ITAPA Health & Care 2025 ● HOTEL DRUŽBA, Jasná, 18 - 19 March 2026
18 March 2026 (Wednesday)

	ITAPA Health&Care	EUROPEAN CARE FRAMEWORK – FOUNDING FORUM	MASTERCLASS
8:30 - 9:00	**REGISTRATION**		
9:00 - 9:45	**AI Solutions in Healthcare (hall Biela púť A)** News from the world of AI in healthcare. **Moderator:** Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **Welcoming guests:** Michal Ivantyšyn, ITAPA *confirmed* **1on1 interview: The first AI-assisted brain tumor surgery in Central Europe:** Andrej Šteňo, Department of Neurosurgery, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Bratislava and University Hospital Bratislava *confirmed* **AI revolutionising the Future of Hospital***:* Kelvin Summoogum, Hon Associate Professor in Healthy Ageing and AI v De Montfort University (DMU) Leicester, UK *confirmed*	**9:30 - 9:50** **Why is the European Care Framework Being Developed (hall Grand B1)** The European Care Framework is an independent expert and innovative initiative with the ambition to create a practical, implementable, and technology-enabled European framework for quality and sustainability in long-term care. The launch of the European Care Framework as an independent expert initiative, defining the objectives of the Founding Forum, the expected outcomes, and the technology and innovation framework for implementation. **Moderator:** Miroslav Alexovič *confirmed* **Slovakia as an initiator of the European Care Framework:** Zuzana Fabianová, Nursing centre and social services facility Sunny House *confirmed* **Insights from practice: modern long-term care:** Alena Mochnáčová, Nursing centre and social services facility Sunny House *confirmed*	

| 9:45 - 10:15 | **Successful AI Project of the Slovak Ministry of Health and NRSYS in Slovakia (hall Biela púť A)**

A successful artificial intelligence project implemented in cooperation between the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic and NRSYS, demonstrating the practical benefits of AI solutions in Slovak healthcare.
The session will focus on real-world implementation experience, concrete results in clinical practice, and opportunities for further development of digital innovations in healthcare. The discussion will present perspectives from healthcare providers, the technology partner, and the state—from the use of AI in diagnostics and decision-making processes, through integration into existing systems, to challenges related to data, security, and legislation.

Moderator: Benita Fekete *confirmed*

DISCUSSION
Martin Jasenčák, East Slovak Oncological Institute *confirmed*
Pavol Chudý, NRSYS *confirmed*
Tomáš Švec, Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic *confirmed* | **9:50 - 10:20**
Europe on the Move: Long-Term Care Reforms and What to Learn From Them
(hall Grand B1)

What shape do long-term care reforms take in the European context? A look at a specific systemic reform in Romania and the current direction of EU policies. Connecting global experience with European frameworks and translating policy declarations into real-world practice applicable in the Slovak context.

Moderator: Miroslav Alexovič *confirmed*

Current challenges in long-term care in the EU and the Slovak Republic: Dorota Korczyńska, European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion *confirmed*
Global experiences of long-term care reform - an example from reforms in Romania: Adina-Maria Voda, World Bank *confirmed* | **10:00 - 11:00 Masterclass Telemedicine in Practise (hall Grand B2)**
The masterclass will provide participants with an in-depth view of digital transformation in healthcare. It will cover the full spectrum from basic forms of remote consultations to advanced telemonitoring solutions. Through practical examples, participants will learn how to successfully implement digital tools, overcome legislative and process-related barriers, and ensure the security of patient data. The session will culminate in an in-depth analysis of telemedicine in cardiology and the presentation of results from the Slovak solution Seerlinq in the management of heart failure.

Lector: Štefan Karolčík, Seerlinq *confirmed* |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | **Selected Autoimmune Diseases and Women's Health (hall Biela púť A)**
The social impacts of these diseases on women. | **10:20 - 11:25**
Digital and Technological Solutions for Long-Term Care
(hall Grand B1)
A practical session where the reality of operations (facilities, founders, | **Continuation of Masterclass Telemedicine in Practise** |

