

“IFBDO/FIODS EU strategy 2020”

I. Definition of an IFBDO/FIODS official position paper

- First draft (attached) done by Alice to be examined by President Massaro, dr. Monsellier and dr. Sayah OR we can agree on a new version of the document based on a different structure;
- This kind of document needs approval by IFBDO Executive Council and – at least – European countries;
- Translations to be checked by a professional and Spanish translation to be done;

II. Dialogue with stakeholders

- EDQM: we should establish an official contact with IFBO/FIODS President/Medical Committee (they used to send to me some newsletters, but I am not the right person to be in charge for this task and to interact with them on medical issues);
- PLUS: we should regularly attend their meetings, as so far our participation has made a difference in the outcome of the debates about VNRD and donor health;
- EBA: we should at least fix a meeting with them to discuss our possible shared strategies as foreseen in the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Rome; they should also invited to the WBDD 2020 celebrations in Rome;
- France: I heard that France has a very interesting project of leading EU Parliament to approve on 14th June a resolution stating that our continent’s favour for VNRD → as IFBDO it would be interesting to work with them on this idea;
- EU Commission and Parliament: once we have an official position paper we should – as IFBDO – fix a meeting to illustrate it to the Commission (DG Sante) and each countries should do the same with their MEPs;

III. Participation in meeting and events

We should organize to attend all the relevant happenings about blood donation and transfusion medicine, giving our visible contribution. This calendar should be also shared with our member countries in order to let them sign in and participate.

Next appointments I have noticed:

- EDQM Conference “Keeping up with Reality and Quality: A Challenge for European Blood Establishments”, 21-23 April 2020;
- 4th European Conference on Donor Health and Management (ECDHM) will be hosted by the German Red Cross Blood Donation Service and the University of Hamburg on 23-25 September 2020 (deadline to submit abstracts for posters/conference presentations: 22 May 2020). *EBA would be interested in working with us to propose a session/presentation dedicated to donors;*
- ISBT International Congress of Barcelona 2020 or Milan 2021;

On a final note, these EU activities should be given appropriate funds: in addition to IFBDO countries membership fees, we should look out for other kind of sponsors.