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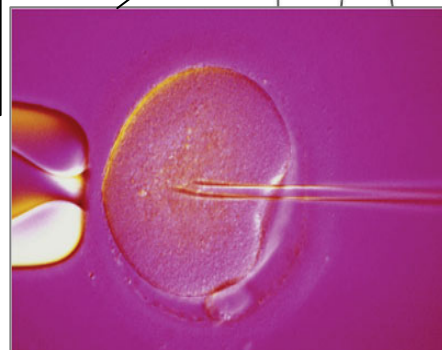
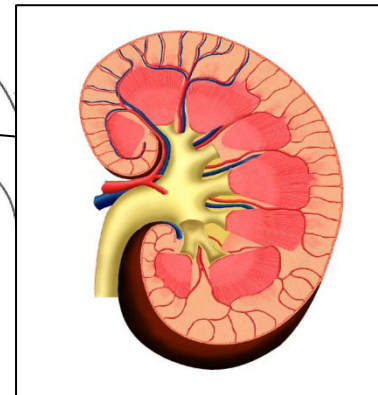
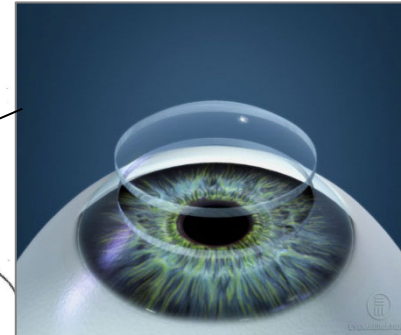
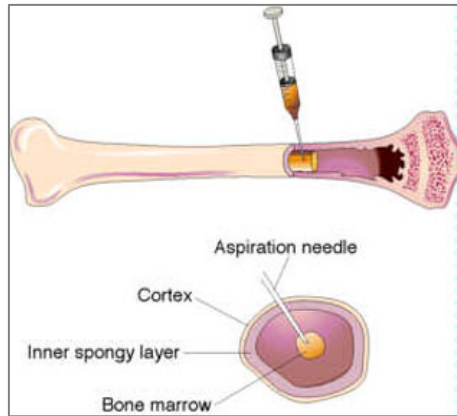
**Journalist Workshop on Organ donation and transplantation
7 October 2013**

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Substances of human origin ("SoHO")



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3 sectors explicitly mentioned in the Treaty as « SoHO »:

→ **Blood and blood derivatives**

→ **Tissues and cells**

→ **Organs**

- **kidneys**
- **livers**
- **hearts**
- **lungs**
- **pancreas**
- **small bowel**

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Organ Transplants in the European Union - 2012

GO DT Global Observatory on Donation & Transplantation

In collaboration with World Health Organization



EUROPEAN UNION DATA

Kidney Transplants	Liver Transplants	Heart Transplants	Lung Transplants	Pancreas Transplants	Small Bowel Transplants	Patients Transplanted
18854 (21,0% LD)	6845 (3,6% LD)	1960	1756	825	34	30274

9637 ACTUAL DECEASED ORGAN DONORS (both DBD and DCD included)

***2012 data**

N= 27 COUNTRIES (503,1 million inhabitants)