	Moderator: Andrea Gažová **DISCUSSION** Nataša Hudecová, AbbVie *confirmed*	insurance companies) meets security and infrastructure. What are the must-haves (identity, access, auditing, standards, integrations) for digitization to increase efficiency and not incidents? What are the latest functional solutions that save staff time? Surveillance systems, monitoring, assistive technologies, and robotic automation are already common in social services. They represent a time-saver for caregivers while protecting the patient. What are the operating conditions, and how challenging is it to introduce the full use of Care-Tech into the broad social services system? **Moderator:** Miroslav Alexovič *confirmed* **Digitized Nursing Care as a Quality Management Tool in Long-Term Care:** Eva Fedušová, Portal Malina *confirmed* **Technologies that save staff time and protect the patient:** Jakub Pálenčár, BTL *confirmed* **Health, care and rehabilitation:** Zdenka Staršichová, Proormedent *confirmed* **How to save with BROTHER MPS printing:** Peter Šmondrk , TOWDY *confirmed* **When diagnosis begins at home - AI triage for sore throat***:* Ivana Vyrva, certified otolaryngologist *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Jana Červenáková, Union of Slovak Cities *confirmed* Marianna Kličová, Nursing centre and social services facility Sunny House *confirmed* Tomáš Kútny, TnTEL *confirmed*	**until 11:00**
10:45 – 11:00	**NETWORKING BREAK**		

11:00 - 11:40	**Optimising the Patient Journey in Healthcare Facilities (hall Biela púť A)**	**11:40 - 12:35** **Quality as a Standard of Dignity: Continuity, Palliative Care, Person-Centredness (hall Grand B1)**	**11:20 - 12:20** **How to Build and Sustain a Resilient and Safe Hospital: A Managerial and Strategic Perspective (hall Grand B2)**
	Patient journey management: how to increase predictability, identify where delays and chaos arise, and understand how these affect patient, staff, and management satisfaction. Drawing on examples from obstetrics, a children's hospital, and oncology, we will examine capacity planning and the key metrics worth monitoring (waiting times, no-shows, and utilization of critical resources). **Moderator:** Benita Fekete *confirmed* **Scheduling and Planning — The Foundation of an Effective Patient Journey in Healthcare Facilities:** Andrej Dedík, Garsius *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Peter Cupaník, Koch Hospital *confirmed* Ladislav Dedík, Garsius *confirmed* Jozef Urbín, IQVIA *confirmed*	How can the principles of "people-centred care" be translated into everyday, measurable practice? The focus will be on continuity of care, human dignity, the right to palliative care, and the implementation of quality through frameworks, standards, and assessment tools. Bringing together experience from care facilities, standardisation, and the protection of patients' rights creates space for a realistic view of quality as a fundamental standard of dignified care. **Moderator: Miroslav Alexovič** *confirmed* **Quality and EFQM in practice:** Zuzana Fabianová, Nursing centre and social services facility Sunny House *confirmed* **How to ensure quality in social services:** Ján Čupka, consultant and expert in management systems *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Ján Čupka, consultant and expert in management systems *confirmed* Patrik Jakubek, Slovak Society for Palliative Medicine confirmed Mária Lévyová, Association for the Protection of Patients' Rights of the Slovak Republic *confirmed* Jozef Šuvada, World Health Organization (WHO) *confirmed*	How to make informed senior management decisions so that they don't hurt the hospital/organization in 2-5 years? This masterclass will walk you through how to advocate for and then oversee strategic decisions in hospitals and healthcare facilities on a daily basis - from problem identification to approved solution. No dead ends, no underestimating segmented threats and vulnerabilities, and no bubble solutions, i.e., avoiding approaches that only work on paper. You get a practical business case for healthcare - a structured basis for decisions and a way to make strategic decisions that link strategy, processes, IT, cybersecurity, procurement, and operations into one functional and dynamic ecosystem. **Lector:** Ľuboš Fryc, Skill Bill *confirmed*
11:40 - 12:10	**From Data Sharing to Intelligent Decision-Making: The AI Healthcare Shift (hall Biela púť A)** Interoperability is an essential foundation of modern eHealth; however, real value emerges only when data are used to support decision-making. HealthShare Unified Care Record connects clinical data into a single, trusted patient record across systems and providers. Built on top of this layer, the Clinical Viewer with an AI assistant introduces a new quality of working with information—from automated summaries	**12:35 - 12:55** **People in the System: The Workforce as a Pillar of the Framework (hall Grand B1)** What really keeps long-term care functioning – and where does the system break down? The focus is on working conditions, team stability, education, and job safety as	

