



European Association for Palliative Care Onlus
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*The EAPC Task Force on the
Development of Palliative Care in Europe*

Palliative Care Euro-Barometer 2004

Current issues in the development of hospice and palliative care in Europe: the vision of national organizations.

This Taskforce was established by the EAPC in 2004 with the following objectives:

1. To provide reliable information on the delivery of hospice and palliative care in Europe in a manner relevant to the EAPC; to intergovernmental organisations and to national and regional governments
2. To explore the current organisation of hospice and palliative care in Europe considering political and social issues; healthcare policies and the availability of palliative care resources countrywide.
3. To facilitate access to information and communication between hospice and palliative care associations and societies that operate across Europe
4. To aid the identification of key persons who have studied the development of hospice and palliative care in their own setting and who may provide country specific data to assist policy makers, planners and professional associations



The International Observatory on End of Life Care (IOELC)

The Observatory is established in partnerships with organisations and individuals committed to the global development of palliative care.

Thank you very much for agreeing to take part in this survey.

We are seeking information from all EAPC collective members and national associations involved in palliative care across the whole of Europe including a total of 52 countries.

Albania	Czech Republic	Israel	Poland	Sweden
Andorra	Denmark	Italy	Portugal	Switzerland
Armenia	Estonia	Kazakhstan	Republic of Moldova	Tajikistan
Austria	Finland	Kyrgyzstan	Republic of Macedonia	Turkey
Azerbaijan	France	Latvia	Romania	Turkmenistan
Belarus	Georgia	Lithuania	Russian Federation	Ukraine
Belgium	Germany	Luxembourg	San Marino	United Kingdom
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Greece	Malta	Serbia and Montenegro	Uzbekistan
Bulgaria	Hungary	Monaco	Slovakia	
Croatia	Iceland	Netherlands	Slovenia	
Cyprus	Ireland	Norway	Spain	

This survey aims to provide a ‘barometer’ of the current situation of palliative care in Europe as well as insights into current issues and debates on the subject.

Please, answer *all* the questions, giving as much detail as you can and referring to authors, full references and sources of information whenever possible. Make use of space as you need it.

After completing the questionnaire, please return it by email to

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If there is any query, please do not hesitate to contact her, by e-mail (amelia.giordano@istitutotumori.mi.it), telephone (+39 02 23903390), fax (+39 02 23903393) or by post to the following mail address:

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QUESTIONNAIRE*

1. BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

1.1 What is your complete name?

1.2 What is the name of the palliative care organization/association/institution you represent?

1.3 What is your position in the palliative care organization/association/institution you represent?

1.4 What are your contact details?

Address:

Telephone/fax:

Email:

* **NB:** For the purpose of this study, this EAPC Task Force considers that your answers will reflect the vision of the palliative care organization/association/health care institution that you know very well because your position in that and as a representative member. If you consider it convenient, please do not hesitate to discuss this questionnaire and your answers with your colleagues or with other members or boards of the palliative care organization/association/health care institution you represent.

If there is no national or regional palliative care organization or association in your country, please do specify it in Q.1.2 of this section, and answer this questionnaire according to your best knowledge and experience and do not hesitate to express your own views and opinions.

2. QUESTIONS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE

2.1 Please give an overall comment on the current state of developments of hospice/palliative care in your country at the present time (*Please refer to any official documents or research papers, if possible*)

2.2 Please indicate with an 'X' the statement that best describe the development of palliative care in your country amongst the three options given bellow.

Over the last ten years, the development of palliative care in the country

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|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) | has improved | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) | has remained very much the same | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iii) | has got worse | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. QUESTIONS ON BARRIERS TO AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE

3.1 Please list in order of importance the three main BARRIERS to PALLIATIVE CARE in your country at the present time:

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

3.2 Please list in order of importance the three main OPPORTUNITIES for PALLIATIVE CARE in your country at the present time:

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

3.3 Please comment on other issues that have been relevant to the development of palliative care in your country.

3.4 Please list in order of importance the three main INITIATIVES undertaken to improve the AVAILABILITY of strong OPIOIDS in your country in the last ten years:

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

3.5 Please list in order of importance the three main BARRIERS to adequate availability of strong OPIOIDS in your country at the present time:

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

4. QUESTIONS ON POLICY

4.1 What have been the most important policy changes affecting the development of hospice and palliative care made in your country since 2000?

4.2 In what ways have these policy changes been important?

4.3 What have been the most important initiatives since 1995 undertaken to address the problem of uncontrolled pain as a health concern in your country? *(Please refer to any official documents or research papers, if possible)*

4.4 In 2004, did your association/organization/health institution in any way mark the publication of the Council of Europe report on palliative care? **(Recommendation Rec (2003) 24 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the organisation of palliative care)** *(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 November 2003 at the 860th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)* Please describe briefly.

4.5 During 2003-5, has your association participated in any way in the Council of Europe discussions about euthanasia (the Marty Report)? *(Please give details of any involvement and refer to any official responses or statements from your palliative care organization/association/institution)*

4.6 At the current time, are there any initiatives in your country that are seeking the legalisation of euthanasia or assisted suicide? *(Please describe briefly and refer to any official documents or publications, if possible)*

5. QUESTION ON THE FUTURE OF PALLIATIVE CARE

5.1 Please, give your view on the future of hospice/palliative care in your country

Thank you very much indeed for your time and participation.