Each week, approximately five women die from cervical cancer in Slovakia. This should not happen because we have all the tools we need to prevent it.

Nearly all cervical cancers are caused by an infection with human papillomavirus (HPV) not successfully controlled by the immune system, which lead to cell changes that, if untreated, become cancer.

The avoidable path to cervical cancer

- **Can be prevented by HPV vaccination**
  - HPV Infection
  - Usually the immune system clears the infection, but sometimes it leads to cell changes

- **Can be detected in time through regular screenings**
  - Precancerous lesions
  - If left untreated, uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells can become cancer

- **Can be prevented by treatment of precancerous lesions**
  - Cervical Cancer
  - Every year we lose 284 women in Slovakia due to cervical cancer

Data source: Global Cancer Observatory, International Agency for Research on Cancer.

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To eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem we need:

- 90% of girls HPV vaccinated by age of 15.
- 70% of women screened by 35 years of age and ageing by 45.
- 90% of women identified with cervical disease receive treatment.

What is PRESCRIP-TEC doing in Slovakia?

- Informing and sensitising women about the screening process for higher accessibility and acceptability of the screening programs.
- Facilitating self HPV testing at home to make things easier for women living in remote areas.
- Introducing artificial intelligence in the gynaecological examination to improve diagnosis precision and to make work easier for health workers.
- Providing women who need treatment of cervical lesions immediate assistance.

In Slovakia there are three leading partners working in PRESCRIP-TEC Project: **Trnava University** is responsible for the overall project coordination, along with scientific coordination, sample management and analysis. **Healthy Regions** are primarily in charge of community-related work. **League Against Cancer** oversees integration with existing national programs and strategies, and works towards increasing awareness.

Slovak consortium partners are also receiving assistance and expertise from the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic. Together they are working mainly in two impact areas:

- **Roma population** – Pre-selected around 32 villages as potential target areas, in three self-governed regions of Slovakia (Banskobystrický, Košický and Prešovský kraj).
- **Factory setting** – In the process of selecting

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**Together we can end cervical cancer!**

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