

National Association of Supporters and Service Providers of ECI, Slovakia

ECI SERVICES IN SLOVAKIA

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ECI services in Slovakia – TARGET GROUP

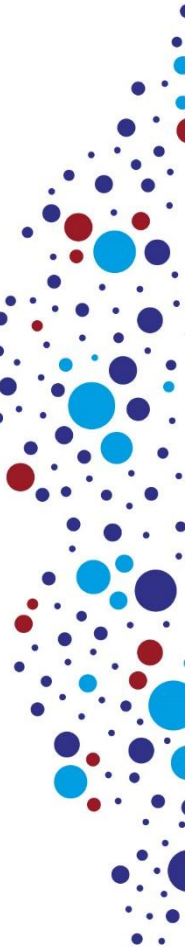
Inhabitans – 5,5 million

TARGET GROUP: Children at risk or with developmental disabilities and their families

- **14 000 children and their families**
 - **3,5 %** of poluation – children at risk or with disiability
 - **11,5 %** of population – family members

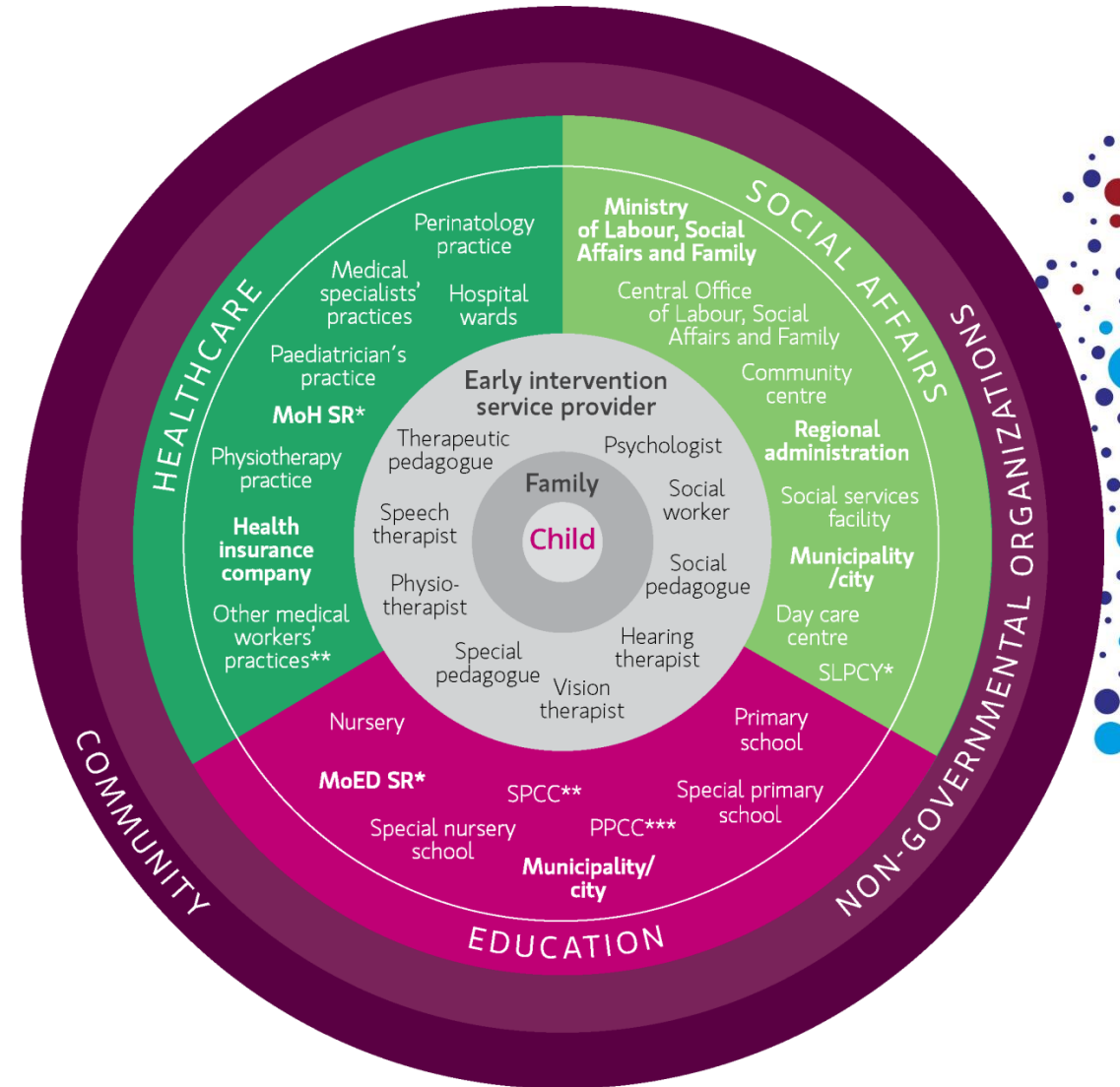
TOTAL 15 % of population affected

- Estimation on the base of statistics of
 - Health annual report
 - Education resort - Centers of specialized pedagogical counselling
