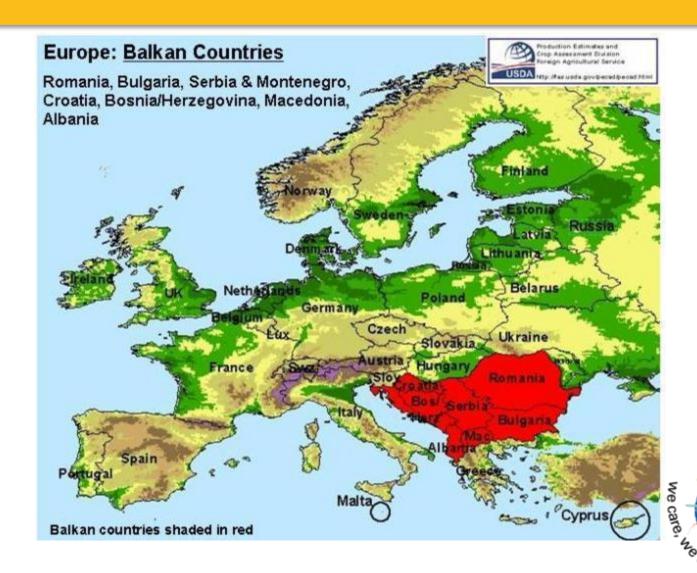


# ICCCPO REGIONAL COOPERATION Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations from former YUGOSLAVIA

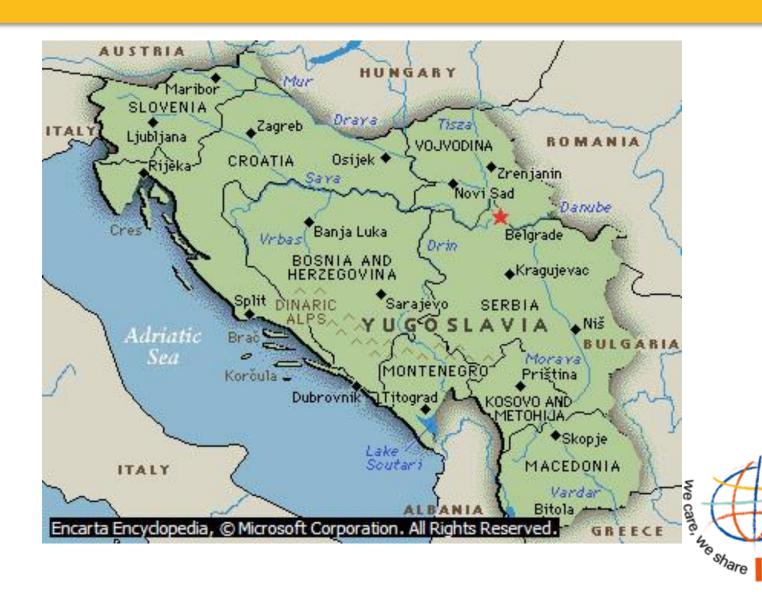
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## **EUROPE – BALKAN REGION**



#### **ONCE UPON A TIME...**



# 1991 - 1997







Cemeteries



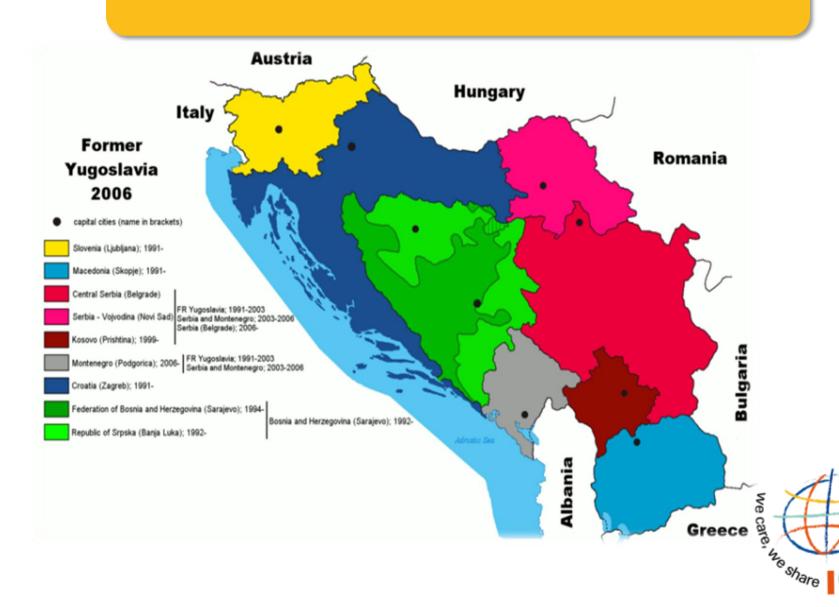




**Destroyed cities** 



### LATER...



## 2001 - 2003

2001 - Sarajevo Bosnia&Herzegovina



2003 -ICCCPO AGA Ireland



2002 – Skopje Macedonia





# 2004 – 15<sup>th</sup> February in Belgrade









#### 2005- Belgrade, Serbia





**2006- Split, Croatia** 



2007- Sarajevo, B&H





#### 2009- Skopje, Macedonia





#### 2010- Ljubljana, Slovenia





#### 2012- Belgrade, Serbia





#### BALKAN REGION – FACTS

- # Yearly: 1000 children get cancer and 250 die
- We are in Europe, but far from EU standards of treatment & care
- Different level of education in Primary Health Care
- No Childhood Cancer Registry except Slovenia
- Clinical trials what we know & we should know?
- We do not all have access to the modern medicines and diagnostic procedures
- Small market no financial interest
- The people are tired of the sad theme
- Illness is a shame and cancer is taboo
- Communication the biggest challenge on all levels



#### BUT...

- Over 70% children survive
- Mostly the treatment for children (up to 18) is covered by the government
- Children are treated according to protocols
- Almost all main physicians are SIOP members and have had training abroad
- Specific treatment is available abroad and is covered by National Health Insurance
- Pediatric Oncology Departments are supported by local Parent groups
- Thanks to the Parents Organizations and individuals, public awareness is at a higher level

#### **RESULTS**

- # 1992 3 parent groups
- 2012 20 parent groups
- Regional web site <u>www.kids-cancer.info</u>
- Regional camps in Croatia and Bosnia&Herzegovina
- Regional survivors network
- ICCD joint activities and participation in regional TV shows
- Regional representatives in PPAC
- Sharing & distributing:
  - "Parent House" model of the project and knowhow
  - printed information about malignant diseases
  - translated cartoon
  - Facebook & Twitter information



# ICCCPO, THANK YOU!































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