

Slovakia SK1



COUNTRY
Slovakia

LOCATION
National
(Bratislava hub)

PERIOD
December 2024
– September 2025

CATCHMENT AREA
National

TARGET COVERAGE
~70% of cancer
patients through
participating
institutions

OVERALL MATURITY
CHANGE
From 26% to 44%
(+18%)

CORE PARTNERS

National Cancer Institute (Bratislava)(NCI) and National Oncology Institute (NOI); St Elizabeth's Cancer Institute (Bratislava)(SECI); Biomedical Research Center of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (BRC SAS); Medical Faculty of Comenius University in Bratislava (CU); Slovak Medical University (SMU); University Hospital Bratislava (UHB); National Institute of Children's Diseases (NICHHD); F.D. Roosevelt Teaching Hospital with Polyclinic in Banská Bystrica (RUBB); East Slovakia Oncology Institute (Košice) (ESOI); Medical Faculty of Pavol Jozef Šafárik, Košice; Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin and University Hospital, Martin National Cancer Registry/Information Centre; Ministry of Health (MoH); Ministry of Education, Research and Development (MER&D); National Screening Authority; Health Commission of the Slovak Council; Patient Organization Amazonky, Nie Rakovine, League Against Cancer Slovakia; Slovak Oncology Society

The CCI4EU Deep Dive in Slovakia supported the development of a national Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructure (CCI), bringing together major cancer centres, research institutions, universities and public authorities across the country.

The intervention focused on three priority areas – structure of the CCI, development of a Comprehensive Cancer Centre (CCC) in Bratislava, and patient pathways – with the aim of strengthening coordination, improving quality of care, and supporting a more integrated national cancer system.

Focus Areas



Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructure

Comprehensive Cancer Centre

Patient Pathway

Why This Deep Dive



Cancer care in Slovakia is delivered through a network of specialised oncology institutes and regional providers, supported by a National Oncology Programme and strong institutional expertise. Building on these solid foundations, opportunities were identified to further strengthen coordination across the system, enhance alignment between institutions, and support more consistent access to high-quality care nationwide.

The Deep Dive was therefore designed to support the development of a national Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructure (CCI), the establishment of a Comprehensive Cancer Centre (CCC) in Bratislava aligned with OEI standards, and the development of shared patient pathways for key cancers.

Slovakia benefits from committed leadership, active stakeholder engagement, established centres of excellence, and a long-standing cancer registry, alongside growing involvement of patient organisations. At the same time, the initiative highlighted opportunities to further develop structured governance mechanisms, strengthen clinical research capacity – including early-phase trials – and enhance multidisciplinary collaboration.

Particular focus was placed on advancing the development of national patient pathways, improving data integration and interoperability, and supporting the more systematic use of outcomes data to inform care and policy.

Work Performed



3 expert visits conducted, including workshops, site visits, and high-level meetings with institutional and governmental stakeholders

Definition of the membership and scope of the national CCI (19 institutions)

Initiation of the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding and governance model

Support for the establishment of the CCC in Bratislava

Multidisciplinary workshops conducted to develop breast and colorectal cancer patient pathways

Engagement with ministries and parliamentary representatives to advocate for policy and funding support

Support for clinical research discussions, including strengthening clinical trial capacity

Active involvement of patient organisations and introduction of structured collaboration mechanisms across institutions

Key Developments



Definition of a national CCI involving 19 core institutions

Progress toward formal governance, including draft cooperation agreements

Establishment of the CCC in Bratislava with defined partners and governance structure

Development of breast cancer patient pathway and initial colorectal cancer pathway

Initial implementation / development of breast cancer nurse roles

Increased alignment between stakeholders at national level

Progress toward integration of research, care and education



A DRAFT OF CCC/CCI
IN SLOVAKIA

Next Steps



The Deep Dive established the foundations for a national cancer infrastructure in Slovakia, but full implementation depends on political approval and sustained support.

The future roadmap includes:

- Formal approval and implementation of the CCI through the National Oncology Programme (2026–2030)
- Signing of cooperation agreements and establishment of governance structures
- Further development and accreditation preparation of the Bratislava CCC
- Expansion and implementation of patient pathways across all regions
- Strengthening clinical trial capacity and research infrastructure
- Improving data systems and IT interoperability
- Addressing regulatory and reimbursement barriers (e.g. MDTs, screening, innovative treatments)
- Increasing screening uptake and reducing inequalities in access to care

Photo Report



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