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Hope4Kids

An introduction



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5 years Cancer Mission:
Stronger Through Connection

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WHY IS HOPE4KIDS NEEDED?



- **~14,000 children are diagnosed with cancer** in Europe each year.
- From diagnosis through survivorship or death, they **often experience physical, emotional, social and spiritual suffering.**



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- Paediatric Palliative Care (PPC) focuses on the **prevention and relief of suffering** in children facing life-threatening or life-limiting illness, and their families.

- Currently, care for children with cancer focuses primarily on disease treatment and symptom management, and **specialised PPC is often not received.**

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HOLISTIC ONCOLOGICAL PALLIATIVE CARE 4 EUROPE'S KIDS (HOPE4KIDS)

Aim

To facilitate the development of high quality PPC throughout Europe,
with a focus on paediatric oncology.

European Union Joint Action

€~12 million under the EU4Health programme

Coordinator

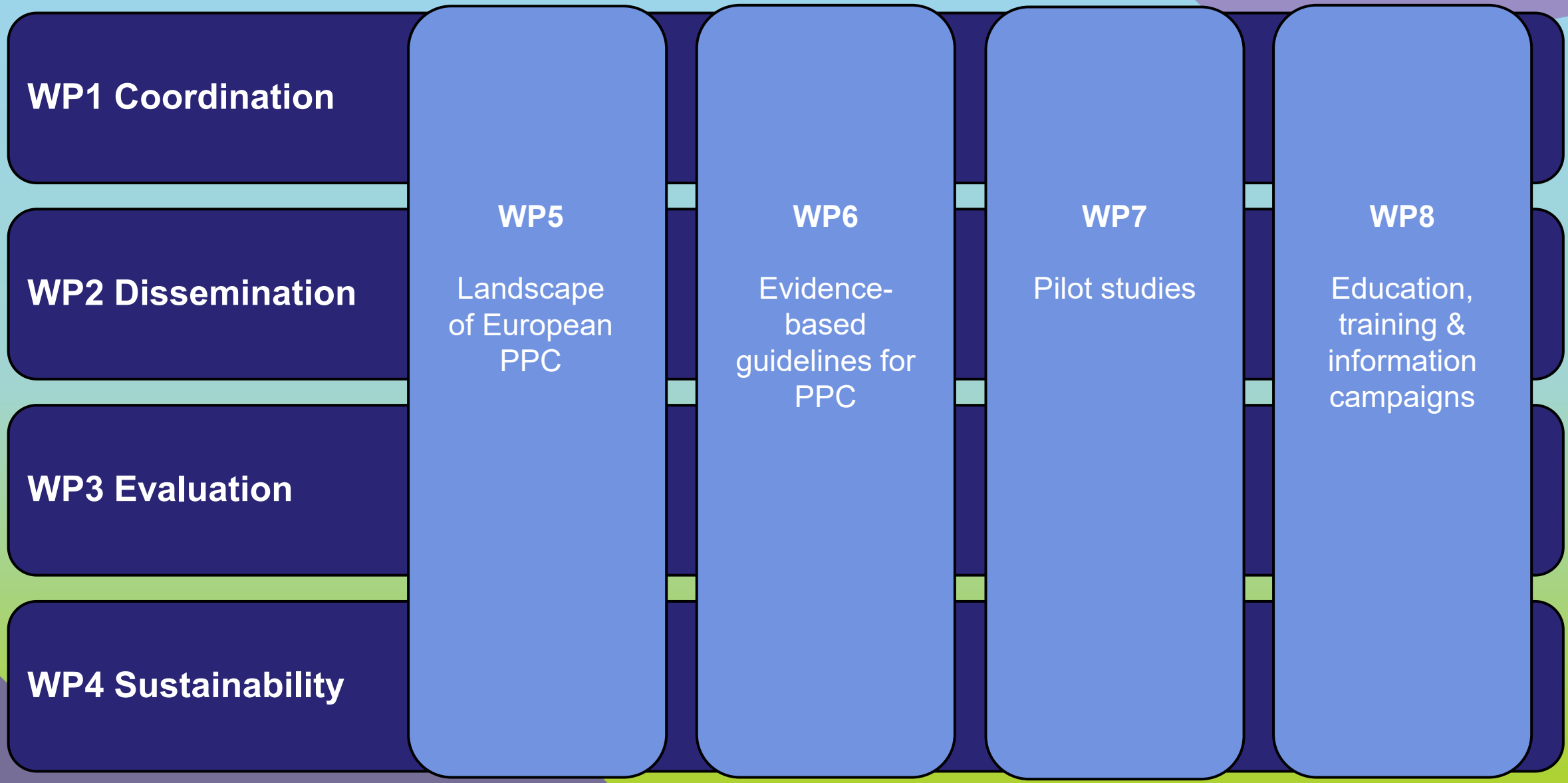
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Participants

23 countries & 70+ partner organizations

- Research organisations
- Health authorities
- Hospitals
- Patient/parent organisations




WP1 Coordination
WP2 Dissemination
WP3 Evaluation
WP4 Sustainability
WP5
Landscape of European PPC
WP6
Evidence-based guidelines for PPC
WP7
Pilot studies
WP8
Education, training & information campaigns

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ACTIVITIES: SIX CROSS CUTTING THEMES FOR WPS 5-8

- Symptoms Treatment
- Models of Care
- Pre-loss & Bereavement
- Advance Care Planning
- Shared Decision-Making
- Psycho-social Care

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Therapeutic group programs

Closed, facilitator-led groups for children with life-limiting conditions and their families (siblings and parents)

- 6-8 themed sessions
- delivered by multidisciplinary PPC teams

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SDM in ACP

1-3 guided conversations using validated tools organised by thematic blocks

- Voicing My Choices
- Paediatric Statement of Choices
- SICG-Peds

3

Health digital support

Multicomponent intervention operationalised with locally relevant digital tools.

- proactive identification
- early detection of decompensation integrated coordination

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Use of an ICP

Integration of harmonized European ICP into routine paediatric palliative care

- professional training and local adaptation

WHAT WILL THE IMPACT BE?

Better quality of life for children with cancer and their families…throughout Europe



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