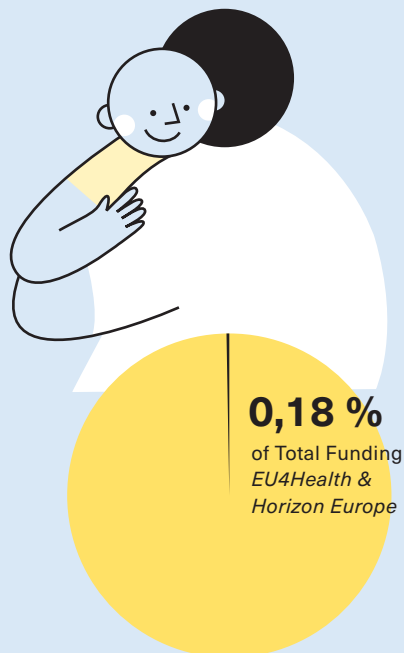


No child left behind:
creating equal access
to care & research in
childhood cancer
through the EU
2028–2034 Budget

**Small investments, lifesaving
impact:** EU childhood cancer
funding that changes lives →



About Childhood Cancer

Over
6000
deaths annually in Europe

Childhood cancer is a therapeutic
area of **(ultra) rare and life-threatening**
diseases with high unmet needs.

Childhood cancer **remains the**

No 1

cause of death by disease in children
>1 year old in Europe.

The Childhood, Adolescent, and
Young Adult (CAYA) cancer survivor
population is **estimated at 500,000**
persons and is **expected to**
increase each year.



2/3 experience late effects.

There is a

20 %

difference in childhood cancer
survival rates across Europe.

Why do children with cancer still need the EU support?

1 Every child deserves new hope, not old drugs.

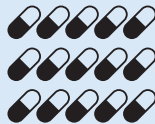


0 new treatments in the last **20** years for childhood cancers causing **1/3** of deaths

Anticancer drug development since 2007:

16 
new anticancer medicines for children

vs 150
new anticancer medicines for adults



2 Every child must have access to therapies to tackle inequalities across Europe.



3 Every child must have access to less toxic treatments and to follow up care.



No single country can tackle these challenges alone

The new MFF (2028–2034) is a major opportunity to solve these challenges



1. Boost Drug Development and Access to Innovation in Childhood Cancer

- Support the European childhood cancer research networks and secure EU funding for academic-led clinical trials.
- Facilitate cross-border access to clinical trials.



2. Implement Childhood Cancer Care Networks & Infrastructures

- Ensure sustainability of ERN PaedCan.
- Support twinning projects (sharing expertise between childhood cancer centres).
- Recognise and expand specific Comprehensive Childhood Cancer Infrastructures within the existing ERN PaedCan structure.
- Support the development of National Cancer Mission Hubs (NCMHs).

- Improve access to cross-border care under existing EU legislation.



3. Unlock opportunities through data sharing and AI tools

- Ensure EHDS Implementation unlocks greater opportunities for childhood cancer.
- Explore genome sequencing.
- Develop AI driven data solutions.



4. Real patients, real voices: operating grants for patient organisations

- Allow patient organisations to work independently and uninfluenced as civil society actors = more patient-centric decisions on research and care.
- Implement EU policies, and help close the gaps beyond the EU region.

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