



How to build a *Policy Audit*

In parallel to getting a good grasp of the various stakeholders involved via a stakeholder mapping, it is important to understand which policies are in place (and those being in development) in your country in relation to kidney donation and transplantation.

A first step is to determine whether your country has an organ donation and transplantation action plan as per the **2012 European Council Conclusions on Organ Donation and Transplantation** and the **EU Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation (2009-2015)** to structure actions within national health systems and to improve cooperation between Member States. The following link will help you check if your country has a national plan together with other useful information on European organ donation networks and policy:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/blood_tissues_organ/docs/midtermreview_actionplan_organ_en.pdf

Organ Donation and Transplantation Landscape

Based on the research performed and information obtained as part the stakeholder mapping and policy audit, you will be in a position to have an understanding of:

- **Political framework** in relation to organ donation and transplantation:
legislation in place: opt in/opt out system, organ donation and transplantation action plan, legal requirements for organ donation and transplantation, etc., current position of the government in relation to organ donation and transplantation, planned change to existing law? Etc.
- **Stakeholders and their key issues and asks**
 - Government : position and planned activities during mandate
 - Parliament: legislation currently being voted on?

- Professional associations: key issues faced by nephrologists, nurses, etc. in relation to organ donation and transplantation and their key asks
- Patients' associations: key issues faced by patients and families and key asks
- **Health system** in relation to kidney donation and transplantation (cost, reimbursement, measures in place until patient can go to work, costs for family, etc.)

Additional web and press research can be useful to understand:

- **National culture/ the mentalities** in your country in relation to organ donation and transplantation.
- **Challenges and unmet needs** in your country thanks to research and data produced on the matter.