to rapid navigation through complex medical documentation. Practical experience with implementation at Faculty Hospital at St. Anne's in Brno will be presented by the hospital's CIO, Peter Blaškovitš, former Director of the National Health Information Center (NCZI). The presentation will demonstrate how AI can accelerate the shift from data sharing to their real use in clinical practice and strategic management. **Moderator:** Benita Fekete *confirmed* **From Data Sharing to Intelligent Decision-Making: The AI Healthcare Shif:** Martin Zubek, InterSystems *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Martin Zubek, InterSystems *confirmed* Peter Blaškovitš, St. Anne's University Hospital in Brno *confirmed*	key factors in sustaining care professions. In practice, staff capacity is often constrained, highlighting the need to align quality values with technological solutions. **Moderator:** Miroslav Alexovič *confirmed* **1on2 interview:** Jan Drahokoupil, European Labour Authority *confirmed* Marta Kahancová, Central European Labour Studies Institute, DEVCOBA Project *confirmed*

12:10 - 13:20	**Cybersecurity and Hospital Resilience (hall Biela púť A)** New cybersecurity regulatory requirements are increasing the pressure on healthcare facilities, which must both protect sensitive data and ensure the continued operation of clinical systems. Are hospitals prepared for both NIS2 and cyber incidents? What is the minimum cyber baseline that will stand up to an audit and a real-world crisis situation? **Moderator:** Ivan Makatura *confirmed* **Healthcare cyber resilience - from prevention to system support:** Peter Spörer**,** National Center for Health Information *confirmed* **How Apple solutions strengthen corporate security and resilience - NIS2 as the impetus for technology change:** Ivan Malík**,** iStores *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Peter Dufek, Penta Hospitals Slovakia *confirmed* Zsolt Géczi, Palo Alto Networks *confirmed* Andrej Ižold, FORTINET *confirmed* Milan Pikula, National Security Authority *confirmed* Lukáš Vrabec, Red Hat *confirmed*
13:25 - 14:20	**LUNCH**

14:20 - 14:40	**eHealth is not a Single System - it's a Collaborative Ecosystem (hall Biela púť A)**	**14:00 - 15:00** **Roundtable: LTC Reform as an Investment and Transformation Programme - Quality, Digitalisation, Savings** **(hall Grand B1)**	**14:00 - 15:00** **Demo AI Fitko in Healthcare (hall Grand B2)**
	How are healthcare, technology, legislation, and the state related, and why can't their interconnection be easy or quick? Which institutions are behind the various eHealth services, and what role do providers, insurers, IT vendors, and the state play in them? The session will offer an insight into the behind-the-scenes of eHealth and how solutions are born that have to stand up in practice - securely and in collaboration with many actors.	The roundtable focuses on long-term care reform as an investment and transformation program, integrating quality, digitalisation, and cost efficiency. The discussion aims to agree on three specific commitments: what to digitise, what to standardise, and how to fund or reward quality.	Less administration. More time per patient. Artificial intelligence is already making a real difference by helping healthcare professionals manage the growing administrative burden, work more quickly with data, and improve the quality of decision-making. In the Demo AI in Healthcare talk, we'll show you how AI can be practically used in everyday clinical, managerial, and professional practice. This is not about theory or futuristic visions. It is about concrete tools and practices that clinicians, healthcare facility managers, and other professionals already use today to make their work more efficient.
	Moderator: Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Jaroslava Demčáková, National Center for Health Information *confirmed* Matej Leško, National Center for Health Information *confirmed*	**Moderator**: Miroslav Alexovič *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Zuzana Földesová Motajová, Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic *confirmed* Ondrej Lunter, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region *confirmed* Miriama Letovanec, National Union of Employers' Associations and Federations *confirmed* Zuzana Stavrovská, Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities *confirmed* Mária Machajdíková, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic *confirmed* Dajana Petríková, Association of Health Insurance Companies of the Slovak Republic *confirmed*	**Lector**: Ivona Matulik-Langner, AI Fitko *confirmed*

14:40 - 15:30	**How to Enforce the Quality of Healthcare? (hall Biela púť A)**	**15:00 - 16:00** **Workshop Europan Care Framework: 4 pillars, rules, measurement** **(hall Grand B1)**	**15:20 – 16:20 WEBINAR** **Are outpatient clinics sufficiently protected?** **(hall Grand B2)**

How to Enforce the Quality of Healthcare? (hall Biela púť A)

Quality that we can measure and healthcare that we can sustain. The sustainability of healthcare is closely linked to its quality, availability of staff, and realistic financing. The panel will focus on how to build a system that is staff-manageable, financially sustainable, and patient-centered over the long term. The discussion will raise questions about what really constitutes quality in healthcare today, how to measure it, and how to set up a workable quality assessment system for hospitals.

