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Euthanasia -which also called as Mercy killing- was first used in a Medical Contexts by Francois Bacon. Euthanasia can be define as an easy or painless death, or the intentional ending of the life of a person suffering from an incurable or painful disease at his or her request. Euthanasia may be classified into three types : voluntary, involuntary and Non voluntary and those types can be divided into two group, passive and active euthanasia. Passive euthanasia means killing someone by injection of a drug, active injection means killing someone by shutting down his or her artificial life support such as feeding tubes or ventilators.

In Slovakia any kind of assisted suicide is considered as a crime under the Criminal Code and the person who helps the euthanasia can be punished by 6 months to 3 years as a crime of participation. In Slovakia the constitution provides basic human rights guarantees in respect to right to life and protection of human dignity and also According to Art. 15 par. 2 of the Constitution of the Slovakia Republic "no one shall be deprived of his life." That's why the criminal code prohibits any kind of assisted suicide also its against God's will.