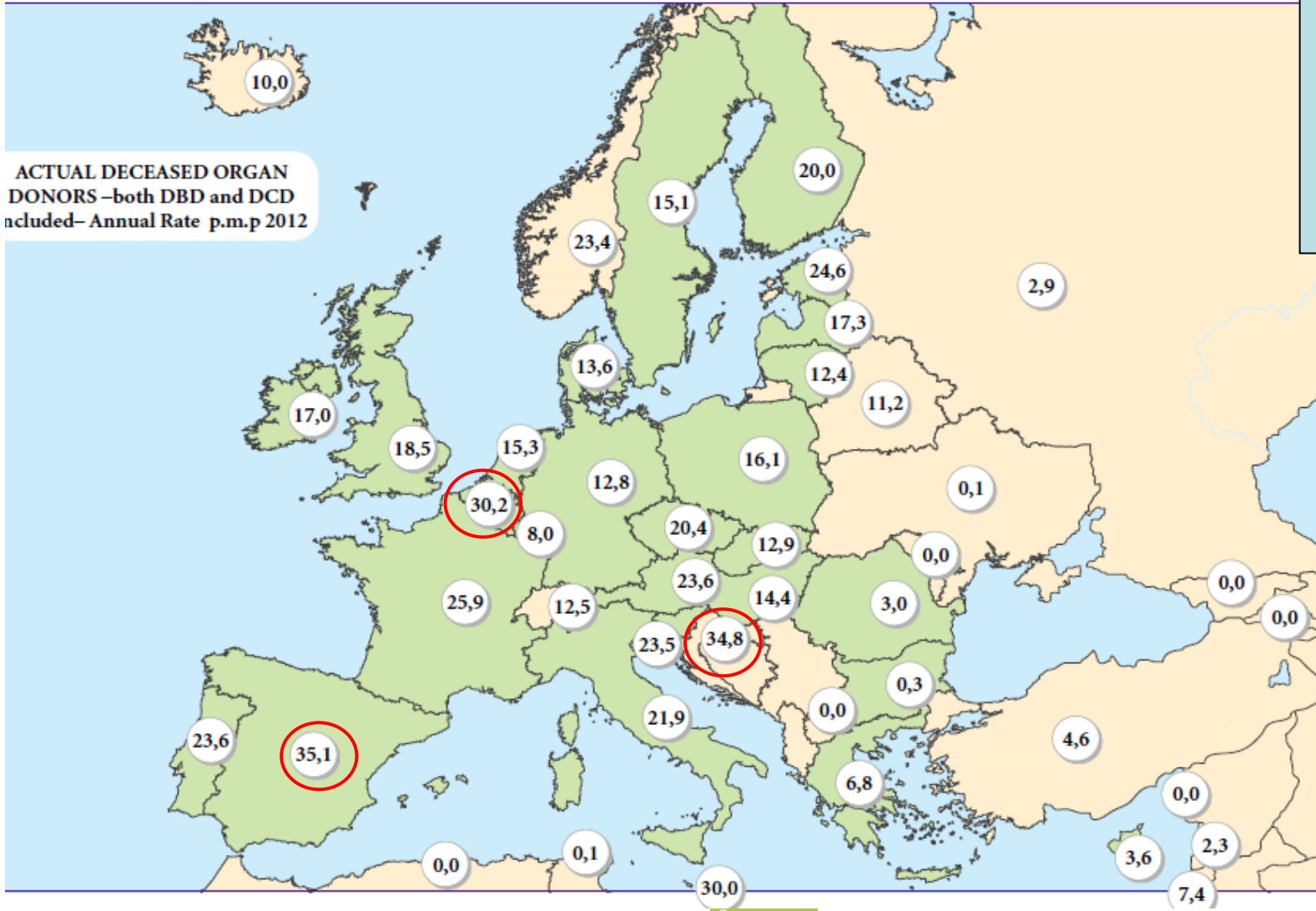
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Deceased organ donors - 2012



In terms of **deceased** donation:

Best practices in the **south** of Europe

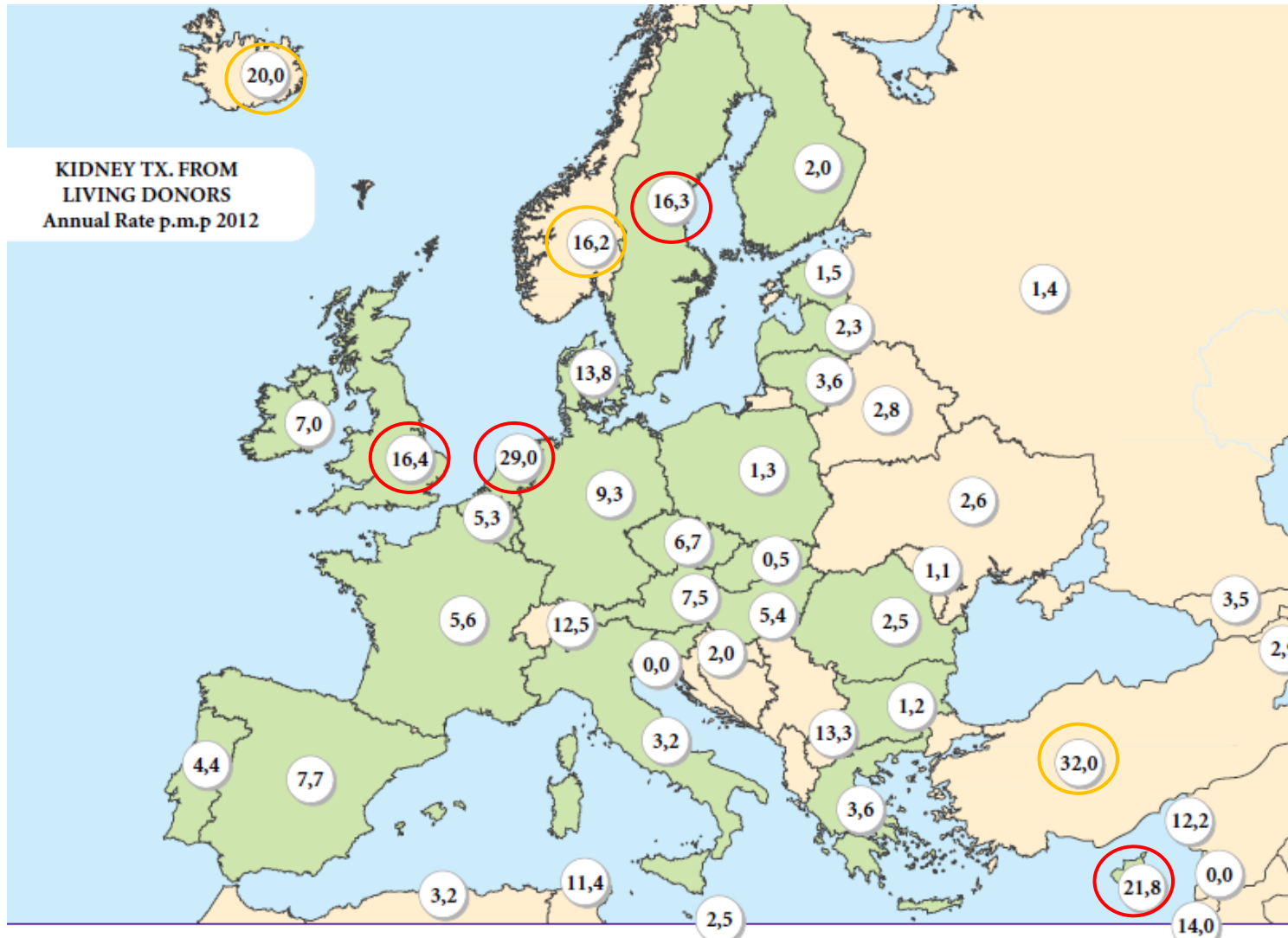


Source: Council of Europe / ONT 2013 Transplant Newsletter



Kidney transplants from living donors – 2012