Moderator: Martin Smatana *confirmed*

Value-Based Payment Reform in Primary Health Care in Croatia Tatjana Prenda Trupec, World Bank *confirmed*
From data to quality: how preventable deaths shape sustainable healthcare: Barbara Siekel, Government Office of Slovak Republic *confirmed*
Healthcare 2045 - Prevention, Innovation, and Strategy for the Future: Dominika Komárová, British Business School Prague *confirmed*
Health system performance assessment in Slovakia: Juraj Hunák, Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic *confirmed*

DISCUSSION
Tatjana Prenda Trupec, World Bank *confirmed*
Michal Štofko, Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic *confirmed*

15:00 - 16:00
Workshop Europan Care Framework: 4 pillars, rules, measurement
(hall Grand B1)

Pillars (quality/safety, people, funding, governance), what will be measured, who is the owner of the next steps. The outcome should be a concrete "founding outcome", not a wish list.

Moderator: Miroslav Alexovič *confirmed*

15:20 – 16:20 WEBINAR
Are outpatient clinics sufficiently protected?
(hall Grand B2)

The presentation is based on a questionnaire survey conducted on a statistically significant sample of respondents, including a large number of outpatient clinics in Slovakia. Based on the collected data, we will present information and communication architectures as they are actually used in the outpatient sector—from the simplest practices with minimal IT equipment to networked clinics using cloud services, wireless infrastructure, and medical electronics. We will identify typical categories of outpatient clinics according to their level of IT complexity and demonstrate how increasing complexity changes the clinics' security profile and related cybersecurity risks. The presentation will also explain why there is no single universal security recommendation for all outpatient clinics and why measures to protect processed data must always be tailored to the specific IT environment. The conclusions of the presentation will serve as a foundation for a follow-up Masterclass focused on practical and targeted security recommendations for individual types of outpatient clinics.

Lector: Ivan Makatura *confirmed*

15:30 - 15:45	**AI Possibilities in Robotics (hall Biela púť A)** Where are the boundaries between patient, doctor, artificial intelligence and humanoid robot? How far can autonomous decision-making technologies go in healthcare - and where must humans stay? **Moderator:** Benita Fekete *confirmed* **Options of humanoid robots in healthcare**: Branislav Zigo and Igor Farkaš, Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics, Comenius University in Bratislava *confirmed*	**16:00 - 16:20** **Vision For Modern Long-Term Care: What Will Change between 2026 and 2030** **(hall Grand B1)** A one-on-one interview with a State Secretary of the Slovak Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, and Family will reveal the ministry's clear priorities, timetable, and expected systemic changes—not just general declarations. Participants will leave with answers about what exactly will change and what still lies ahead. **Moderator:** Miroslav Alexovič **1on1 interview:** Marián Valentovič, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic *confirmed*
15:45 - 16:00	NETWORKING BREAK	
16:00 - 16:45	**Hospital 2.0: The Road to Digital Transformation and AI Ready Infrastructure (hall Biela púť A)** How can hospitals be built and modernized to have functional infrastructure, well-set-up data flows, and strong cybersecurity? In this panel, we will focus on what needs to precede the deployment of AI for Slovak hospitals to be truly AI-ready. We will discuss the construction of new state-of-the-art facilities as well as the necessary transformation of existing ones. The main goal is to define investment priorities to build a modern hospital network in Slovakia, ready to operate in the AI era. **Moderator:** Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Ľuboslav Beňa, University Hospital L. Pasteur Košice *confirmed* Gabriel Galgóci, Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic *confirmed* Jakub Jamnický, consultant in the construction of new hospital *confirmed* Miriam Lapuníková, FD Roosevelt University Hospital Banská Bystrica *confirmed*	**16:20 - 16:40** **From the Founding Forum to the European Care Summit** **(hall Grand B1)** Final summary, next steps and procedures, goal and future cooperation. **Moderator:** Miroslav Alexovič *confirmed* **Summary:** Zuzana Fabianová, Nursing Centre and ZSS Sunny House *confirmed*

