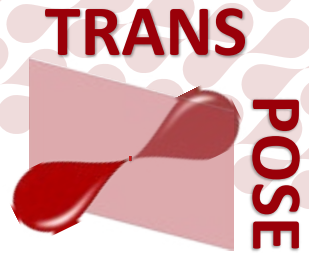




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PrOtection and SElection of donors**

About TRANSPOSE project

TRANSPOSE is a co-funded European project that aims to the harmonisation of the donors' selection and protection policies, while keeping an adequate health and safety protection of the recipient.

Newsletters will be periodically issued to keep the project Consortium and the professionals and the general public updated on the state-of-the-art of the project.

Next Step – Copenhagen

TRANSPOSE participants will soon meet again. Next 4-5 September in Copenhagen a TRANSPOSE meeting will precede the 3rd European Conference on Donor Health and Management (ECDHM), an event that will bring together leading researchers, experienced management professionals, medical experts, recruitment professionals and professionals from government organisations.

The TRANSPOSE meeting will be a sort of pre-conference to it and will be the right occasion for an update on the project activities.

WP1: Coordination of the project

SANQUIN, THE NETHERLANDS

The WP1 has to monitor the objectives, milestones, deliverables, logistics and time-frame of the TRANSCOPE Project.

During these first months WP1 organized the kick-off meeting that was held in Amsterdam last 21st and 22nd of September and the meeting that was held in Helsinki last 11th of April. WP1 team has also played the coordinating role of the project, keeping track of the advancement status of all other WPs and helping them to meet the deadlines.

WP1 was then active in the day-to-day work of project reporting on content of activities, also with EU Commission, and in distributing grant money.

Last but not least the WP1 team also drafted the text of a Consortium Agreement that sets out a series of internal arrangements between the Transpose Participants. The Consortium Agreement, which will be soon implemented, will cover various aspects of the project, i.e. internal organization and settlement of internal disputes.



WP2: Dissemination of the Project

CNS, ITALY

The WP2 has to manage all the communication and dissemination activities, including the outputs, related to TRANSPOSE

The WP2 laid out a dissemination plan that includes the target groups and a communication strategy based on the realization of a leaflet, a dedicated website and publications in international scientific journals as well as a final laymen report on the milestones and deliverables achieved during the project lifetime.



Since the beginning of the project, and according to the plan, the WP2 team worked on the realization and setting up of www.transposeproject.eu, a website that is the official communication channel of the project addressed to the general public and stakeholders. It will be used also for internal discussions and documents upload by the Consortium, through a proper forum section.

The WP2 team also worked on a leaflet, a brief description of the specific goals of the project, that was published on the download section of the website, and on the realization of dedicated power point and word templates to be used by the project partners.

WP3: Evaluation of Transpose

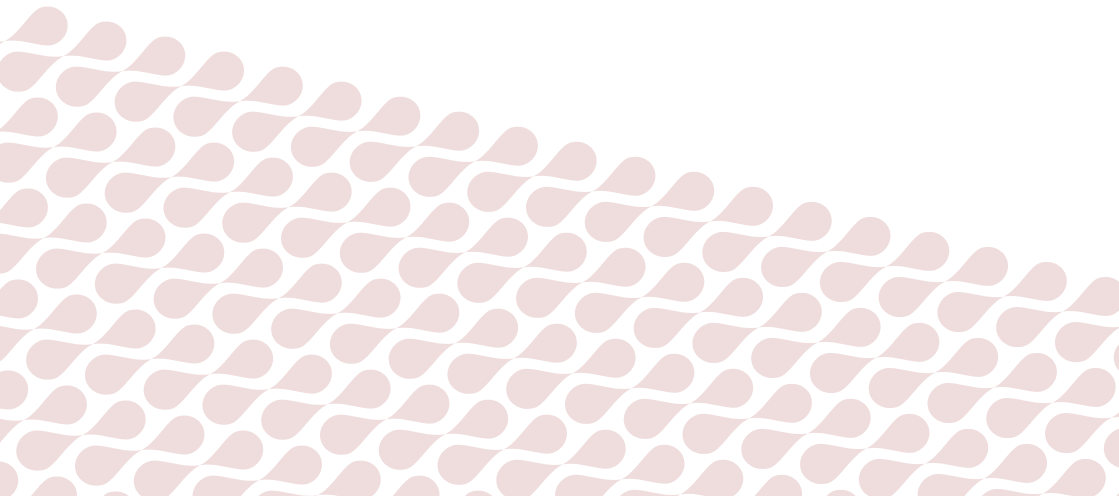
EFSA, FRANCE

The WP3 has to carry out a full evaluation of the project, examining daily activities, project results, meeting reports and all relevant data about Transpose.

