



CCI Europe 2025 Ukraine Report

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Introduction

Ukraine Response Overview - the start of an organised evacuation pathway and treatment and care plan: SAFER Ukraine

Right after the war in Ukraine started four years ago on February 24th, 2022, CCI Europe joined St. Jude Global, other member organisations in Ukraine, the Polish Society of Paediatric Oncology and Haematology (PSPOH), and an international network of hospitals and governments in creating a **Supporting Action for Emergency Response in Ukraine (SAFER Ukraine)**¹. SAFER Ukraine quickly became a large humanitarian effort, launched with the mission to aid Ukrainian children with cancer and blood disorders to continue their medical care, in Ukraine or abroad, through international collaboration and capacity building.

This diverse collaboration, bringing together various areas of expertise with a shared sense of urgency and importance, enabled swift and effective decision-making, leading to remarkable support and assistance.

Since its launch in 2022, CCI Europe has been actively involved in the SAFER Ukraine collaborative by providing financial support for patient evacuations, family reunifications, and the repatriation to Ukraine of those children who sadly died abroad from their disease. Additionally, CCI Europe acts as connector between the SAFER Ukraine headquarter in Poland and national contact points in various European countries, to facilitate psychosocial support and finding solutions for families whenever needed.

To date, SAFER Ukraine facilitated the support for over 1.700 patients and their families in more than 20 countries.

¹ Partners: St. Jude Global, Childhood Cancer International, Childhood Cancer International – Europe, Daruieste Aripa (Romania), Daruieste Viata (Romania), Fundación Aladina (Spain), Fundacja Herosi (Poland), GPOH (Germany), Mother and Child Institute (Poland), Polish Society of Paediatric Oncology and Haematology, SEHOP (Spain), International Society of Paediatric Oncology, Solterre (Italy), Tabletochki Charity Foundation (Ukraine), Ukraine Air Rescue, Viața Fără Leucemie (Moldova), Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Centre



CCI Europe's continuous work and support

During 2025 CCI-E was actively involved in:

- Liaise between families currently outside Ukraine and local CCI-E member organisations;
- Support patients that needed relocations to a different country or facility for further treatment (either evacuation from Ukraine or relocations within Europe);
- Financing family reunifications;
- Financing repatriations to Ukraine of those children and adolescents who died abroad due to their disease;
- Participate in working groups on Psychosocial Services Mapping & Language and Interpretation Toolbox.

Bimonthly online meetings took place between the CCI Europe's team and the SAFER Ukraine patients liaisons contact. During these meetings, information on upcoming patient evacuations, reunifications, repatriations were discussed. Additionally, any challenges for families/patients in the host countries were addressed.

Patient Evacuations

At the beginning of 2023, the SAFER Ukraine triage centre in Poland had to reduce the medical evacuation transports and therefore asked CCI Europe to financially and logistically support with evacuating patients in stable health conditions through commercial flights.

This process continued throughout 2025 with the evacuation of 5 patients and their families.

Repatriations

Despite all efforts to ensure continuity of high-quality treatment and care in host countries across Europe, some young patients die during their cancer journey. Every single loss of a young cancer patient is a devastating trauma for the whole family, and most Ukrainian families wish to bury their children in their home country. Thanks to CCI Europe's Emergency Fund, the repatriation costs of these children and adolescents are financed in 2025.

Family Reunifications

While in 2022 and in the first half of 2023, large efforts and financial contributions were made to reunite with additional family members (mostly siblings and grandmothers) from Ukraine to already displaced young patients and their mothers, these efforts slowed down significantly over the course of 2023, 2024 and 2025. One of the main reasons for this is that because of the long ongoing war, many of the host countries quickly approached the limit of their capacities in terms of housing and accommodation to welcome additional family members or further refugees. In 2025 no family evacuation took place.