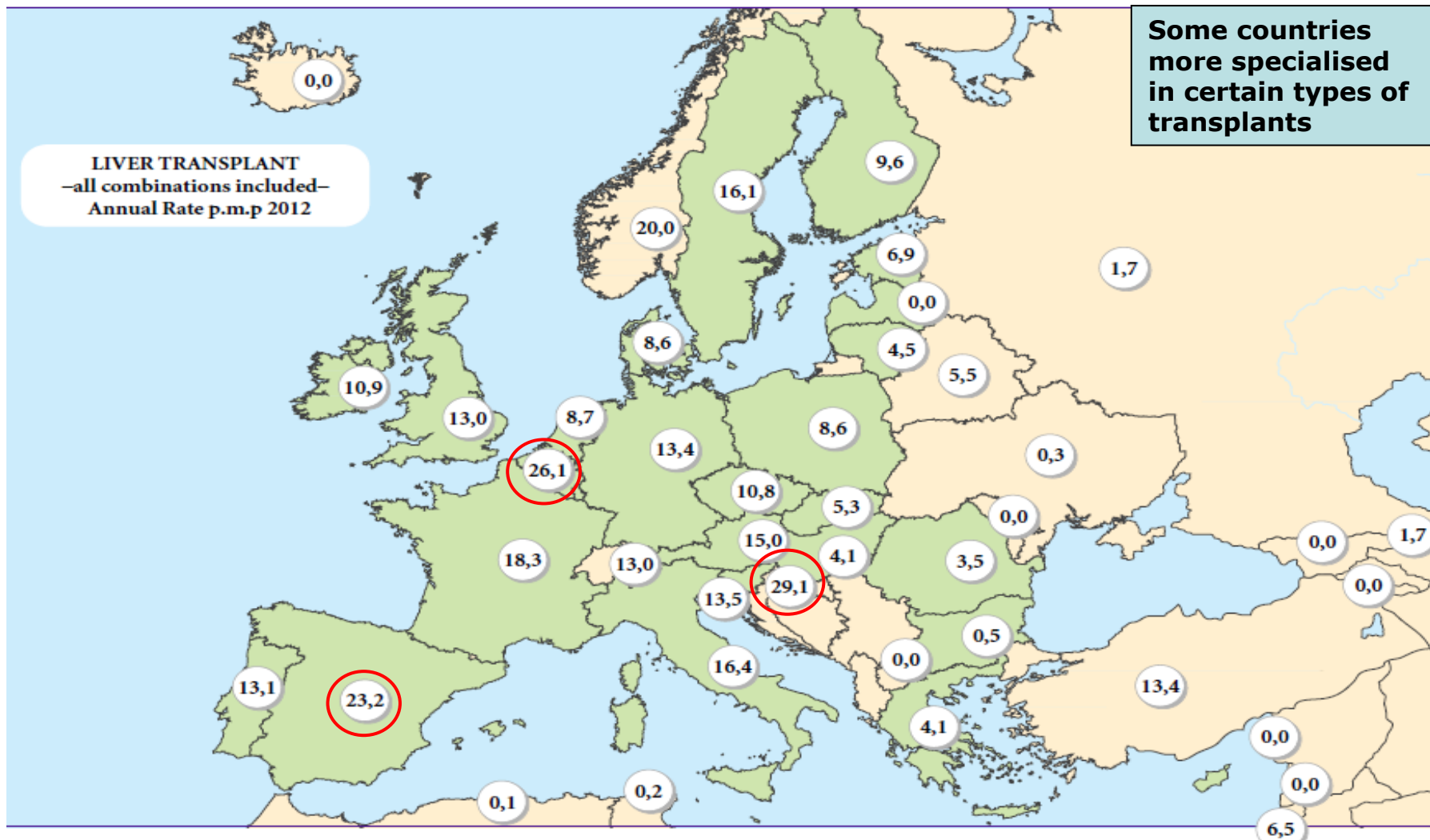
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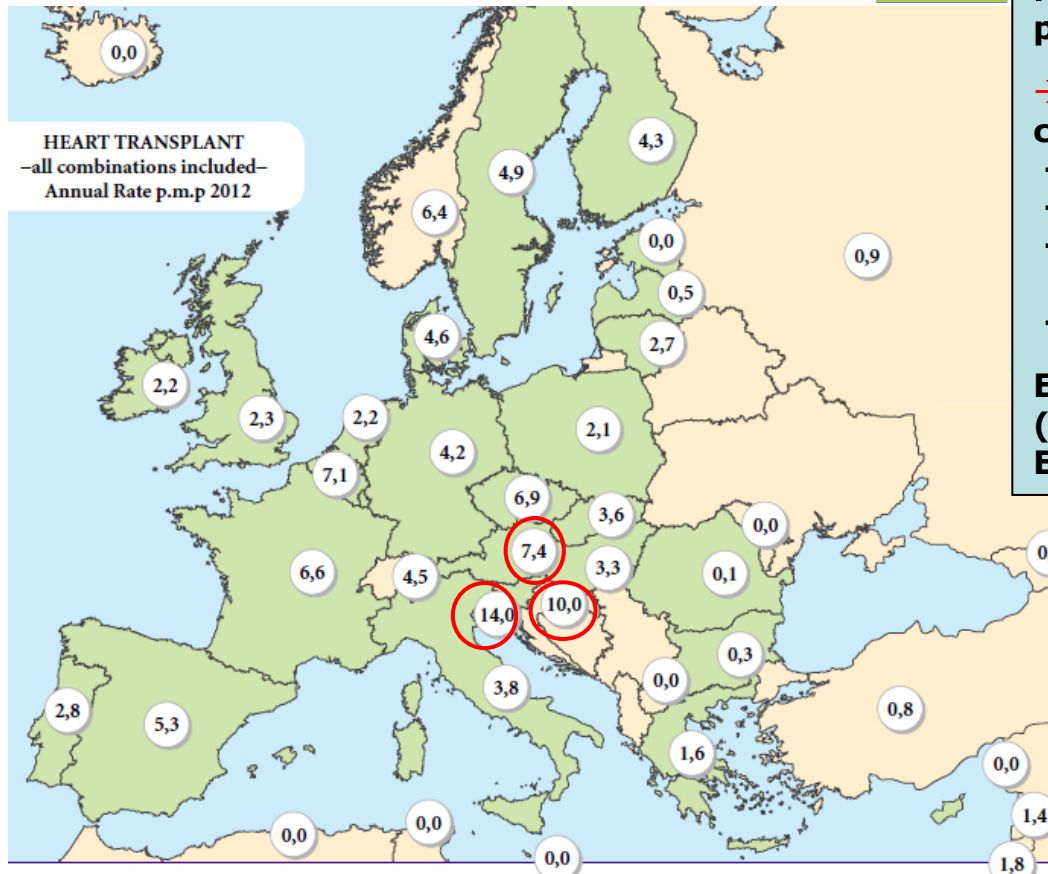
In terms of **living** donation:
Best practices in the **north** of Europe + **Cyprus, Turkey**

