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Furthermore, the **European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Consumers** recently organised a workshop in Brussels to provide information on important issues such as **organ donation and transplantation**. 'Among the projects featured was the *Accord* project for better coordination of organ donation, which was launched in May 2012 and will run for three years, and the *Coorenor* project between national organisations involved in organ transplantation,' said Andrzej Rys, the European Commission's Director of Health Systems and Products. 'It's essential that the terminology used in communications is clear and precise so that the public is correctly informed about how, for example, brain death is identified. We are also working on training medical teams to better manage the relationship with both the families of donors and with the person receiving the transplant. The *Train the Trainers* project is working towards this aim and has provided training for more than 80 experts to date.' The priorities are supervision, traceability, correct management of organs from selection to transportation, and above all, continuous monitoring of the transparency of waiting list management in the different Member States, and the European Commission cofinances projects which target this management research and development aims as well as those which train health experts and trainers. At present, only 10 % of the people who need organs obtain them. This is because the culture of donation needs to be extended and public confidence in the health system and in the safety of donation management needs to be boosted. EU projects aim to increase the efficiency of the system and access to it, as well as providing information about the types of organs available to patients in the various Member States more quickly.

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