Ukrainian Childhood Cancer Emergency Fund

The Ukrainian Childhood Cancer Emergency Fund was created in 2022 by CCI Europe to support the Ukrainian childhood cancer community with the aim to allocate funds where needed, and especially for the following requests:

- Travelling: fleeing Ukraine, reuniting families, travelling back home
- Medical: pharmaceutical or medical supplies, drugs, cancer treatment (if not covered by the state’s health insurance)
- Housing: pay of rent, hotel, parents’ house for families of children with cancer from Ukraine (if not covered by local NGOs)
- Daily expenses: food, clothes, hygiene goods
- Translation costs
- Expenses related to funeral costs or repatriation to Ukraine
- Coordination helpline

The fund is also open for grant requests submitted by CCI-E members: <https://ccieurope.eu/funding-ukrainian-childhood-cancer-emergency-fund/>

Any grant request is evaluated by an independent Grant Advisory Board.

So far, the Ukrainian Childhood Cancer Emergency Fund has been sustaining mostly travels (evacuations, reunifications etc.), funeral and repatriation costs, and to cover the professional coordination and management of the mission.

SAFER Ukraine in numbers

In 2025, the SAFER Ukraine supported²:

- 44 patient evacuations
- 21 death repatriations
- 3 family reunifications

Of the above, the CCI Europe Ukraine Emergency Funds contributed to:

Patient Evacuations per country

	2025
Italy	1
Germany	3
Switzerland	1
TOTAL	5

Repatriations to Ukraine of children and adolescents who died abroad

2025
6

² Data provided by St. Jude team leading SAFER Ukraine mission.



Financial Overview

Donations

The Ukrainian Childhood Cancer Emergency Fund was established at the beginning of March 2022 as the first response to the start of the war.

This Emergency fund is composed of different donations from all over the world and the expenses are controlled by an independent advisory board to ensure full transparency and the most efficient management of the funds.

In 2022 CCI-E raised more than €262,000.- in donations from more than 300 different donors from around the world, including several CCI-E members and industry contributions³.

The funds are solely allocated to the SAFER Ukraine mission and to cover the professional coordination and management of the mission.

In May 2025, CCI Europe received a further donation of €100,000.- from the Deutscher Kinderkrebsverband e. V. (DKV).

Patient evacuations

Patient evacuation costs do also include travel costs such as flights and at least one family member travelling with the patient.

CCI-E also covered part or full costs for repatriations back to Ukraine.

The total expenses for these efforts were €19,717.50.

Administrative costs

Administrative costs covered financial fees such as transfer fees or PayPal commissions, web development costs for the resource page on CCI Europe's Website.

Additionally, costs covered professional staff hours in supporting family reunifications, repatriations and patient evacuations, as well as the management of the care package distribution, and continuous internal as well as external coordination between SAFER Ukraine partners and ongoing communication and dissemination work.

The total administrative expenses were €8,623.78.

³ For more details, see the CCI Europe's Ukraine Report 2022 at: https://ccieurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SAFERUkraine_CCI-Europe-Report-2022.pdf

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Financial Report

Donations	2025	2024
Website donations	€177.64	€128.00
Bank transfer donations	€100,000.00	€0.00
TOTAL	€100,177.64	€128.00
Expenses		2024
Family reunifications and repatriations / funeral costs	€19,717.50	€36,935.43
Administrative Expenses		
Transfer Fees	€39,97	€3.01
Project Management	€8,583.81	€21,000.00
TOTAL	€28,341.28	€57,938.44
Balance end of year	€130,135.99	€58,299.63

Last Update: 31.12.2025



Help us continue to support children with cancer in Ukraine!

Please consider donating to the [Ukrainian Childhood Cancer Emergency Fund](#).

Here is how you can do it:

- **Online through PayPal or Card**
Find the donation link [here](#).
Please indicate the keyword “Ukraine”
- **Directly through bank transfer:**
Name account holder: Childhood Cancer International – Europe
Keyword: Ukraine (indicating the keyword helps us allocate your donation)
Bank: Erste Bank
IBAN: AT51 2011 1843 5194 4400
BIC: GIBAATWWXXX

In both cases, please always indicate the word “Ukraine”. This will help us allocate your donation. If you have trouble donating or indicating the keyword, please write to us directly at ukraine@ccieurope.eu.



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