



October 13th is European Organ Donation Day (EODD)! Join the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA) in celebrating EODD by spreading the word on the need to boost organ donation and transplantation in the EU.

Organised by the Council of Europe, EODD celebrations will take place in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, this year's hosting country but also around Europe where Member States and their citizens will communicate around this year's campaign slogan "Be ready to save lives, become a superhero! Say yes to organ, tissue and cell donation!"

With our Gift Of Life campaign <http://ekha.eu/gift-of-life/>, EKHA echoes the EODD's objective and encourages the kidney community to celebrate EODD, using the Gift Of Life key messages, Call to Action, Infographic and other materials; see here. Every action counts!!

Read more about EKHA and European Organ Donation Day [here](#).

Facts and figures:*

- *With nearly 6 new patients added to waiting lists every hour in Europe, the number of Europeans waiting for an organ keeps growing.*
- *Most organ donors in Europe are persons who die in hospitals: once death is certified, doctors will consult the next of kin in relation to organ donation. Consent to organ donation cannot always be presumed, at times even in the case of those who have joined a donors' register, this is why doctors will always consult the family to ascertain consent.*
- *When it comes to organ donation, age truly doesn't matter. When a potential donor dies, his or her organs and/or tissues are evaluated to determine their suitability for donation. People in their 80s and 90s have successfully donated organs, such as their liver and kidneys, to save the lives of others.*
- *One single donor can save 8 lives through organ donation and save/improve up to 100 lives through tissue donation.*

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