 - WHO estimation



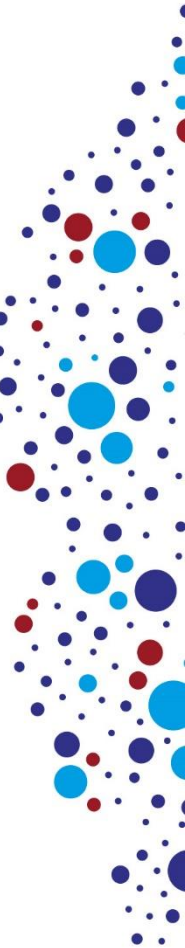
ECI services in Slovakia – PRESENT STATE

- **ECI as a social service** paid by **8 regional governments** methodology mentored **Ministry of Social Affairs**
 - **3,5 % - accessibility**
- **Rehabilitation services** paid by **3 private Health Insurance Companies** – methodology mentored by **Ministry of Health**
 - **accessibility – very low**
- **Stimulation and therapies** paid by special sources at **Ministry of Finance** through municipalities methodologically mentored by state institution under **Ministry of Education**
 - **0,8 % accessibility (2015)**

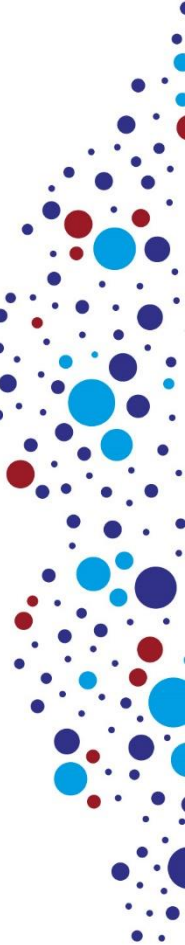
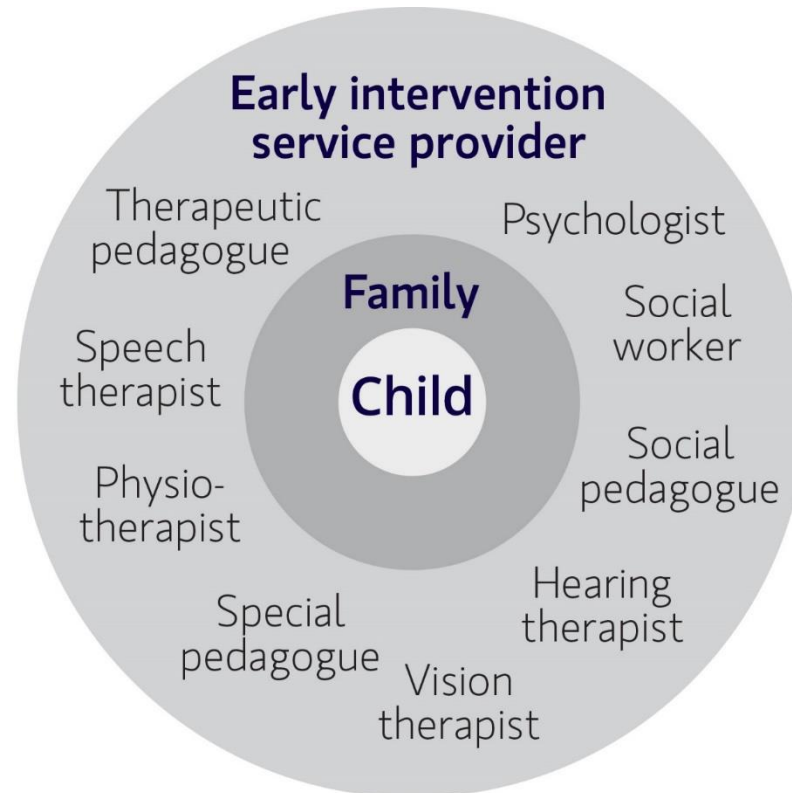