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Liver transplants – 2012



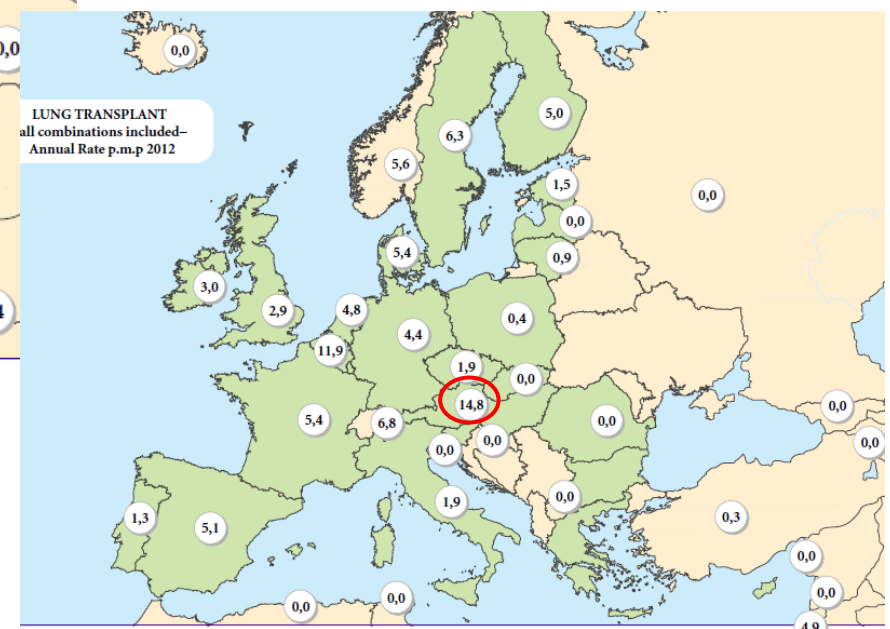
Heart, lung... transplants - 2012



Not all countries have all types of transplant programmes

- **Bilateral or multilateral agreements** between countries can be useful:
- to exchange organs
 - to treat patients
 - also better chances for a good « match » between donor organ and recipient
 - to support building own capacities (twinning)

Eurotransplant (8 countries), Scandiatransplant (5) and South Alliance for Transplant (3) are European Organ Exchange Organisations





Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union:
"setting **high standards of quality and safety of organs** and substances
of human origin, blood and blood derivatives"

■ **Directive 2010/53/EU** of the European Parliament and Council on
standards of quality and safety of human organs intended for transplantation

- Adopted on 7 July 2010
- To be transposed by into national laws by 27 August 2012
- Establish/consolidate « National Competent Authorities » (NCAs) in charge of the quality and safety framework
- NCAs meet twice a year in Brussels, participate in EU-funded projects...

■ **Commission Implementing Directive 2012/25/EU** laying down
information procedures for the exchange, between Member States, of human
organs intended for transplantation

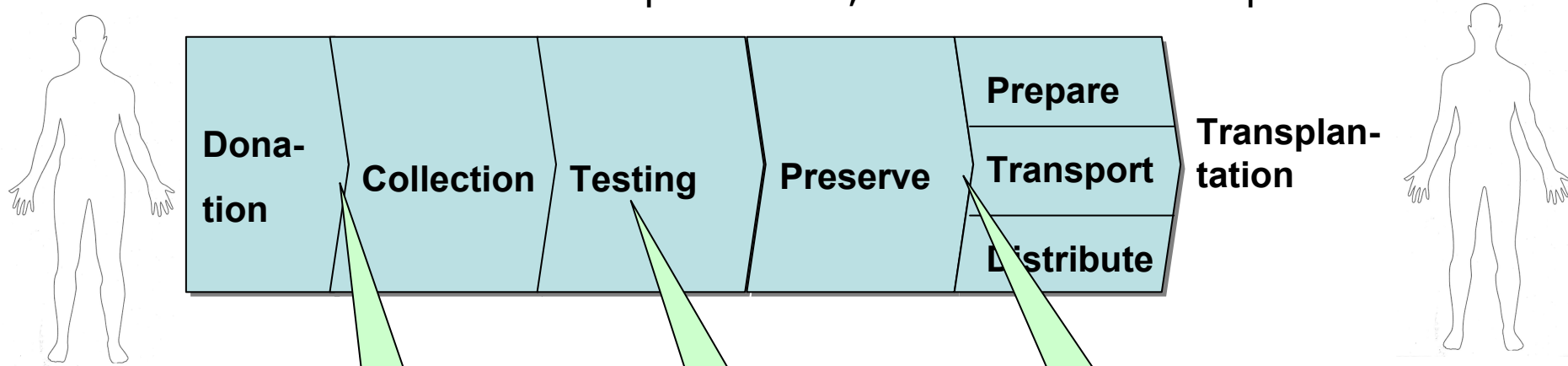
- Aligns communications on organ characterisation (offering), traceability and alerts
- Adopted on 9 October 2012
- To be transposed by into national laws until 9 April 2014



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Directive 2010/53/EU Key elements for quality and safety

- Chain from donation to transplantation, from donor to recipient



■ 3 levels:

- ① **Procurement/transplant centres**
 - Selection, consent...
 - HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C...
 - Processing Quality requirements
- ② **National Competent Authorities**
 - Oversight: vigilance, traceability, accreditation, inspection...
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 - Support tools: traceability, rapid alert system system...



