



The project **“Achieving Comprehensive Coordination in Organ Donation throughout the European Union - ACCORD ”** is a Joint Action (JA) of European Union countries submitted and approved by the call for proposals 2011 of the Health Programme 2008-2013, DG SANCO (European Commission).

With a duration of 42 months, the project lifetime extends from May 2012 to November 2015. Covering a Consortium of 23 Associated Partners and 10 Collaborating Partners, this JA is realised under the leadership of the Spanish National Transplant Organization (ONT).

ACCORD intends to strengthen the full potential of Member States in the field of organ donation and transplantation in order to improve the cooperation between them and to contribute to the effective implementation of the EU Directive 2010/53/EU and the Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation (2009-2015) „Strengthened Cooperation between MS“ adopted by the European Commission.

In particular, ACCORD intends to:

1. Improve Member States information systems on live organ donation through the provision of recommendations on the design and management of structured live organ donor registries and through setting down a model for supranational data sharing in this field.
2. Describe the usual pathways applied to patients with a devastating brain injury and to explore their impact on the potential of donation and on the realization of the deceased donation process across European Union countries.
3. Develop and prove by implementation an acceptable and effective rapid improvement toolkit that supports modifications in end-of-life management that promote donation, adapted to each identified end-of-life care model.
4. Implement practical collaborations between European Union countries for the transfer of knowledge, expertise or tools in specific areas related to the Directive 2010/53/EU and the Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation (2009-2015), based on comprehensive and specifically prepared protocols.
5. To provide recommendations for future twinning initiatives in organ donation and transplantation.
6. To disseminate and ensure the sustainability of the results and products of the ACCORD project.

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FOEDUS Joint Action is focused on facilitating collaboration on organ donation between national authorities in the European Union as it is prescribed in the Directive 2010/53/EU and in the Action Plan 2009-2015 set by the European Commission. Foedus represents the natural progression of COORENOR EU-funded project that settled up the first IT portal for cross-border organ exchanges with the final aim of speeding up the communications among national coordinators on duty throughout the Europe. This Action is meant to complement MS strategies in the field of organ donation through reaching consensus on essential tools for increasing organ exchange and defining the possible obstacles and barriers in cooperation. The project was approved in January 2012 and has been carried out from May 2013 to April 2016 under the leadership of The Italian National Transplant Centre – Italian National Institute of Health. It involves 18 associated partners and eight collaborating partners.

The main objectives of FOEDUS are:

1. Reduction of logistical and organizational issues arising in cross border organ exchanges
2. Identification of financial pathways for coverage of cross border organ exchanges in different EU countries and patient mobility for organ transplantation
3. Development of common donor forms (organ specific) to be used for international cross-border exchanges
4. Increase in number of bilateral/multilateral agreements for cross border organ exchanges
5. Increase in number of exchanged organs
6. Optimization of public awareness initiatives towards organ donation and cross border exchanges



ARTHIQS is a 3 year European Joint Action funded by the European Commission under the 2008-13 Health Programme, dealing with Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Haematopoietic Stem cells for transplantations. ARTHIQS consortium is gathering 16 partners and 9 collaborators from 18 different Member States.

ARTHIQS aims to develop guidelines for key aspects of Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Haematopoietic Stem Cells Transplantations regulations by complementing and developing requirements for safety and quality to the benefit of both donors and recipients. Those 2 fields, although different in practices and needs were gathered together since both involve living cell donors and recipients, and fall under the 2004/23/EUTCD (EU Tissues and Cells Directive).

Concerning Assisted Reproductive Technologies, ARTHIQS is aiming at strengthening and building-up know-how to set an institutional and organisational framework at the Competent Authority (Ministry of Health) and delegated bodies (medical agencies) levels in each of the Member States; hence enhancing gamete donors and Assisted Reproductive Technologies beneficiaries' safety throughout the EU.

Regarding Haematopoietic Stem Cells Transplantations, ARTHIQS focuses on increasing donors and recipients' safety by enhancing standards of haematopoietic stem cells donation, notably through donors' follow-up registry. As a complement, since this part of the work also includes the drafting of a Guideline for Cord Blood Banking, that entails the minimum quality and safety requirements for authorising/re-authorising Cord Blood Banks, along with guidelines for Cord Blood Banks inspectors.