

**Information of highly specialized providers, centers of expertise (reference), National networks and European Reference Networks:**

<b>Name of the Country</b>	<b>Slovak republic</b>
<b>Free text (voluntary)</b>	<p>Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare was transposed into Slovak legislation by the Ordinance of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak republic No. 232/2014 Coll. from the 11th August 2014.</p> <p>By the Decree of Government No.578/2012 from 24th October 2012 Government of the Slovak Republic affirmed document „National development strategy of health care on patients with rare diseases for years 2012 and 2013.“ According to Assignment C.1. from above cited decree elaborated Commission of the Ministry of Health document „Proposal of National development program of health care on patients with rare diseases in Slovak republic for years 2015 and 2020“. Part of it is also Action plan of 9 priorities. In the framework of implementation this action plan will be supported 1 - 2 centers of expertise with links to European Reference Network. Since there are not centers of expertise in the Slovak republic we shall not give any proposals at this moment. Implementers of this action plan will be providers of health care in the area of rare diseases as: specialized wards of clinical genetics, gynecology-obstetrics departments as well as Screening center for new born children in the Slovak republic, and other specialized providers of health care (e.g. neurology, ophthalmology, TBC).</p> <p>ERN EU-National designation and assessment practices are still not in force in the Slovak republic but will be performed according to newly issued Assessment Manual and Technical Toolbox for Independent Assessment Bodies.</p>
<b>Title/content of the information provided in the link (1)</b>	National criteria for specialized providers for involvement into centers of expertise are now in preparation
<b>Link 1</b>	