

Plasma Supply Management

Findings and
proposals from
volunteer donors

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Let's state some facts:

- While blood and its use are more or less well known to the public, plasma and its therapies are totally unknown to a large majority of our fellow citizens.
- Many blood donors don't know that they can donate their plasma independently of blood, and that this type of donation is less demanding on the body than blood donation.
- Some donors are scared by plasma donation and have concerns for their health.

Let's state some facts:

- Some countries don't have a global vision of plasma collection or have not taken the lead on it. In this case, the coordination of actions between stakeholders is not ensured.
- Blood donor associations do not systematically have the arguments, messages and facts allowing them to promote plasma donation.
- The international context makes European citizens aware of the need to strengthen our sovereignty at all levels and particularly in the field of health.

Let's affirm our will

- We must reaffirm loud and clear to our respective governments that plasma and plasma-derived medicinal products are strategic health products.
- The COVID crisis and recent events highlight that we must rely only on ourselves and ensure our independence and health sovereignty. The health and lives of hundreds of thousands of people in Europe are at stake. In each European country, States must take the lead in mobilizing through a public and ethical model of plasma collections.
- The voluntary blood donor federations of Europe will do everything in their power to support and participate in this ambition for health sovereignty.



Together, we must launch an appeal to our governments. This appeal must be relayed in each country of the union by patient and donor associations and operators.

We must also involve European, national and local elected officials.

Let's act

- A reflection on the obstacles to plasma donation must be conducted as well as the arguments to be detailed to remove them. It is essential to inform the public as widely as possible and repeatedly. It has been shown that our fellow citizens are united, when they are informed and convinced, they largely donate their blood and plasma. It is up to us to make as much noise as possible around plasma in order to be heard. We must:
 - o Attract attention
 - o Arouse interest
 - o Gain support
- The promotional campaigns that we must conduct need to respond to this.

Conclusion

The European federations of the FIODS are convinced that if we have the will and the means to carry out the plasma ambition, we will be able to significantly strengthen our health strategic independence while respecting the rights and health of donors, and thus allow all patients who need them to have access to plasma-derived medicinal products at all times, in all places and whatever their financial means.