ECI services in Slovakia – PRESENT STATE

- 1. Liability divided in 4 resorts and many authorities**
- 2. Difficult to advocate**
- 3. Lack of experts focused on work with early childhood**
- 4. No unified conception**
- 5. Low financial covering**
- 6. Substitution of state by the NGO's**
- 7. Rehabilitation and therapies paid by families**



ECI services in Slovakia – ECI as a social service



ECI services in Slovakia – ECI as a social service **LEGISLATION**

CONTENT In January **2014** Early Childhood Intervention was first time recognized as a social service guaranteed by the social service law as follows:

Early Childhood Intervention services are being provided to children at risk of developmental delay (age 0-7) and their families

ECI services include:

- specialized social **counselling in the area of legislation rights, networking**
- social rehabilitation – **support to gain potential in self-service daily routines of the child**
- complex developmental stimulation of a child with disability – **empowering parents to manage to stimulate the child in a natural and daily routine based way**
- **preventive activities to prevent exclusion and family segregation**
- community support – **coordination of cooperation with other services and nonformal supporting family network**

ECI is **PRIMARLY mobile service**, only if necessary can be provided as ambulant service

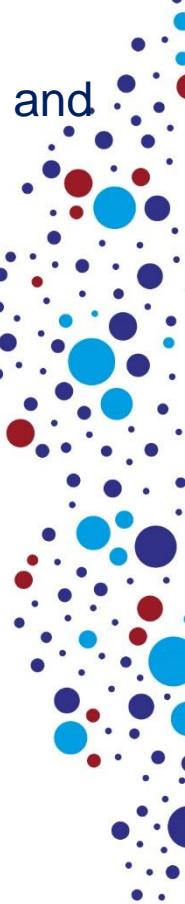
FINANCING

Regional parliaments are **OBLIDGED TO PAY ECI SOCIAL SERVICE** – since 1.1.2018

COOPERATION

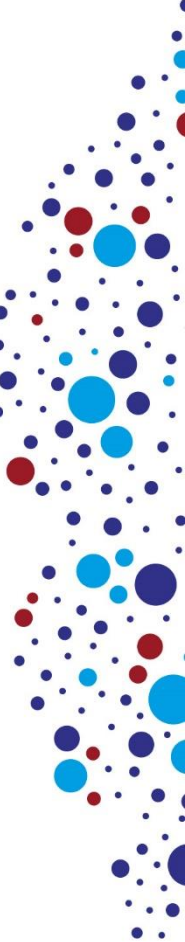
All entities supportinmg children with disabiliies are obligated to cooperate

Providers of ECI under the social sector are obliged to coordinate the cooperation

