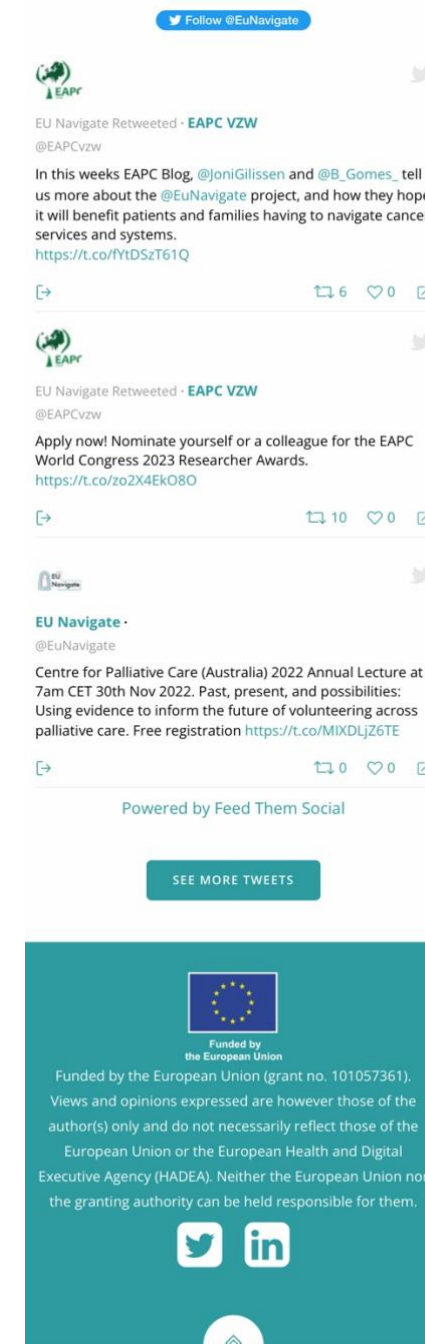
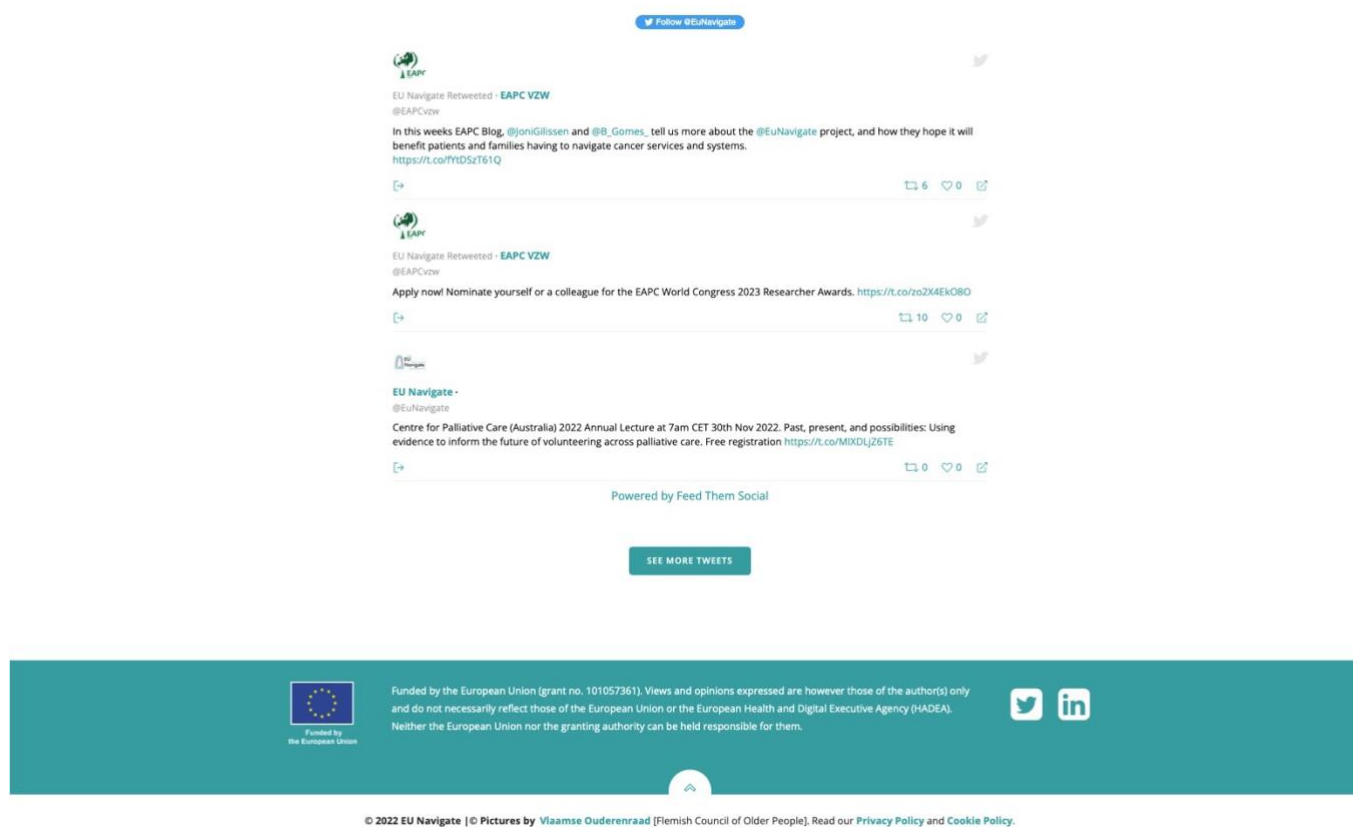
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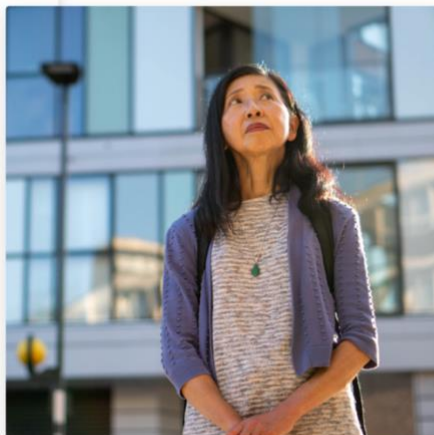
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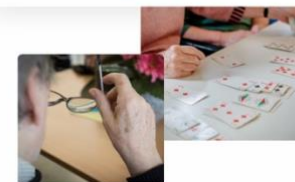
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MEASUREMENT

