



## Useful EU information on organ donation and transplantation

### 1) EU funded and co-funded Projects



#### European Training Program on Organ Donation - EPTOD

The aim of this project is to design a professional European Training Program on Organ Donation (ETPOD) at different levels.

The objectives are:

- contribute to an increase in organ donation knowledge
- maximize the impact in the growth of organ donation rates
- disseminate reliable information in order to raise organ donation consciousness and to encourage a positive attitude towards it

<http://etpod.il3.ub.edu/etpod.html>



#### European living donation and public health

The project will contribute to reaching a consensus on European common legal and ethical standards, regarding protection and registration practices related to living organ donors in order to guarantee the health and safety of these donors.

<http://www.eulivingdonor.eu>



#### ALLIANCE-O

Alliance-O was a coordination action of the [ERA Net](#) scheme of the 6th framework programme of DG RESEARCH. Main objective: improving organ transplantation efficiency through coordinated action between national/regional research programmes in the 7 member state partners in this project.

<http://www.alliance-o.org/>



#### EUROCET – European Registry for Organs, Tissues and Cells

The aim of Eurocet is to collect and publish official and updated figures on organs, tissues and cells donation and transplantation activities. EURO CET is a project funded under the e-TEN programme of the European Commission.

<http://www.eurocet.org/>



## **DOPKI – Improving the knowledge and practice in organ donation**

The **DOPKI** project addresses the problem of organ shortage. It develops a common methodology to improve organ donation rates.

<http://www.dopki.eu/>



Transplantation tolerance

## **RISSET - Reprogramming the Immune System for Establishment of Tolerance**

RISSET is a multinational European project financed by the European Commission within the Sixth Framework Programme. Research is being carried out on ways to improve the acceptance of the transplant by the human body. The objective of this EC project is to ensure that its scientific achievements will be translated into clinical practice and further development by the industry.

<http://www.risetfp6.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Awo3.woa>

## **2) International and European organisations**

### **Council of Europe - European Directorate for quality of Medicines and HealthCare (EDQM)**

[http://www.edqm.eu/medias/fichiers/10th\\_European\\_Day\\_for\\_Organ\\_Donation\\_and\\_Transplantation.pdf](http://www.edqm.eu/medias/fichiers/10th_European_Day_for_Organ_Donation_and_Transplantation.pdf)

or

<http://www.edqm.eu/site/News-and-General-Information-44.html>

### **World Health Organisation (WHO) - Transplantation**

<http://www.who.int/transplantation/en/>

### **Eurotransplant**

<http://www.eurotransplant.nl/>

### **Scandiatransplant**

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/>

### **European society of organ transplantation (ESOT)**

<http://www.esot.org/>

### **European Transplant Coordinators Organization (ETCO)**

<http://www.etco.org/>



### 3) National organisations

- **Belgium: Beldonor**

<http://www.beldonor.be>

- **Bulgaria: Bultransplant**

<http://www.bultransplant.bg/>

- **Croatia: Donor Network of Croatia**

<http://www.hdm.hr/>

- **Czech Republic: Czech Transplantation Coordinating Centre (KST)**

<http://www.kst.cz/web/home-en.php>

- **France: Agence de la biomédecine**

<http://www.agence-biomedecine.fr/fr/index.aspx>

- **Germany: Deutsche Stiftung Organtransplantation (DSO)**

<http://www.dso.de/>

- **Greece:**

<http://www.eom.gr/>

- **Hungary: HungaroTransplant**

<http://www.htp.hu/>

- **Italy: Italian National Transplant Centre (CNT)**

<http://www.trapianti.ministerosalute.it/>



- **Lithuania: Lithuanian Bureau on Organ Transplantation**

<http://www.transplantacija.lt/lt.php>

- **Netherlands: Nederlandse Transplantatie Vereniging**

<http://www.transplantatievereniging.nl/>

- **Poland: Poltransplant**

<http://www.poltransplant.org.pl/>

- **Portugal: Organização Portuguesa de Transplantação**

<http://www.opt.min-saude.pt/>

- **Romania: Romtransplant**

<http://www.romtransplant.ro/>

- **Slovakia**

<http://www.mfn.sk/>

- **Slovenia: Slovenija Transplant**

<http://www.slovenija-transplant.si/index.php?id=105&L=2>

- **Spain: Organización Nacional de Trasplantes (ONT)**

[www.ont.es](http://www.ont.es)

- **United Kingdom: UK Transplant**

<http://www.uktransplant.org.uk/ukt/default.jsp>



#### 4) Patient organisations

**European Kidney Patients` Federation (CEAPIR)**

<http://www.ceapir.org/wb/index.php>

**Alpha One Foundation and Alfa Europe**

<http://www.alfaeurope.org/>

**European Kidney health alliance**

<http://www.ekha.eu/>

**Cystic Fibrosis Europe**

<http://www.cfww.org/CFE/>

**Donor Action Foundation**

<http://www.donoraction.org/>

**European Heart and Lung Transplant Federation**

<http://www.ehtf.info/>

**European Organisation for Rare Diseases**

[http://www.eurordis.org/secteur.php3?id\\_rubrique=10](http://www.eurordis.org/secteur.php3?id_rubrique=10)

#### 5) EU information sources



The campaign **Europe for Patients** launched by Commissioner Vassiliou on 30 September 2008 incorporates 10 health care related policy initiatives. They share a common aim **better health care for all in Europe**. One of the policy initiatives is **organ donation and transplantation**. A webpage with news, events and media related to the Europe for Patients campaign is available in all EU languages.

**Health-EU - Europe for Patients**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/europe\\_for\\_patients/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/europe_for_patients/index_en.htm)



The **Health-EU portal** promotes a wide range of information and data on health-related issues and activities at both European and international level. It intends to provide European citizens with easy access to comprehensive **information on Public Health initiatives and programmes at EU level.**

**Health-EU - Patient Safety – safety of healthcare: blood, tissues and organs**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/care\\_for\\_me/patient\\_safety/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/care_for_me/patient_safety/index_en.htm)

**Health-EU - Quality Assurance – public health: blood, tissues and organs**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/care\\_for\\_me/quality\\_assurance/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/care_for_me/quality_assurance/index_en.htm)



The **Health-EU Newsletter** which complements the information on the Health-EU portal provides you twice monthly with a selection of the latest news and activities in the field of public health at both European and international level. **The 26 November edition covers "Organ donation and transplantation – a European approach" by Rafael Matesanz, Director of the National Transplant Organisation (ONT), Spain.**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/newsletter/26/newsletter\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/newsletter/26/newsletter_en.htm)



**EU Public Health Website**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_threats/human\\_substance/organs\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_threats/human_substance/organs_en.htm)

The European Commission adopted a Communication on organ donation and transplantation on 30 May 2007 and a comprehensive impact assessment which identifies the major policy challenges in respect to organ donation and transplantation. These include ensuring quality and safety for human organs, increasing organ availability, and enhancing the efficiency and accessibility of transplantation systems in the EU Member States. The results of an open consultation launched by the Commission demonstrated the wide support for EU initiatives in this field.

On 3 December 2008 the Commission adopted a proposal for a Directive that defines quality and safety requirements for human organs intended for transplantation, as well as an Action Plan for improving co-operation between Member States in this field.