


COUNTRY		Switzerland
Geography	It occupies an area of 41'285 km ²	Switzerland is a state divided in 26 cantons
Population	The actual resident population of Switzerland is 7'593'500	Four official languages are spoken (German, French, Italian and Romanic)
Legislation and Regulations		National law since 2007 with ordinances, orders and rules
Opt in Opt out Presumed	Opt-in	Opt-in practised with family approach for consent
Donor Register	No donor register	
Infra-structure	National Organ exchange organisation with office in Berne	Formerly known as Swisstransplant
Profile of Transplant Coordinators	Specialised nurse level qualification	The role of the transplant co-ordinators is performed by nurses with either critical care or with nurse anaesthetist background
National Guidelines for Clinical Practice on Organ Donation	Guidelines issued by the working groups of the Swiss Academy for medical sciences and the Swiss Society for intensive care medicine	Actually, national Guidelines for donor detection, donor maintenance and Brain death diagnosis are available, guidelines for procurement and packing are under construction.

Organ Allocation and Exchange	Swiss Organ Allocation System (SOAS)	Donor allocation System is held by FOPH, national waiting lists for all organs with priority only for urgent patients, no local priority
Number of Potential Donating Hospitals	University- City- District- General- and Private- Hospitals	77 hospitals have the potential for organ donors
Number of Transplant Centres	Totally 6 centres	2 cardiothoracic centres 1 cardio only centre 3 liver centres 2 pancreas centres 6 kidney centres 1 small bowel centre
Living Related Programs		All kidney centres and 2 liver centres perform living related donations
Statistics	Swisstransplant activity report	http://www.swisstransplant.org/eng/More/Annual-reports
Transplant Outcome Registries	No official registry	Swiss cohort study Data collection in the CTS study
Any current National Issues / Initiatives	NHBD ECHL Tissues	Non heart beating donor programme has been relaunched in 2008, Maastricht 1 to 4 in May 2009 a European Children Heart List will be available for all EOEO members, hosted by Swisstransplant A project for a national tissue procurement organization is in progress