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The rapid development of medicine, which allows sustaining patient's life even in the most advanced stage of a disease, shifts the boundary of death and addresses the question of its moment, in legal terms. The principle of autonomy of the patient's will is often questioned by the wish to withdraw from persistent therapy. It may be challenging to draw a line of such autonomy, as euthanasia as well as other behaviours that can have such sings are on the borderline of law, medicine and ethics.

In this paper, I will address the current dilemmas related to the autonomy of a patient, related to legal regulation of euthanasia. and assisted suicide in some European countries (the Netherlands and Poland), in broader socio –economic context.