

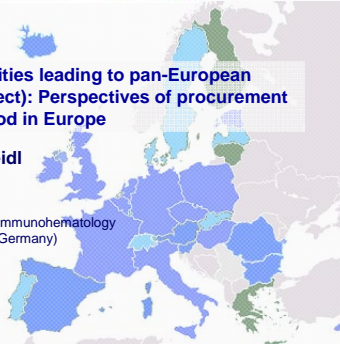
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**Differences and communalities leading to pan-European standards (The EuBIS Project): Perspectives of procurement and transfusion of rare blood in Europe**

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**TREATY PROVISIONS**

**Article 152 - EU Treaty (Amsterdam 1997)**

**Article 152 (4) (a)** (ex Article 129, EU Treaty-Maastrich 1992)

4 ...Shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives referred to in this Articles through adopting:

- (a) Measures setting high standards of quality and safety of organs and substances of human origin, blood and blood derivatives, these measures not prevent any member States from maintaining or introducing more stringent protective measures.

„the European blood legislation requirements“

**Directive 2002/98/EC and its technical annexes.**

**Directive 2004/33/EC – Tech. Requirements**

**Directive 2005/61/EC – Traceability and SAR / SAE**

**Directive 2005/62/EC Quality Management**

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COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2005/62/EC  
 of 30 September 2005

implementing Directive 2002/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards  
 Community standards and specifications relating to a quality system for blood establishments

Article.2: ... the Commission shall take fully into account the detailed principles and guidelines of Good manufacturing practice (GMP), as referred to in Article 47 of Directive 2001/83/EC.



**EU-TREATY PROVISIONS**

**Substances of human origin:  
 the legal basis for EU law**

- **Article 152:** public health
  - Objective: health protection ⇒ minimum standards
  - Example: Blood Directive 2002/98/EC  
 Tissue Directive 2004/23/EC
- **Article 95:** internal market
  - Objective: free circulation ⇒ harmonisation
  - Example: Medicinal Products Directive 2001/83/EC

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**„The European Commission“  
 supporting the  
 implementation of the blood legislation**



**PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2003-2006**

**Blood**

- Standard operating procedures for collection and processing (2004)
  - EU-Q-Blood-SOP**  
 Methodology for standard operational procedures  
 Co-funded by the EC QJ200417
- Standards for inspections (2006)
  - EuBIS**  
 European Blood Inspection System
- Optimal use (2006)
  - Optimal Blood Use Project**  
 Promoting the appropriate use of blood components
- Optimal Donor Management (2007)
  - DOMAINE**

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**Project objectives**

- Develop a Manual describing a methodology based on good practice that will
- (1) **assist blood establishments to implement or expand their standard operating procedures (SOPs).**
  - (2) contribute to the understanding and management of quality processes in blood services.
  - (3) **assist blood establishments in preparing for the inspection of their services** related to the implementation of quality relevant elements required by the EU directive 2002/98/EC.



**EU-Q-Blood-SOP Manual**

**Translations:** objectives  
 English objectives  
 German objectives and implementation of the SOP  
 French objectives  
 Spanish objectives  
 Czech objectives  
 Polish objectives  
 Hungarian objectives  
 Bulgarian and Example (Bulgarian) objectives  
 Russian objectives



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**EuBIS - General Objectives**

- (1) **define requirements for quality management systems of blood establishments** based on the Directive 2005/62/EC.
- (2) **develop pan European standards and criteria for the inspection of blood establishments** based on GMP guidelines to assist national inspections in implementing the Directive 2002/98/EC and its technical annexes.
- (3) **establish a common benchmark system for continual improvement.** This benchmark system should develop practical assistance and advice to optimise processes based on good practice among blood establishments.
- (4) **develop a training programme for inspectors**



**Project Structure**

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**Project Coordination (DE):**  
 Prof. Dr. C. Seifried and  
 Prof. Dr. E. Seifried (Leader)

**Participants from 20 EU Member / EFTA states:**  
 AT, DE, MT, HU, CZ, NL, CY, IT, UK, BE, BG, RO, FR, ES, EE, IE, PL, LU, SLO, IS



**Meeting of the Competent Authorities  
 on blood and blood components  
 (Art. 25 Dir. 2002/98/EC)**

18 October 2007

**7. Presentation of projects under the public health programme in relation to blood and blood components**

- 7.1 Outcome of the EU-Q-BLOOD SOP Project (European standard operating procedure (SOP) methodology reflecting European best practice)
- 7.2 Presentation of the EUBIS Project (pan-European standards and criteria for the inspection of blood establishments)




**Survey-Questionnaire**

The **specific objectives of this survey** are

to define the current situation of standards and criteria used for inspections of blood establishment among the participants from 17 established, new, applicant and EFTA states in order to identify


- (A) international and national inspection guidelines in place and
- (B) the current inspection practice.