Directive 2010/53/EU Outside the scope

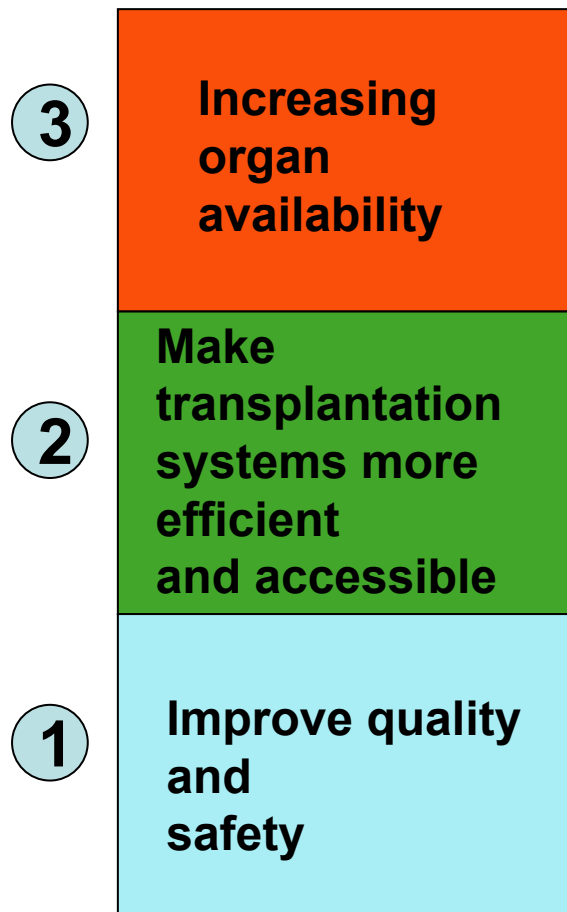
- The following areas are **outside of the scope of the Directive**:
 - Consent systems (opt-in / opt-out)
 - Waiting lists
 - Allocation criteria
 - Legislation around brain death
 - Health systems and resources
- The areas remain **national competence**
- However, the Commission can encourage Member States to **share experiences through collaboration under the Action Plan** (voluntary tool)



- **International cooperation** (Council of Europe, WHO)
- Activities under the **Action Plan on organ donation and transplantation (2009-2015)** (a Communication from the Commission adopted in December 2008) – 3 main objectives:
 - increase organ availability
 - improve transplant systems (efficiency and accessibility)
 - improve quality and safety
- **Tools** at disposal under the Action Plan:
 - **Projects** funded under the **EU Health Programme**
 - **Working groups:**
 - deceased donation (Manual on how to set a system of transplant donor coordination)
 - indicators
 - living donation
 - **Journalists Workshops**



Organ donation and transplantation: policy actions at EU level



EU LEGAL FRAMEWORK

= Directive

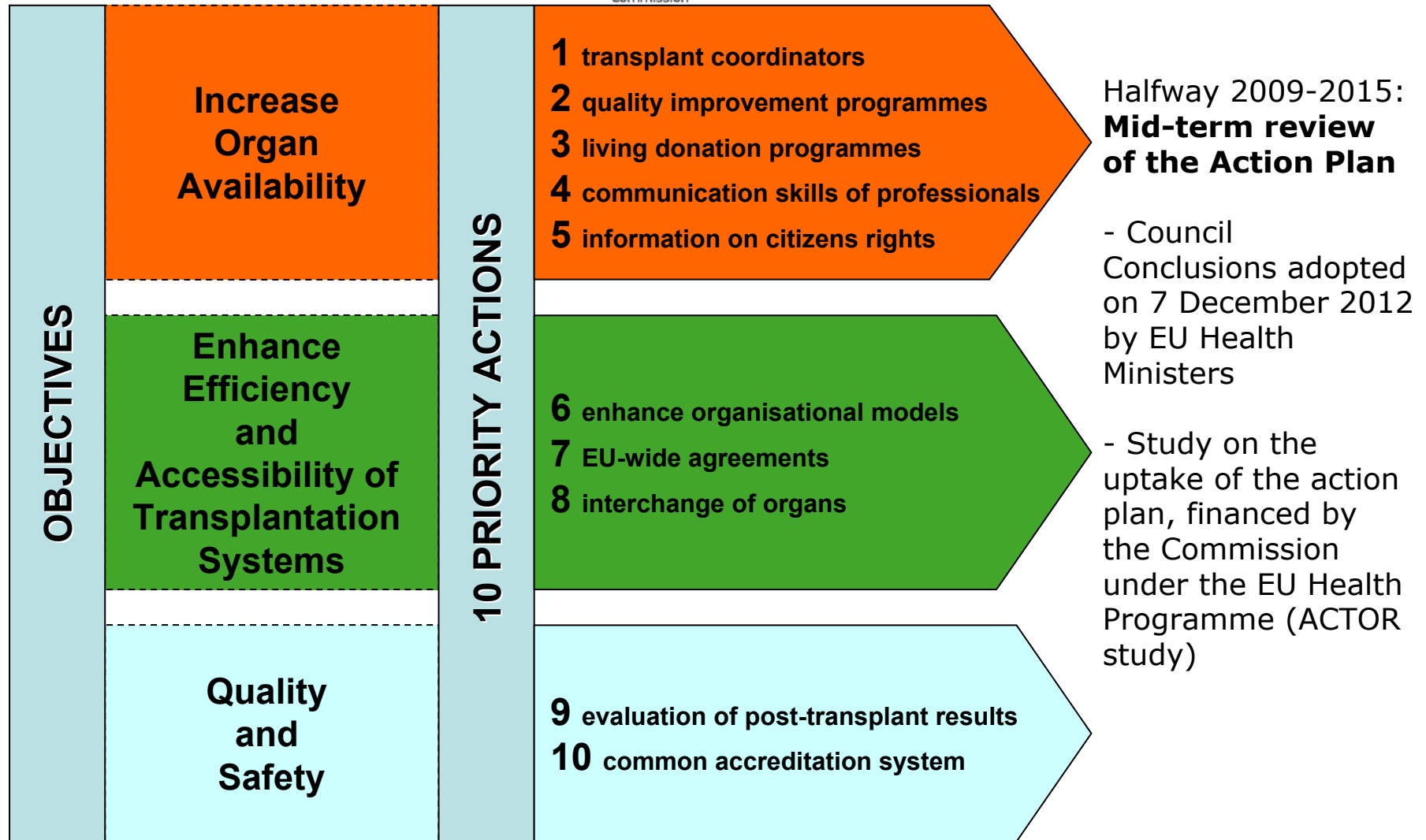
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10 PRIORITY ACTIONS (2009-2015)

