EUDONORGAN - TRAINING AND SOCIAL AWARENESS FOR INCREASING ORGAN DONATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

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Abstract

Introduction:
EUDONORGAN, a service contract awarded by the European Commission, aims to provide training and increase social awareness in the European Union (EU) and neighbouring countries (NCs) to enhance positive attitude towards organ donation.

Methods:
Spain as leader, Croatia, Italy and Slovenia joined the project, divided in two core work packages (WPs), WP1: Training and WP2: Social Awareness and two horizontal WPs.
In WP1, the training program employed a blended methodology. The beneficiaries included healthcare professionals (HPs) and other key players (OKPs) from the EU and NCs. The e-learning offered one route for HPs and another for OKPs. The face to face was practical and promoted best practice exchange. A survey on attitude towards donation was carried out among participants before and after.
In WP2, organ donation data was collected from EU and NCs for the organisation of six tailored awareness events in 2018-2019.

Results:
In WP1, 101 participants from 28 countries completed the training: 79 HPs and 22 OKPs. The e-learning was evaluated with 4.45 (from 1-poor to 5-excellent), registering 25.22% of knowledge improvement among healthcare professionals and 29.47% among other key players. The face to face session was evaluated with 4.44 (from 1 to 5). 96 participants attended all sessions and were certified.
In WP2, 6 Member States agreed to organize awareness raising events. By March 2019, three awareness events (Warsaw, Budapest, Brussels) have been organized and the remaining three (Stockholm, Lisbon, Athens) are confirmed for March-April 2019. The events involve a variety of countries and stakeholders: 95 participants in Warsaw from 4 countries, 49 participants in Budapest from 7 countries, 127 participants in Brussels from 33 countries. A minimum of 500 participants will be reached by the end of the project.

Conclusions:
EUDONORGAN is an innovative cross-sectorial project that aims at improving donation across the European Union and neighbouring countries.

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