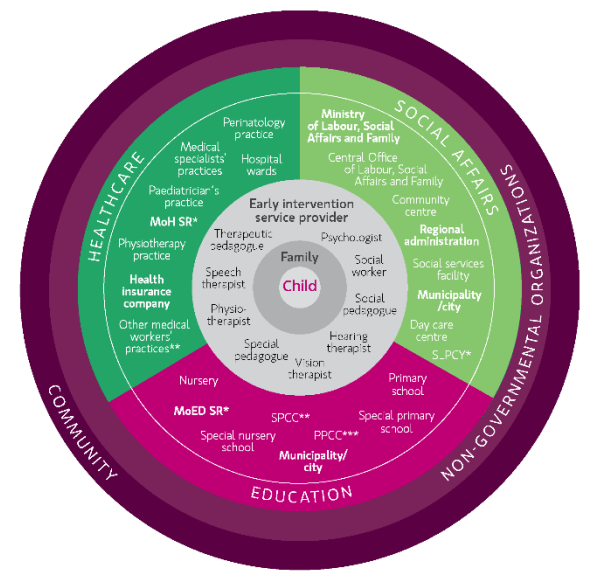
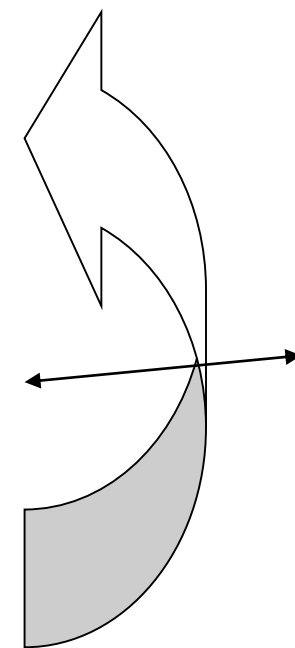
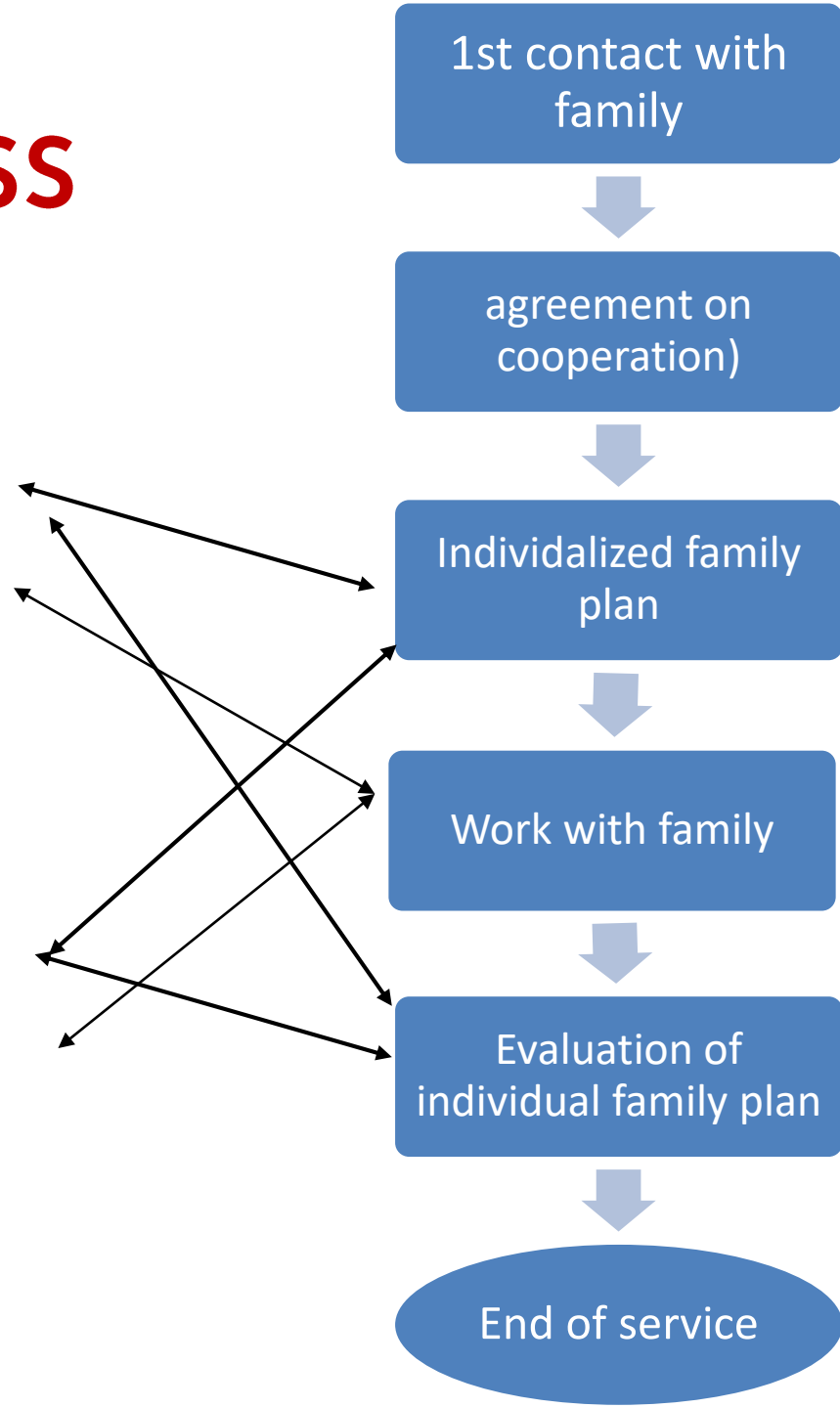


