Your Voice In Europe: ROADMAP feedback for Evaluation of Union legislation on blood, tissues and cells

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Feedback:

The European Blood Alliance (EBA) appreciate the opportunity to comment the evaluation and fitness check roadmap regarding the evaluation of the EU blood, tissues and cells legislation. In line with the rationale of the roadmap, the EBA finds it important and well-timed to conduct the proposed evaluation of the legislation.

Having studied the consultation process described in the roadmap, the EBA draws DG SANTE's attention to the importance to have a transparent process to select the contractor and to secure adequate expertise in the proposed external study. The EBA strongly encourages DG SANTE to incorporate interim reports and opportunities for independent experts to complement the expertise in the commissioned study. The evaluation process should provide a sound evidence base which can be only achieved by ensuring broad expertise and transparent evaluation steps.

The EBA welcomes the targeted consultations of stakeholders and the proposed stakeholder event following the open public consultation. The EBA and the EBA membership represents broad expertise in the field based on managing annually about 16 million blood donations and processing blood components and distributing them according to the current legislation. In addition, EBA members have substantial activities covering the entire tissues and cells field.

The EBA would like to meet with DG SANTE during the evaluation process, and as applicable with the external contractor, to provide evidence and expertise to consider changes to the legislation.

The EBA is looking forward to contributing on the evaluation of EU blood, tissues and cells legislation.