

Dear CCI members,

The current situation needs the specific effort of the European countries, but we're all concerned, around the globe. Therefore, in accordance with CCI, we want to share the latest information with you:

After feedback from our Ukrainian members and thanks to daily contact with SIOP Europe, CCI and St. Jude Global, we coordinate a joint effort to help our young Ukrainian cancer patients and their families.

The current situation:

- St. Jude's Global is working together with our largest Ukrainian member organisations to evacuate the patients who are currently in acute treatment to Poland, where they can continue their treatments in hospitals. SIOP Europe estimates that out of actual 1000 young patients with cancer, half of them are in acute treatment and need to be transferred out of the country. Therefore, a big European mapping is being done to check how to help Poland and transfer the patients further to other EU countries.
- SIOP Europe is reaching out their members to see which other hospitals in Europe can take in patients for treatment as Polish hospitals will quickly run out of capacities.
- CCI Europe is reaching out to our European members for coordinated help: find out governmental requirements for Ukrainian refugees to enter the country, ensure their welcoming and that the patients and their families are taken care of (financially, socially and housing)

What can you do?

- Financial support: in accordance with the CCI Board, CCI Europe launches today a fundraising action to support our Ukrainian families, the Ukrainian childhood cancer emergency fund.

All funds will be centralised on CCI Europe's bank account and spent following a strict and transparent workframe including regular reports. We will share soon a more detailed list with actions that will be done with the funds.

How to donate to the Ukrainian childhood cancer emergency fund:

Account holder: Childhood Cancer International – Europe

Bank: Erste Bank

IBAN: AT51 2011 1843 5194 4400

BIC: GIBAATWWXXX

PLEASE INDICATE THE KEYWORD “UKRAINE” TO HELP US ALLOCATE THE DONATION.

Online Donations: Go to CCI Europe Website <https://ccieurope.eu/support-for-ukrainian-childhood-cancer-community/>

You might consider national or regional fundraising to support these very specific and dedicated actions. Our Ukrainian friends will need our help over a longer period, regardless of whether they stay in Ukraine or are taken to other countries for continuation of their treatments. Heavy financial help is needed, and we will let you know the details as soon as possible.

- Share our social media posts. We focus fully on supporting our young patients from Ukraine as well as their families.

Thank you for your precious support in dramatic times. Together we are stronger.

On behalf of CCI Europe,

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