16:45 - 17:00	### From Hospital to Patient: Proven Models for Successful Telemedicine (hall Biela púť A) Proven telemedicine models from the perspective of both hospitals and outpatient practices, highlighting what works best in practice and how to implement it successfully. **Moderator:** Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **Effective Care for Patients with Heart Failure:** Štefan Karolčík, Seerlinq *confirmed*
17:00 - 17:45	### Connected Care and Devices (hall Biela púť A) The panel will focus on healthcare, where medical devices, monitoring, and telemedicine are part of one interconnected ecosystem. How to build a functional telemedicine system at the national level, what works best in telemedicine, and what are the real benefits and barriers to wider adoption of connected care and telemedicine in practice? **Moderator:** Ana Mercado, World Bank *confirmed* **Digital Doctors, Real Patients: Cross-Country Evidence on Telemedicine Quality and Acces:** Marelize Gorgens, World Bank *confirmed* **DISCSUSSION** Vladimír Dvorový, Slovak Society for Telemedicine and Digital Health *invited* Tomáš Švec, Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic *confirmed* Tatjana Prenda Trupec, World Bank *confirmed*
17:45 - 18:20	### AI Action Plan for Healthcare (hall Biela púť A) Goals of the plan, priority use cases (administration vs. clinic), governance model (accountability, auditability), rules for pilots and scaling, data requirements and integrations, and measuring benefits and risks. Practically: what do MOH and hospitals need to do in 2026 to be able to deploy AI safely and meaningfully? **Moderator:** Benita Fekete *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Samuel Arbe, HealthHub *confirmed* Olga Shebanova, AI:Dental *confirmed* Tomáš Švec, Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic *confirmed*
18:20 - 18:40	### Fireside chat with the Minister (hall Biela púť A) Discussion with the Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic Kamil Šaško.

	Moderator: Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **1on1 interview:** Kamil Šaško, Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic *invited*
From 18:40	**Conclusion Day 1 of the conference**

19 march 2026 (Thursday)

08:00 - 9:00	**REGISTRATION**
9:00 - 9:30	**Integrated Rescue System (hall Biela púť A)** An insight into the functioning and future of emergency response services in the Slovak Republic, with a focus on technological innovations, interministerial cooperation, and practical field experience. The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, as a leader in the technical equipment of emergency services, will present the direction of modernization and the use of advanced tools in crisis situations. **Moderator:** Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Patrik Krauspe, Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic *confirmed*

9:30 - 10:40	**Simulation Centres: From Purchasing Technology to Real Operation and Impact (hall Biela púť A)** Simulation centres are fundamentally changing medical education. Slovakia is investing around €50 million in them - but the key question is how to turn this investment into measurable benefits for medics, healthcare professionals, and patients. A discussion with simulation centre directors from Slovakia and the Czech Republic, and with technology suppliers, will focus on a workable operating model, teaching methodology, impact measurement, and the most common implementation mistakes. It will offer a	**10:00 - 11:00 Masterclass: ATB Stewardship (hall Grand B2)** The Masterclass addresses the principles of antibiotic stewardship as a key tool for managing the quality and safety of hospital care. It will explain why systematic antibiotic stewardship is standard practice in Europe, the clinical and economic benefits it delivers, and how to implement it effectively in the daily practice of Slovak hospitals, with active support from medical management.

practical perspective on sustainable operations, service, and project management - including what determines the success of a simulation center in practice. **Moderator:** Peter Musil *confirmed* **Codebridge College – Building Practical Data and AI Capabilities in Healthcare:** Laura Johanesová, CodeBridge College *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Silvia Hnilicová, Institute of Medical Education and Simulation, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University *confirmed* Jaroslav Majerník, Centre for Simulation and Virtual Medicine (CSVM), Košice *confirmed* Jana Plevková, Martin Simulation Centre, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University *confirmed* Petr Štourač, Simulation center (Brno, Masaryk University) *confirmed* Lucián Zastko, Catolic University in Ružomberok *confirmed* Róbert Zsembera, Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic *confirmed*	**Lector:** Alena Koščálová and Ľubomír Soják, Hospital Academic L. Dérer in Bratislava *confirmed*
10:40 – 10:55	**NETWORKING BREAK**