**Inspection and QS - Survey**



**20** competent authorities  
**17** blood establishments and governmental institutions

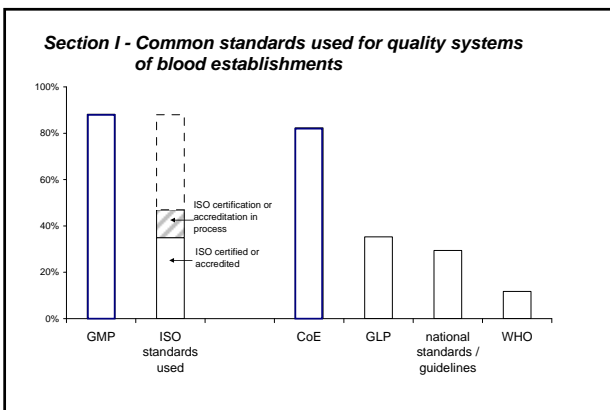
**27 EU member /EFTA-EEA states:**  
Supported by EC, DG-SANCO



**EuBIS Survey – Blood establishments activity profiles**  
Co-funded by the European Commission, DG Sanco

Activity	%
<b>Blood component preparation</b>	
Cellular (Erythrocyte and / or Platelet concentrates	100
Fresh Frozen Plasma (whole blood)	94
<b>Apheresis component preparation</b>	
Apheresis Erythrocyte / Platelet concentrates	100
Apheresis Fresh Frozen Plasma	75
<b>Related preparations</b>	
Stem cells	75
Cord blood	31
Granulocytes	69
Lymphocytes	50
Source Plasma for Fractionation	75
Cryoprecipitate	56
Autologous blood components	88

Seidl et al. Vox Sanguinis, 2008



**EuBIS Inspection manual**

**Eu Directives** } Legislation

**Common Standards**

EU-GMP  
PIC/S for BE  
CoE guide  
ISO } Inspection standards

**Common Criteria**

Defining the inspection process  
Organisational requirements  
Evaluation system for deviations } Linked to EMEA / PIC/S  
EUSTITE / JACIE

**EuBIS Inspection Manual**

**Chapter 1: Quality system (standards-cross reference)**

**Chapter 2: Organisational requirements of a CA / BE**

- Qualification and training of inspectors
- Inspection Master Plan (Schedule)
- Number of inspectors (staff) to cover the task


**Chapter 3: Inspection process of BE (external by CA)**

- Type of inspection
- Inspection team
- Information provided by the BE to CA before inspection
- Documents/Lists of SOP (optional)
- Information available on site during the inspection by CA
- Inspection report
- Evaluation system for deviations

**Chapter 4: Self-Inspection process (internal by BE)**

- Quality policy (Management)
- Type of inspections
- Responsibilities
- Inspection team (e.g Peer-inspection process)
- Internal inspection report
- Evaluation system for deviations and continuous improvements

**Chapter 5: Inspection checklists**



**Member Consultation:**  
**Movement of labile blood products**

**EBA** European Blood Alliance

As of: **August/September 2007**

**Questionnaire:**

1. Do you have a legal system regulating the **self-sufficiency in labile blood products** in your country? Yes / No
2. If there is a legal basis please could you send a copy of the corresponding laws; please indicate when this law was installed.
3. If there is no legal basis please let us know whether or not **your government allows the importation of labile blood products.**  
Yes it allows importation / No it does not allow importation

Country	Question 1: (Do you have a legal system regulating the self-sufficiency in labile blood products in your country. Yes or no?)	Question 2: (If there is no legal basis please let us know whether or not your government allows the importation of labile blood products. Yes it allows (importation) or it doesn't allow importation)
Belgium, Flanders	Yes	N/A
Belgium, Wallonia	No	Yes, by health authorities in special circumstances for some needs and exchange near the Belgian border (not much)
Denmark	Yes	No
England & N. Wales	Yes (labile blood, donated blood and the components that are derived from it, such as platelet concentrates)	Yes (within the limits of the EU directive(s))
Estonia	No	Yes
Finland	Yes (labile blood products from EU countries that meet the requirements of the Directive)	Yes
France	Yes	Yes (restricted)
Germany, GBC	No	Yes
Lithuania	Yes	No
Luxembourg	No	Yes
Latvia	Yes	Unknown
Malta	See appendix	See appendix
Netherlands, the	Yes	Yes
Norway	No	Yes
Portugal	Yes	Yes (only under a Government request)
Slovenia	Yes	Yes
Sweden	No	Yes
Switzerland	No	Yes (importation is restricted to special situations. One exception is Octaplas which is from Swedish donors and produced in Vienna. Red cells only for rare blood groups (from Amsterdam). Yes also Marrow PBSC, and rare RBC phenotypes are currently imported as required)
Wales	No	



## SEE Blood safety project



The project comprises two components.

**Component one** (focused on the harmonization of national blood safety policies/strategies, to ensure the basis for further technical developments)  
*Strengthening mutual trust and acceptability of the quality of blood in the region*

**Objectives:**

- a) The development of national policies on blood safety in accordance with EU directives and international recommendations in the field.
- b) Increasing the availability of blood and blood components through sustainable promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donations.

**Component two** (focused on some specific technical issues)  
*Increasing trans-national availability of safe blood for medical emergencies and special circumstances, as well as availability of rare blood group donations*

**Objectives:**

- a) Building a regional network of institutions and professionals able to respond to both national and regional needs.
- b) Establishing a regional information system (E-network) for a rapid identification of blood availability.
- c) Setting up mechanisms for rapid transportation of blood and blood components.



- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Republic of Moldova
- Romania
- Serbia
- Montenegro
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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