WP3 only recently has begun its evaluation of the TRANSPOSE Project, starting with evaluating the 6 months progress report that the Coordinator put together. This template has been accepted as the template which will be used for such Working Package evaluation.

In addition, a Quality and Evaluation Plan has been drafted with the help of the Coordinator.

WP3 team will also continue to connect with other colleagues who have the experience of evaluating a European programme to gather information about what methodologies were used in those programmes to then create a strong evaluation framework to be used in the TRANSPOSE Project.



WP4: Inventory of Donor Selection and Protection Practices

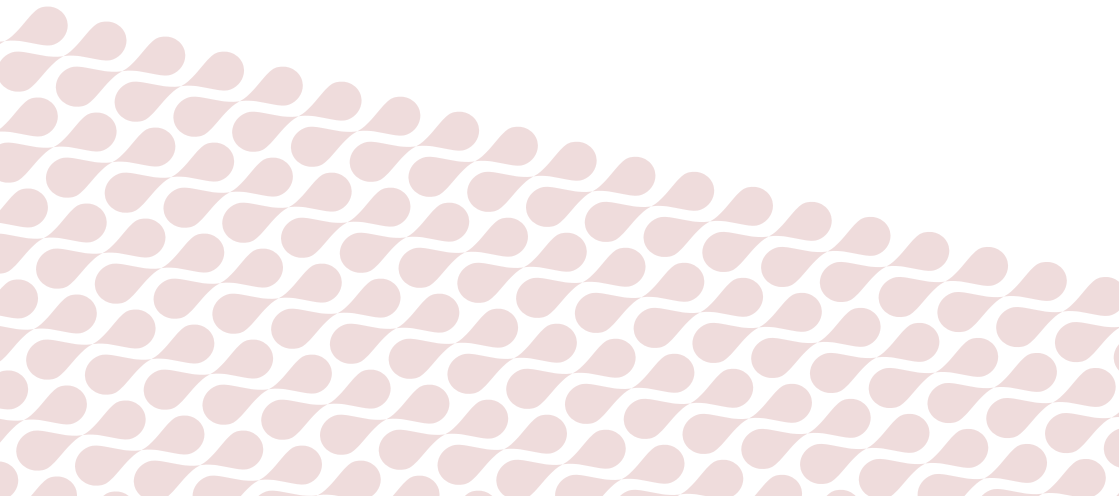
UCAM, UNITED KINGDOM

The WP4 has to draw up an inventory of all current practices in donor selection and protection and then gather knowledge and expert opinions about benefits and pitfalls of specific practices.

In these first months, the WP4 team completed the practices recollection on different substances of human origins (SoHO's): plasma, stem cells, blood, tissues and Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART).



WP4 then created questionnaires for any SoHO's sub-groups and sent them out for feedback to a group of experts. This information will be put in a database and thoroughly discussed along with WP5 and WP6 members in the meeting that will be held next September in Copenhagen.



WP5: Development of donor selection and protection guidelines

REGION H, DENMARK

WP5 has to identify current donor and recipient risks for blood, tissue and cells and then to produce guidelines for donor selection criteria.

The WP was divided into 3 subgroups, one to work on risks to donors, one for risks to recipients and finally one to assess the current methods for risk assessment.

Through a series of open questions to the participating experts, long lists of relevant risks were identified.

These were then compiled to form a questionnaire for donors and recipients, respectively. This questionnaire will be used to list and classify the different risks according to severity and level of evidence.

These estimates will then be compared with the actual reported risks, which have been collected by countries participating in TRANPOSE. Up to now, national or regional reports on one or more SoHO's have been collected from 12 out of 15 participating countries. The data collected will be the basis of a critical review on donor and recipient risks.



WP6: Development of a Standard Donor Health Questionnaire

UHAM, GERMANY

WP6 has to create a basic standardized Donor Health Questionnaire (DHQ) and modules that could create a new standard donor selection procedure in all EU.

Last April, during the Helsinki meeting, the WP6 Team prompted a discussion about the signing of the questionnaire, if it is better to sign it at the beginning or at the end. The discussion represented a good starting point for a work that has the goal to realize a first draft of the questionnaire no later than February 2019.

WP6 members are also taking part in WP4 work and they are also preparing many workshops that will be held in 2019.



WP7 - Training course/workshop on the use of the guiding principles, Guidelines and the DHQ

EFS, FRANCE

WP7 has to develop a training programme for the proper use of the guidelines and the donor health questionnaire.

Waiting for advancements of other WPs, WP7 team is evaluating various types of media where to keep the training courses and the workshops.



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