

Why is it important

Paediatric palliative care 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.

Paediatric palliative care (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. Specialized 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 paediatric palliative care, regardless of where they live.

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to strengthen paediatric palliative care across Europe.



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Project Title

Holistic Oncological Palliative care 4 Europe's Kids

Duration

48 Months (1 October 2025 - 30 September 2029)

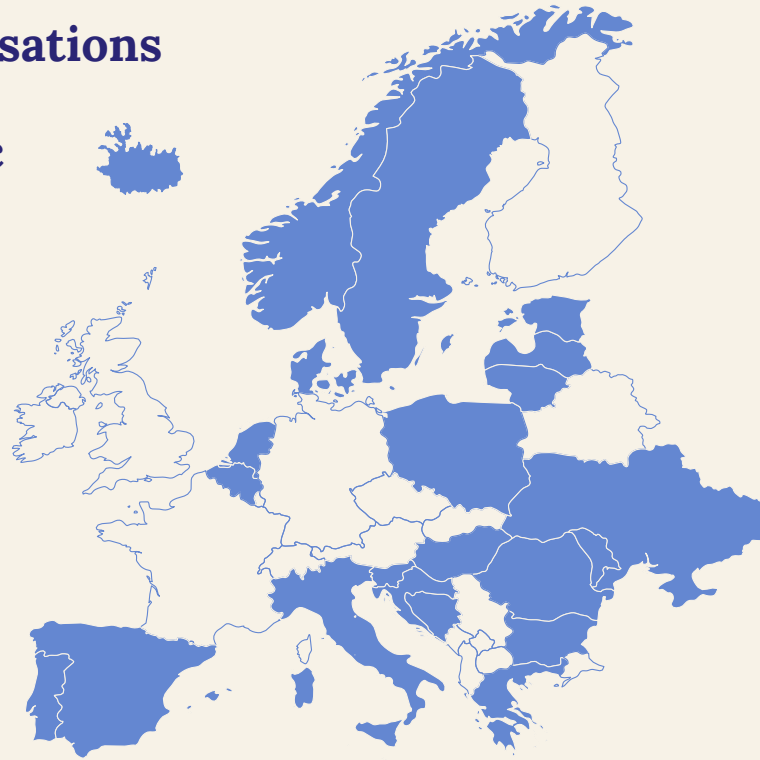
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51 partners & 70+ organisations
are working together
to strengthen paediatric
palliative care in Europe



About Hope4Kids

Holistic Oncological Palliative care 4 Europe's Kids (Hope4Kids) is a Joint Action 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 a life-limiting illness, regardless of geography, receives compassionate, integrated, and evidence-based PPC.

Expected results

- Harmonised guidelines: (for PPC focussed on pediatric 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 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 organizations

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