Final Report Summary - LIVING DONATION (Living Organ Donation in Europe)

The project on living organ donation in Europe (EULOD project) ran from April 1, 2010 until September 30th 2012 and was a coordination action that aimed to 1) establish an inventory of living donation practices in Europe, 2) explore and promote living donation as a way to increase organ availability and 3) develop tools that improve the quality and safety of living organ donations in Europe.

This action aimed to achieve broad European coverage with a specific focus on new EU Member States. 11 partners from 10 different countries were involved. It drew upon the support, knowledge and network of the European platform on Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Organ Transplantation (ELPAT) and the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT).
To fulfil these objectives, this project contained 2 scientific research packages. The first package focused on living unrelated donation practices in Europe. The second package focused on legal restrictions and safeguards for living donations in Europe. The remaining three work packages ensure the coordination of this work, dissemination of the project results and the organisation of meetings.

Our research activities resulted in 14 deliverables, namely scientific articles, reports and best practice proposals. 7 of these deliverables contain the results and recommendations of our studies. These final results are expected to lead to a better understanding of the issues surrounding living unrelated donation in Europe, and are expected to contribute to the improvement of the quality and safety for human organs, promotion of good medical practices, and the identification of relevant research areas and future needs. Through the research conducted in this project, a better insight was gained in the way European societies deal with the option of living unrelated donation. With this project we respond to EU policy needs, namely the need to communicate and exchange best practices on organ living donation programmes among EU Member States, and the need to enhance organisational models of organ donation and transplantation in the EU member states, in order to relieve the current organ shortage. Currently, with the editing and publication of our EULOD book, we will continue with the same enthusiasm to fulfil our objectives and to maximally disseminate the main findings to all relevant stakeholders beyond the projects end-date.

Related documents

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