ECI services in Slovakia – ECI as a social service - PRINCIPLES

- 1. Partnership between professionals and parents – wide support for family**
(empowering of families)
- 2. In-home services are a core principle in offered programs anywhere for free**
- 3. Individual family service plan is a key instrument in providing services for clients** *(strength-based, reflective)*
- 4. Transdisciplinary team – work – team of professionals in different areas**
- 5. Building strong relationship btw child and its surrounding**
- 6. ECI acts as resource center for families and network of additional services in health, education and NGO system**
- 7. Transferring the child to next step if possible mainstream services** *(inclusive and based in community)*
- 8. Staff of ECI is trained in accredited program based on the best available ECI knowledge and practices from last 3 years – organized by NASSP**



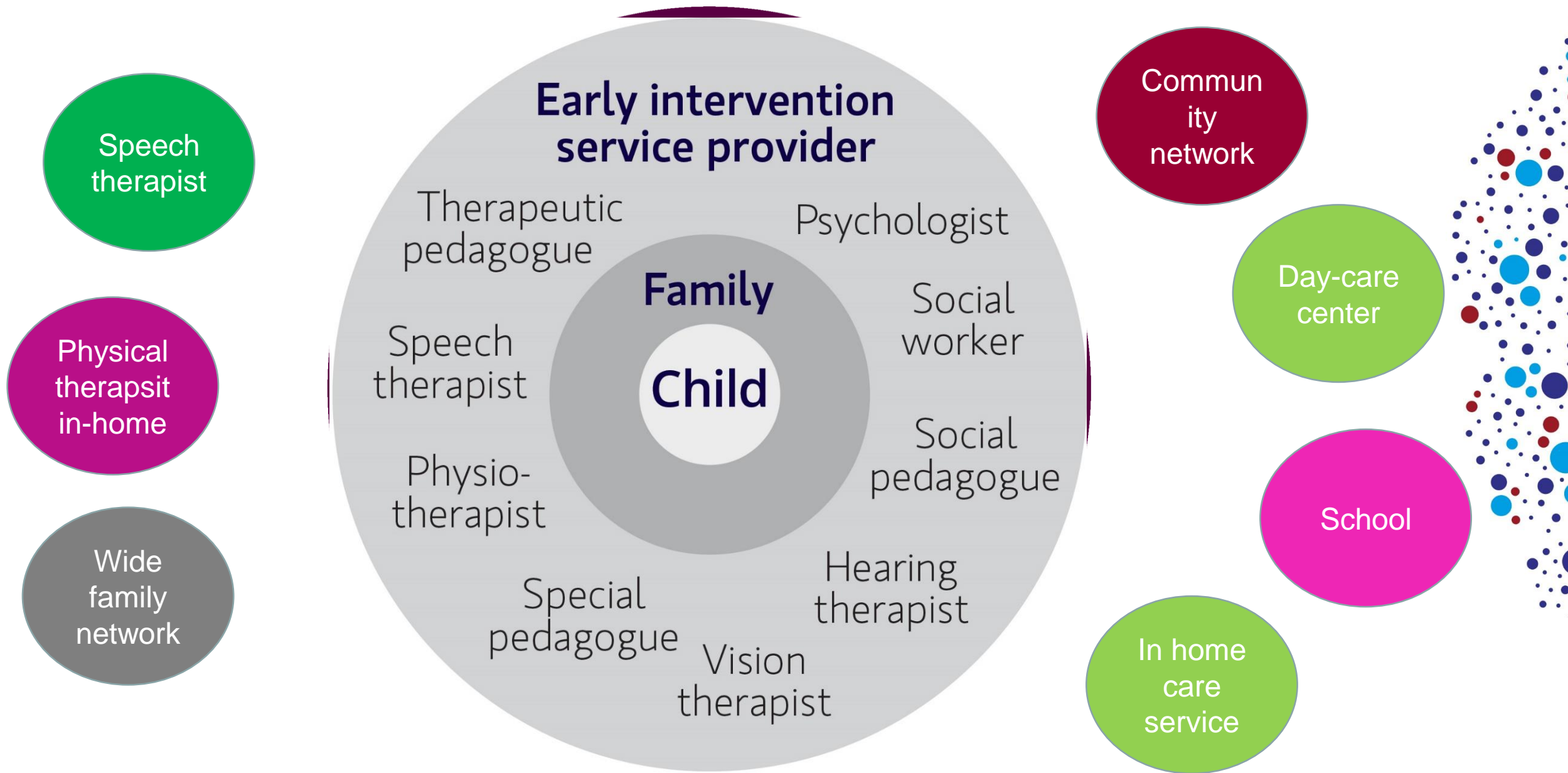
ECI PROCESS



EVALUATION AND PLANNING MEETING



NETWORKING – COOPERATION - INCLUSION

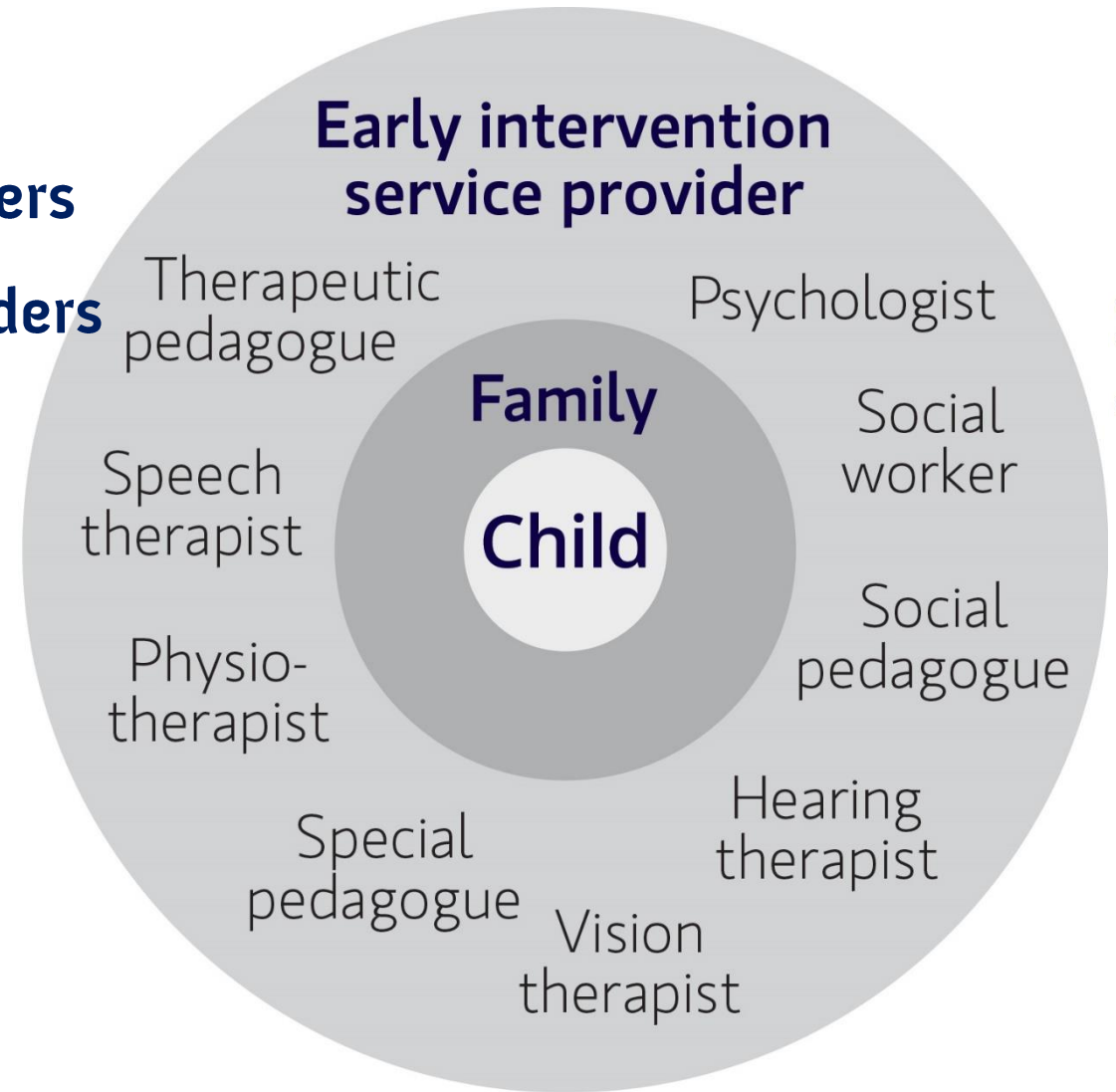


ECI services in Slovakia – ECI as a social service - TEAM

1. 4 professions at big private providers
2. 2-3 professions at small private providers
3. 1-2 rarely 3 professions at public providers