10:55 - 11:55	# Medication Policy and Availability of Treatment (hall Biela púť A)	# 11:10 - 12:10 MEETUP: Inovation and Spa Care (hall Grand B2)
	Medicine policy is one of the fundamental pillars of health system sustainability - it influences access to treatment, the pace of innovation, and long-term financial stability. However, in the context of an open European market, parallel trade flows and stock movements within the EU naturally enter into national strategies. The panel will focus on what a modern and balanced national medicines policy should look like: where is the optimal balance between free-market principles and guaranteeing access to treatment for domestic patients. We will discuss what regulatory and monitoring tools are effective and how to set up a system that is predictable for manufacturers and distributors, sustainable for insurers, and, above all, safe for patients. **Moderator:** Andrea Gažová *confirmed*	The focus is on connecting spa facilities with companies, startups, and research initiatives at the European level. What new services, technologies, care models, and architectural solutions can transform Slovak wellness and spa facilities into modern centers of preventive, rehabilitative, and digital health? **Moderator:** Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **Welcome and introduction to the Open Innovation Challenge:** Pille Isabella Vojčík, European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), EIT Community Hub Slovakia *confirmed* **Open Innovation Challenge:** Pavol Menšík, Bardejov Spa *confirmed*

	Presentation: Peter Polák, Project HealthCare *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Róbert Babeľa, Slovak Medical University *confirmed* Ján Klimas, Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University *confirmed* Ján Kyselovič, Medical Faculty of Comenius University *confirmed* Ondrej Sukeľ, Slovak Chamber of Pharmacists *confirmed* Martina Vulganová, Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic *confirmed*	**Current challenges within European partnerships focused on research and innovation in health:** Maroš Halama, Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information *confirmed* **Transformation of Slovak spa facilities into modern centers of preventive health – raw materials**: Michal Cehlár, Technical University of Košice *confirmed* **Transformation of Slovak spa facilities into modern centers of preventive health – food:** Adriana Kolesárová and Eva Ivanišová, AgroBioTech Research Centre *confirmed* **Transformation of Slovak spa facilities into modern centers of preventive health – digital perspective:** Juraj Majcher, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice *confirmed* **Transformation of Slovak spa facilities into modern centers of preventive health – culture and creativity perspective:** Branislav Kršák, Technical University of Košice *confirmed*
11:55 – 12:15	**NETWORKING BREAK**	
12:15 - 13:20	**Data as a Compass: The Path to Higher Quality and Sustainability in Palliative Care (hall Biela púť A)** Data is not just a number; it is the key to equity, efficiency, and, above all, dignity at the end of life. This session focuses on the inevitable transformation of Slovak palliative care - from fragmented information to a system where the quality of care provided is measurable, rewarded, and guaranteed. **Moderator:** Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **Palliative care – can we be evidence based?:** Stein Kaasa, European Palliative Care Research Centre (PRC), Department of Oncology, Oslo University Hospital, Norway *confirmed* **1on1 interview**: **Keynote:** Stein Kaasa, European Palliative Care Research Centre (PRC), Department of Oncology, Oslo University Hospital, Norway *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Ondřej Kopecký, Czech Society of Palliative Medicine *confirmed* Michal Mego, National Cancer Institute provisionally *confirmed* Dajana Petríková, Association of Health Insurance Companies of the Slovak Republic *confirmed* Andrea Škripeková , Agel Hospital in Bratislava *confirmed*	

13:20 - 14:20	**Round Table Discussion of the Main Actors of the Slovak Health Sector (hall Biela púť A)**
	The final roundtable will bring together a joint reflection on the conference's key themes and the perspectives of the main actors on where the Slovak health sector should go from here. The discussion will focus on system priorities, opportunities for improving the quality and sustainability of healthcare, and where the biggest opportunities for real improvement lie today. The aim is to link expert knowledge with practical experience and to formulate concrete policy recommendations that can contribute to the long-term modernisation and stability of the Slovak healthcare system. **Moderator:** Šimon Jeseňák *confirmed* **DISCUSSION** Vladimír Baláž, F.D. Roosevelt General Hospital of Banská Bystrica *confirmed* Matúš Jurových, General Health Insurance Company *confirmed* Martin Kultan, Dôvera Health Insurance Company *confirmed* Peter Lednický, Penta Hospitals *confirmed* Mongi Msolly, Association of State Hospitals *confirmed* Michal Štofko, Ministerstvo zdravotníctva SR *confirmed*
From 14:20	**LUNCH and closing of the conference**