

Kidney Donation & Transplantation

The gift of life



EKHA calls for:

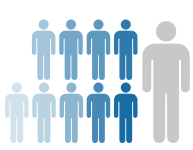
- **Coordinated approach at EU level** for kidney donation
- **Appropriate legal, structural and cultural frameworks in EU member states** to boost donation rates and hence reduce the numbers of deaths resulting from kidney failure while waiting for a transplant.

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a major and growing health burden in Europe

Major challenges

High costs

...and negative impact on quality of life and life expectancy



1 in 10
Adults with
Chronic Kidney
Disease



1 in 3
Europeans at
increased risk of
developing CKD



Hospital-based
haemodialysis
costing up to **80,000 €**
per patient per year

10 to 100X

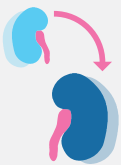
Annual risk of death
for dialysis patients
10 to 100 times
higher than the
general population

27% - 49%

Health-related QoL for
dialysis patients is 27%-49%
worse than that for the
general population

Transplantation should be favoured

Transplantation presents substantial advantages compared to dialysis



Preferred treatment
for end-stage kidney
disease

Better clinical
outcomes



€



Reduced
healthcare costs

Greater freedom for
activities and work
for CKD patients



Improved life expectancy
and better quality of life
than with dialysis

EKHA calls for actions to be adopted at EU and Member State level to increase access to transplantation

At EU level

Improved access to Kidney transplantation
across EU members status

Define common measures to ensure
equal access to kidney transplantation



Adopt a coordinated approach
towards kidney transplantation

At EU Member State level



Education programmes
to boost living donor
transplantation



Appropriate legal and
structural framework



Opting-out systems
for deceased organ
donation

EKHA is a **common effort by stakeholders** to propose solutions for the challenges of Chronic Kidney Disease in Europe through **effective prevention and a more efficient care pathway** intended to facilitate the **provision of appropriate and affordable treatment to all Europeans equally**, while promoting the highest quality of care