



TAIEX application form - IPA, ENI

1. Request

Project Type*:

☐ Workshop

☐ Expert
Mission

☐ Study
Visit

☐ Series of
Events

Project title*:

Harmonization of the national legislation on organ transplantation with the EU directives under the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia

Beneficiary country*:

Georgia

Beneficiary Ministry/Service*:

Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs of Georgia

Date of submission*:

11/05/2018

Objective of the request*:

The main objective of the project is the approximation of national legislation on organ transplantation with the respective EU Directives under the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia.

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2. Applicant

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3. Content

3.1 What will the Member State Expert(s) focus on during the visit?*

☐ Legislation
 ☐ Implementation
 ☐ Institutional development

Target audience*:

(Specify if officials from Ministries, institutions, regulatory authorities, professional associations or other)

Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia;
 Deputy Minister of Labor, Health and Social of Georgia;
 Transplantation Council of Georgia;
 Georgian Association of Transplantologists.

3.2 EU legislation concerned

Experience in Acquis Chapters

35 Other issues (Complete)

Keywords

Strategic planning, Chapter 35

Please give reference to EU regulations, directives etc.

1. Directive 2004/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on setting standards of quality and safety for the donation, procurement, testing, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells;
2. Commission Directive 2006/17/EC of 8 February 2006 implementing Directive 2004/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain technical requirements for the donation, procurement and testing of human tissues and cells;
3. Commission Directive 2006/86/EC of 24 October 2006 implementing Directive 2004/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards traceability requirements, notification of serious adverse reactions and events and certain technical requirements for the coding, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells;
4. Directive 2010/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 on standards of quality and safety of human organs intended for transplantation.

3.3 Additional information

Proposed indicative date of the exchange/event:

02/07/2018

Duration (days):

10

Expected number of participants:

20

3.4 Main topics/content

Please list in details the issues you would like to discuss with the Member States expert(s), such as legislation, infrastructure, strategies, training and any other elements of relevance. Please include the aim as well as the expected impact/outcome of the requested assistance*

1. Assessment of the current situation and legislation in the field of organ transplantation by the members of Transplantation Council and by the experts from EU;
2. Preparation of an action plan in order to ensure the compliance of the national legislation with the respective EU Directives under Association Agreement, based on the assessed situation and agreement of the plan with its main stakeholders;

3.5 Current situation/justification*

Please describe briefly the current situation related to the sector of legislation concerned and provide all information that can contribute to the evaluation of your application

Organ transplant/ transplantation services in Georgia have evolved over the past 20 years: the first kidney transplant operation was conducted in 1995, the first liver transplantation - in 2014 and corneal transplantation has been also performed in the country as part of ophthalmologic services. In Georgia, organ transplants from living donors are used, with the exception of corneal transplants, when imported cadaver material is applied. As for the transplants from dead donors, despite the fact that the legislation regulates some aspects of this kind of donation, it is not performed in Georgia due to the lack of respective infrastructure, as well as of the willingness on the part of the population.

Since 1995, Georgia has performed a total of 294 kidney and 28 liver transplants. In 2016, 24 kidney and 13 liver transplants and in 2017, 21 kidney and 10 liver transplantations were performed.

The Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs has launched the program of dialysis development since 1996 and the state program of kidney transplantation - since 1999. The number of dialysis program users is increasing: in 1996, 20 patients underwent hemodialysis in three medical facilities, currently 2,200 patients are benefiting from hemodialysis services in 21 medical institutions, 97 patients undergo peritoneal dialysis in 2 medical institutions, and 244 patients with kidney transplants receive immunosuppressive therapy under the same program. Liver transplantation is mainly covered by the state program of "Referral Service", in case of patient application. At this stage the renal transplantation services are provided by 4 medical facilities (all in Tbilisi) and liver transplantation services - by 4 medical establishments (1 in Batumi and 3 in Tbilisi).

In 2000 Transplantation Council was created at the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, which is a consultative body of the Ministry, among the functions of which is the preparation of recommendations on the main directions of state policy in the field of transplantation.

It is noteworthy that transplantation services have developed since 2000, however, important changes in the legal acts operating in the field have not been made. The exception is the charter of the Transplantation Council, updated in 2017 and the revision of the "Rules on Human Organ Export and Import" in 2016. The requirements for donation, testing, processing, conservation, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells, rules on traceability, undesirable reactions and the standards for the quality and safety of the organs and cells have not been yet

undesirable reactions and the standards for the quality and safety of the organs and cells have not been yet established (despite that under the Law of Georgia on Transplantation of Human Organs there is the obligation to approve the standards of organ search, procurement, storage and transplantation, as well as of approving quality standards).

Consequently, upgrading of the legal base on the organ transplantation is very urgent, furthermore, Georgia-EU Association Agreement envisages the implementation of the current EU directives under Association Agreement on organ transplantation, by 2019 .

3.6 Previous TAIEX and Twinning assistance*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details thereof:

3.7 Is there any planned or currently running project financed by EU funds and/or other international programmes dealing with the issues covered by the request? Has any such project been implemented in the last two years?*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details thereof:

4. Logistics

4.1 Member State administration(s) from which you wish to receive the expertise

Preferred Member State (The choice cannot be always guaranteed), Optional

Member State Authority/Institution (if known)

4.2 Do you know the Member State expert from whom you wish to receive expertise (Optional)?

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Function:

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Additional information (if required)

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4.3 Beneficiary contact person for administrative questions and practical matters related to this event

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4.4 Is interpretation required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

4.5 Contact person for the evaluation of the impact of TAIEX assistance

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