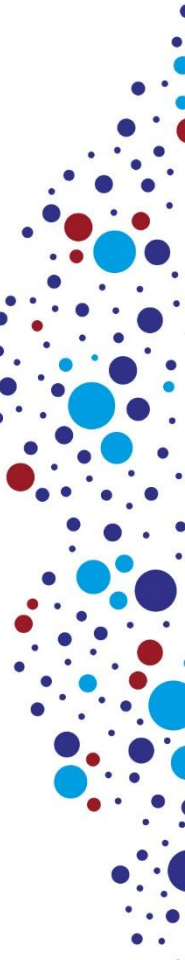
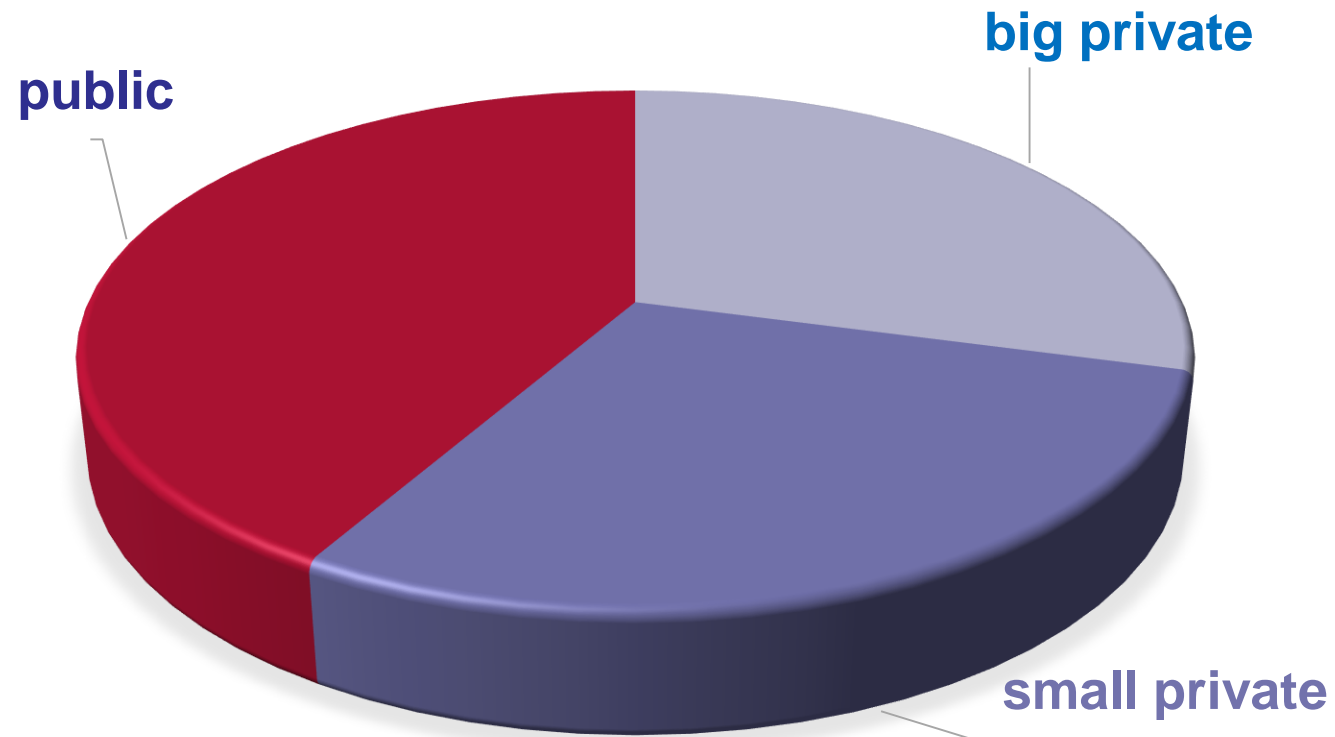
BASE TEAM MOSTLY:

1. Social worker
2. Psychologist
3. Special pedagogue

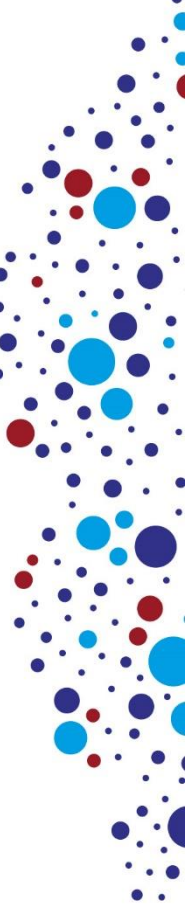
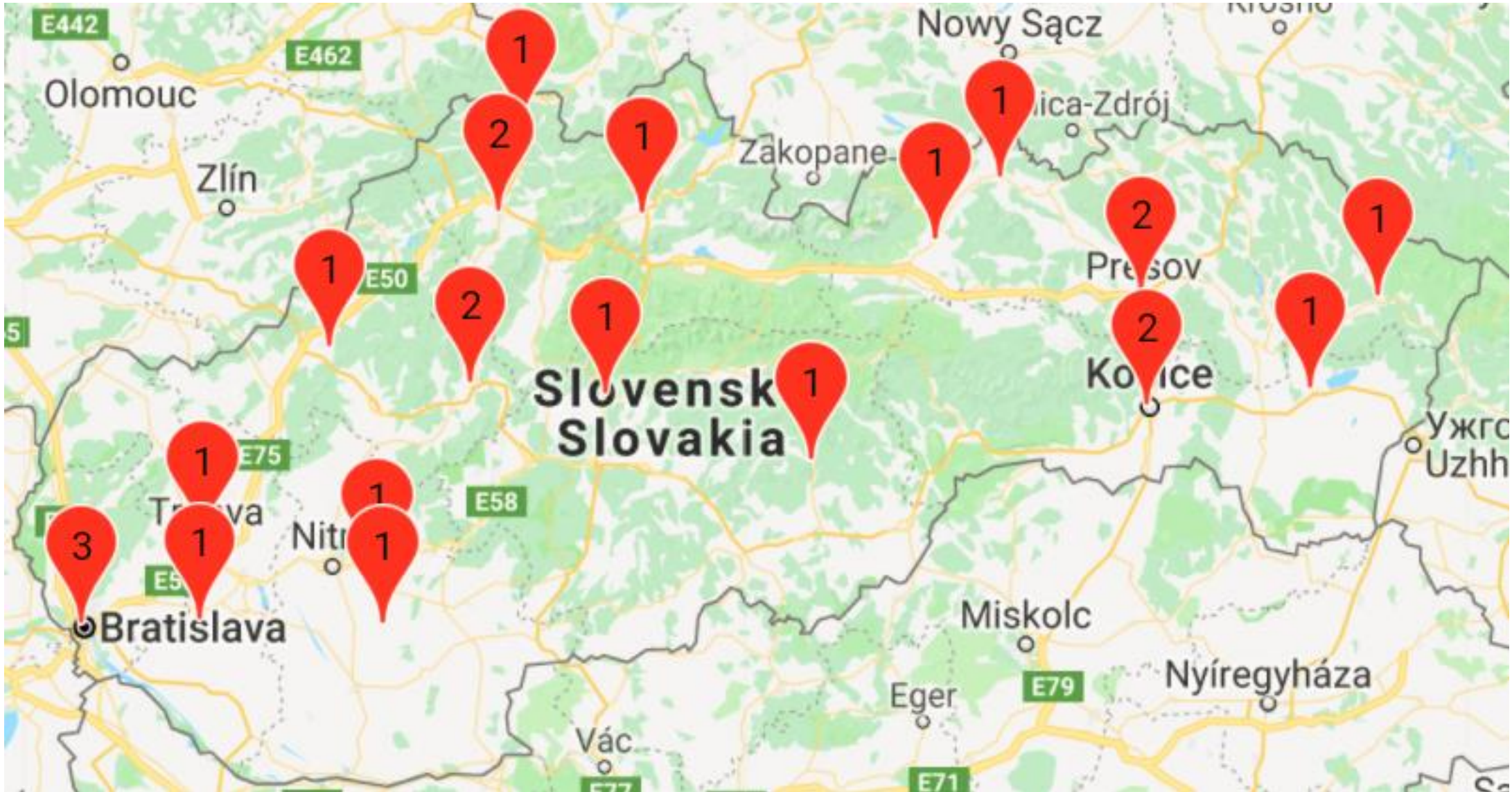


ECI services in Slovakia – ECI as a social service PROVIDERS

- **24 ECI providers registered in SVK**
 - 7 big private and well build established by SOCIA foundation
 - 7 small private
 - 10 public



MAP OF ECI PROVIDERS



ECI services in Slovakia – ECI as a social service UMBRELLA

National Association of Supporters and Service Providers of ECI

- **On the base of providers experience worked out ECI instruction manual and quality standards**
- **advocating ECI**
 - **high quality**
 - **accessibility – regional and financial**
- **support for providers**
- **raising ECI awareness**



ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION



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