

2019

# European Kidney Forum

## Organ Donation and Transplantation in Europe

Are We Meeting the Needs of Patients?

### A POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Hosted by the MEP Group for Kidney Health

Tuesday, 25 June 2019

16:30 – 18:30 followed by a networking cocktail and dinner

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16:30-16:40	<b>Welcome from the MEP Group for Kidney Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MEP Hilde Vautmans</b>, Belgium</li> </ul>
16:40-16:45	<b>Thematic Network on Organ Donation and Transplantation</b> An instrument to safeguard organ donation and transplantation as a political priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raymond Vanholder</b>, EKHA Chairman</li> </ul>
16:45-17:00	<b>Patient's perspective: Nothing is impossible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Robert van der Wolk</b></li> </ul>
17:00-18:00	<b>Panel discussion: towards improved organ donation and transplantation in Europe</b> <b>Knowledge sharing and exchange of good practice</b> Moderated by Prof Wim Van Biesen, Chief of Department of Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital	
<p>The interactive format aims to generate conversations with panellists and the audience around the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» How to maximise the role of transplant coordinators and promote an increase in their numbers</li> <li>» improving living donation</li> <li>» Improve awareness, particularly knowledge and communication skills of healthcare professionals</li> <li>» Support new country agreements for the exchange of organs</li> <li>» Improvement of registries and multi-national coordination structures</li> <li>» Patient and public empowerment to contribute to the gift that is organ donation and transplantation</li> </ul> <p>The ideas and insights from the panel discussion will inform the EU Thematic Network Joint Statement on Organ Donation and Transplantation</p>		
<b>Fostering improved Organ Donation and Transplantation in Europe</b> The role of the European Commission		
<b>Case study: Spain</b> What can Europe learn from a country with high transplantation rates?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stefaan Van der Spiegel</b>, Team Leader 'Substances of human origin', DG Santé, European Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Case study: Germany</b> How to address challenges in organ availability, and improving efficiency and accessibility of transplant systems		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Uwe Heemann</b>, Department of Nephrology, Technischen Universität München</li> </ul>
<b>Transplant professionals' perspective</b> The role of living donation, organ exchange, registries and how ESOT can facilitate these and encourage dialogue and cooperation as the transplant professionals society in Europe		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gabriel C. Oniscu</b>, ESOT Secretary</li> </ul>
<b>Case study: Croatia</b> Models of international collaboration to address challenges in organ donation and transplantation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stela Živčić Ćosić</b>, University of Rijeka</li> </ul>
<b>Patient's viewpoint</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Robert van der Wolk</b></li> </ul>
<b>Care continuity for long-term transplant patients</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raymond Vanholder</b>, EKHA Chairman</li> </ul>
<b>Q&amp;A session - open discussion with the audience</b>		
18:20-18:30	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raymond Vanholder</b>, EKHA Chairman</li> </ul>
18:30-20:30	<b>Networking Cocktail &amp; Dinner</b>	