= Action Plan



The Action Plan (2009-2015)



Council conclusions: http://ec.europa.eu/health/blood_tissues_organ/docs/organs_council_ccl_2012_en.pdf
ACTOR study: http://ec.europa.eu/health/blood_tissues_organ/docs/organs_actor_study_2013_en.pdf



Examples of projects funded under EU Health Programme

Projects database: <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/projects/database.html>

- Project: **“Train the trainers in transplant donor coordination”** (2011)
 - for national/regional/local trainers (80 participants from all Europe)
 - to increase organ availability

- Joint action **ACCORD – Assisting Member States in reaching the full potential of deceased and living donation** (2012-2015)
 - Collaboration between transplant coordinators and intensive care units
 - Registers for living donors
 - Twinning programmes

- Project to support **cross-border exchanges: FOEDUS – Facilitating exchange of organs donated in EU Member States** (2013-2016)
 - further develop an IT tool to offer organs cross-border
 - encourage cross-border agreements to facilitate organ exchanges
 - agree on communication strategies

Also: COORENOR, EDD, EULID, ELIPSY, EFRETOS, ODEQUS... projects
See in the press pack: “useful links”

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Also **Research projects** funded under the Framework Programmes (FP6, FP7): DOPKI, Alliance-O, RISET, HepaMab, The ONE study, COPE...

Life after death

The Flemish non-profit Navado brings relatives of organ donors together in times of grief



On 28 February, 2000, the Van Kempen family experienced its darkest day: Eight-year-old Kelly fell down the stairs while playing with her two sisters. Kelly's mother, Lia, drove straight to the hospital, where doctors told her that Kelly was already dead.

Immediately after giving her the terrible news, the doctors asked Lia and her husband, Erick, if they would allow Kelly's organs to be donated. "We knew we couldn't do anything more for Kelly and that by allowing organ donation we could maybe give other children a chance to survive," says Lia Van Kempen now, 12 years after she lost her daughter. "So we immediately gave our permission. After that, the doctors told us about the donation procedure, but because we were still overcome by sadness, that information didn't get through to us."

Strength and support

A couple of weeks later, when Kelly's parents were slowly trying to come to terms with what had happened, they found the business card of Walter van Doninck, the transplant co-ordinator at the hospital where their daughter had died.

"We met him several times, and he explained all the details of the complicated organ donation procedure," says



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Organised in Brussels
by Commission in 2010,
2011, 2012... and today

Journalist Workshops



Objective: increase public awareness of organ donation (offering different views, facts&figures, testimonies...)

Linked to EU Action Plan (PA 4) and organised ahead of **European Organ Donation Days (EODD)** co-organised by Council of Europe and hosting country (Belgium in 2013, Hungary in 2012...) <http://eodd2013.be/>

Participation: totally 113 journalists from 28 countries
→ **articles/press releases/videos** after the 3 first editions published on our website (and translated)
→ and articles submitted under the **EU Health Prize for Journalists** http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist_prize/

Articles from the previous Workshops on our website:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/blood_tissues_organ_donation/events/journalist_workshops_organ_en.htm#fragment1

