

### ***EUROCET: a dissemination event***

The EUROCET project started on 1 September 2005 with the aim of validating a registry aimed at collecting public, official and updated figures on organ, tissue and cell donation and transplantation activities in participating Member States. The project builds on the successes of the EURODONOR project and extends this service to six new Member States: Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

In order to disseminate the project results, a one day workshop will be organized for widespreading project outcomes and perspectives. The event will be kindly hosted by the European Parliament and held in Brussels on 7 February (Paul Henri Spak Building – PHS7C005 Rue Wiertz, 60, Brussels), during which, the EUROCET project and portal will be presented and its potentials will be discussed. It is expected to be an inter-exchange place for the organizations working in the transplant sector and European Institutions. Moreover, the portal should also be the means to inform citizens, providing them the knowledge tools to fully understand all issues related to the transplantation process.

The creation of a registry is a means to achieve higher value objectives, such as:

- delivering updated and official information to all European citizens, patients, professional operators and institutions,
- reducing the technological gap between IT friendly countries and not IT friendly countries through a best practice and know-how sharing,
- facilitating the information-flow between experts and raising transparency in every phase of the process,
- improving co-operation among European countries for building a European culture and deontology towards donation and transplantation,
- setting the grounds for a general improvement of quality and safety in this field;
- supporting Institutional Bodies through the project results,
- Increasing public awareness and sensibility towards the value of donation at the social and human level.

The workshop will therefore address the different actors in the field that could be interested in getting acquainted with the results of the Eurocet project. The first part of the workshop will be dedicated to the presentation of the different aspects of the project, in this part special attention will be dedicated to the features of the portal. The second part "Impact of the project for major stakeholders" will be devoted to the portal as a practical tool for citizens and for experts in the field. The last part of the workshop will focus on more European issues related to transplant. The discussion in fact will move to some aspects of the specific fields "Organ exchange and patient mobility in the European Union" and "application of 23/2004 EU Directive on tissues and cells and Research on transplantation and the European Union" and a talk on cell registries. The workshop will be closed by a speech on "Harmonization problems at European level".