The RCT includes a baseline measurement prior to randomisation (T0) and follow-up measurements at 3 months (T1), 6 months (T2, primary study endpoint), 9 months (T3) and 12 months (T4, after completion of the intervention in the intervention arm) in both the intervention group and the control group, and an additional measurement at 18 months (T5) in the control group.



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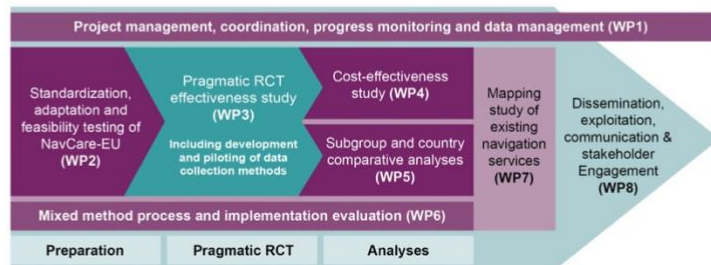
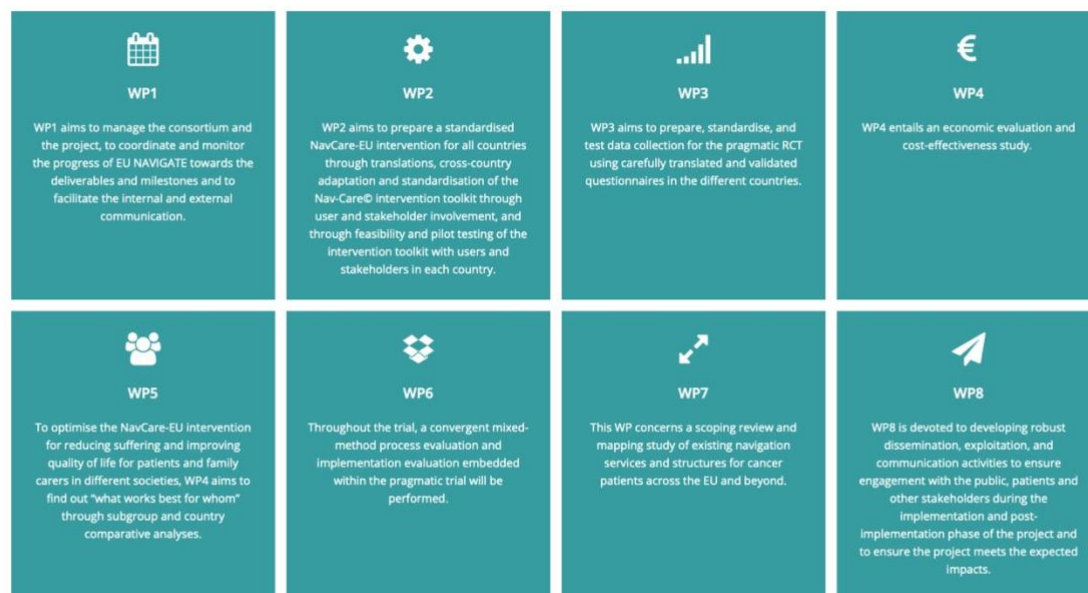
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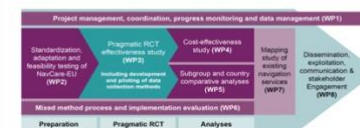
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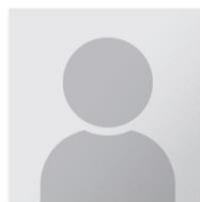
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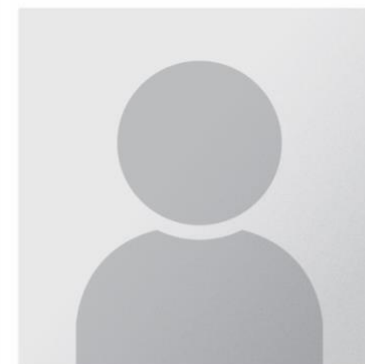
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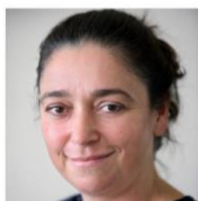


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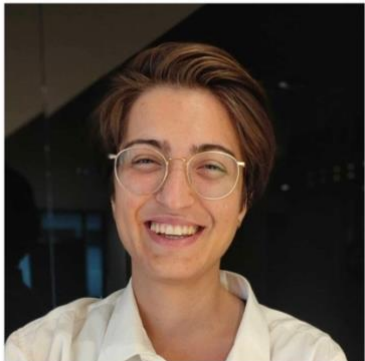
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Lega Italiana Per La Lotta Contro I Tumori – LILT (Italy)

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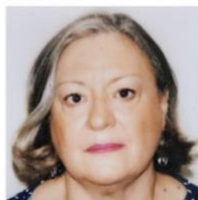
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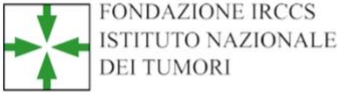
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