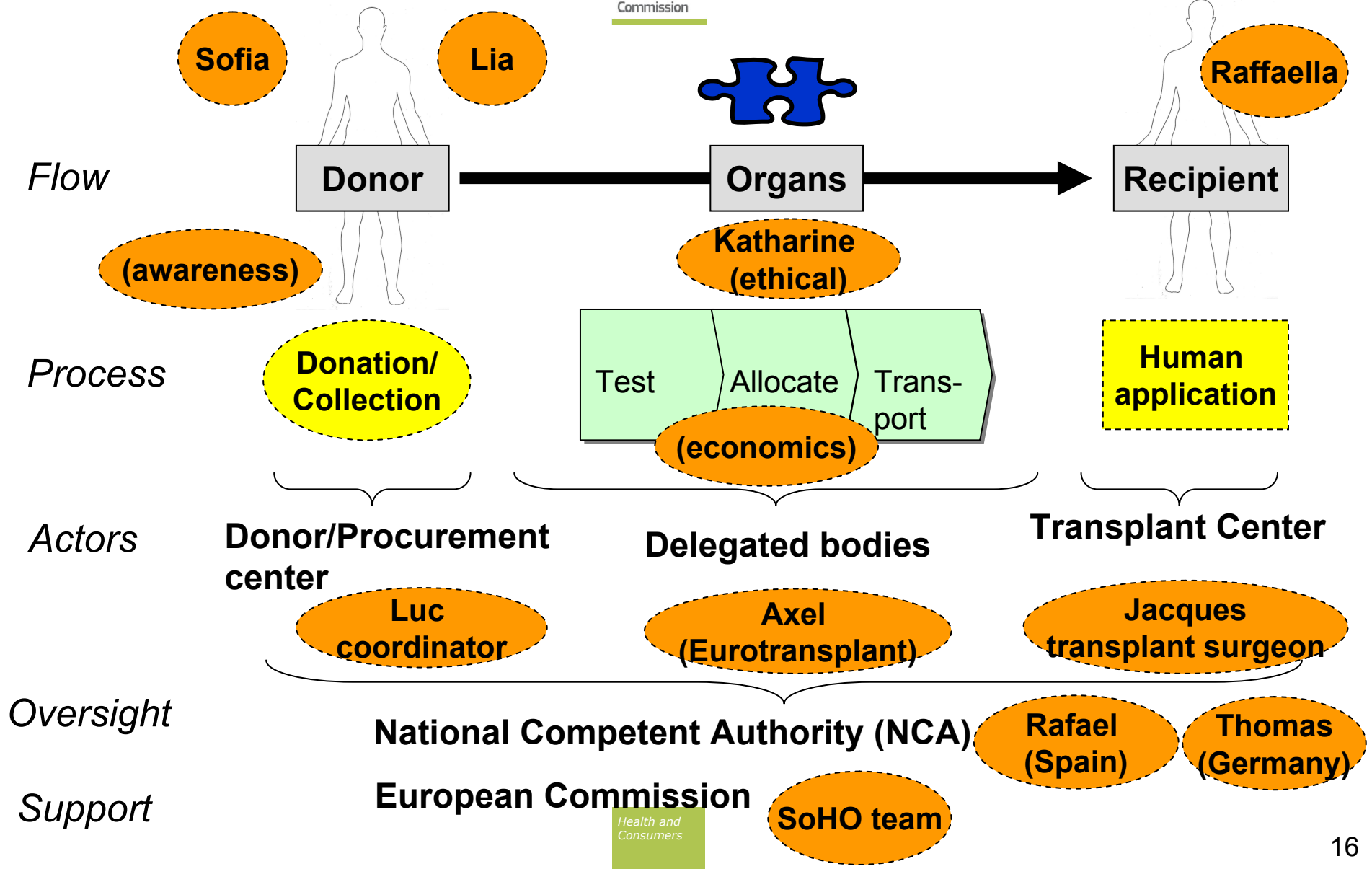
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Today's different views



In the press pack ... and on the website



2013 Journalist Workshop:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/blood_tissues_organs/events/journalist_workshops_organ_en.htm

Policy: http://ec.europa.eu/health/blood_tissues_organs/organs/

Documents:

- Programme
- List of participants
- Useful links (national contact points, international organisations & EU projects)
- Facts & figures
- Link to 2013 Transplant Newsletter (CoE/ONT)
- Eurobarometer 2009-10
- Link to 2013 European Organ Donation Day in Belgium
- Satisfaction survey
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BLOOD, TISSUES AND ORGANS

All topics Policy Blood Tissues and cells Organs Indicators Projects

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Journalist Workshops - Organ donation and transplantation

Browse the theme

❖ Fourth Journalist Workshop - 2013
Brussels, 7 October 2013
Draft programme (139 KB)

Information on the workshop

Organ donation and transplantation - Facts and figures (196 KB)

Useful links (3 MB)

Information on organ donation and transplantation

2013 Transplant Newsletter

2013 European Organ Donation Day in Belgium

Promotional videos from the Council of Europe

European Day for Organ Donation and Transplantation (EODD) - Julia - Video also available in French

European Day for Organ Donation and Transplantation (EODD) - Daniel - Video also available in French

e-newsletter 26 September 2013
Anti-discrimination in health

Latest updates

Fourth Journalist Workshop (2013) on organ donation and transplantation: Programme updated - Facts & figures on organ donation
Released 04 October 2013

Fourth Journalist Workshop (2013) on organ donation and transplantation: promotional videos
Released 03 October 2013

Fourth Journalist Workshop (2013) on organ donation and transplantation: Draft programme and useful links
Released 02 October 2013

Highlights

Journalist Workshops on organ donation and transplantation - Read the articles!

Presentations will be published

Also in the press pack:

- Directives, Action Plan, Council conclusions

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http://ec.europa.eu/health/blood_tissues_organs/policy/index_en.htm

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