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On 26 June 2025, the Commission organised a meeting with Member States authorities on the appropriate follow-up to the Council conclusions. They concluded that the organisation of trainings for professionals is a key priority, and in particular trainings covering the development of national donation after brain death (DBD) programs, the development of national donation after circulatory death (DCD) programs, the support of international organ exchange and the development of national living donation programs. This is necessary since many of the recommendations of the first EU Action Plan are still relevant today, and Member States should therefore still aim at achieving the objectives set in the EU Action Plan. The Commission has foreseen a budget of EUR 2 million under the EU4Health 2025 work programme to support this request.

The Commission also continues to promote cooperation and coordination between Member States in the field of organ transplantation in several ways. This includes working with and supporting the work of the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare of the Council of Europe on organ transplantation, in particular through a focus on supply and quality management for deceased organ donation programmes. The Commission also provides EU4Health funding to improve transplantation systems and develop know-how on newest technologies or approaches. Finally, it is a Commission priority to step up the work on preventive health, health promotion and disease prevention. Investing in effective prevention measures will reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases lowering the demand for organ transplantation.