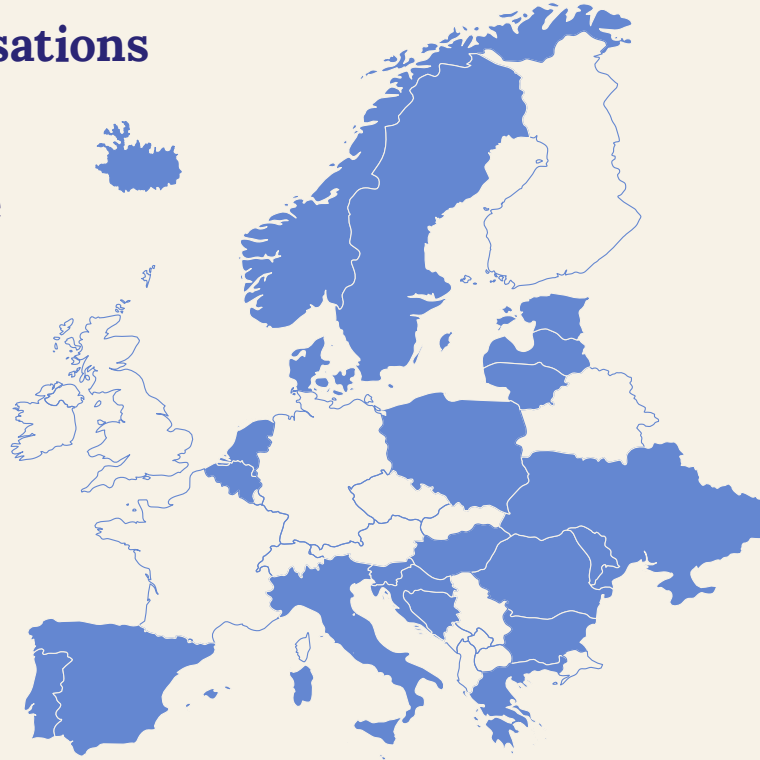


Across 23 countries,  
51 partners & 70+ organisations  
are working together  
to strengthen  
paediatric palliative care  
in Europe



## About Hope4Kids

**Holistic Oncological Palliative care 4 Europe's Kids** (Hope4Kids) is a Joint Action co-funded under the EU4Health programme, dedicated to strengthening paediatric palliative care (PPC) across Europe. Hope4Kids addresses disparities in access and quality of PPC services by coordinating efforts among 23 EU Member States and EU4Health-associated countries. Hope4Kids aims to ensure that every child with cancer, regardless of geography, received compassionate, integrated, and evidence-based PPC.

## Expected results

- Harmonised guidelines: for PPC focused on paediatric oncology, using evidence-based methods, for preloss and bereavement care in PPC, for models of care in PPC, etc.
- Implementation of pilot programs
- Provide educational and training tools for healthcare professionals and caregivers
- Develop a European PPC network
- Develop a European Core Curriculum for PPC settings
- Host policy dialogues and stakeholder forums
- Generate synergy among PPC stakeholders

## Work packages

### WP1 Coordination

Overall project management, governance, quality assurance, and risk management

### WP2 Communication and Dissemination

Dissemination of results, identification of implementation priorities, development of European PPC network

### WP3 Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Action and its outcomes

### WP4 Sustainability

Stakeholder forums, policy dialogue, sustainability strategy and synergy with other projects and organisations

### WP5 Landscape of European PPC

Mapping and analysis of existing PPC strategies, legislation and systems

### WP6 Evidence-based Guidelines for PPC

Development of harmonised European PPC guidelines and template of individual care plan for PPC

### WP7 Pilots

Design, implementation and evaluation of pilot interventions

### WP8 Education, Training and Information

Development and delivery of education and training programmes for healthcare professionals and informal caregivers and public awareness campaigns

## Why is it important

Paediatric palliative care (PPC) provision across Europe is currently characterised by significant disparities in access, quality, coordination and integration within healthcare systems. Hope4Kids addresses these challenges by fostering coordinated European action, reducing fragmentation, supporting knowledge exchange, and promoting equitable access to high-quality PPC services, emphasising children with cancer and their families.

PPC is specialised care for children with serious, life-threatening, or life-shortening conditions and for those around them – parents, caregivers, siblings, and other loved ones. The care can be offered by all healthcare providers. Specialised palliative care may be provided by interdisciplinary teams with training and expertise in PPC.

Paediatric palliative care focuses on improving quality of life by relieving symptoms, addressing emotional and psychosocial needs, and supporting the whole family, beginning at diagnosis and continuing through treatment, recovery or bereavement.

Hope4Kids strengthens collaboration across Europe by bringing together expertise, promoting knowledge exchange, and supporting more coordinated PPC approaches. By reducing fragmentation and encouraging shared standards and learning, the initiative aims to ensure that all children and families can access compassionate, high-quality PPC, regardless of where they live.

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## Collaborate with us

to strengthen paediatric palliative care across Europe

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Holistic Oncological Palliative care 4 Europe's Kids

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