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updated, in a timely fashion, in order to incorporate guidelines which follow new information and research.

In order to safeguard the EU institutions oversight and capacity to provide input in the revision of the Council of Europe Guide, we would therefore propose to:

- Establish a mandatory representation of the European Commission in the Expert Committee on Quality Assurance in Blood Transfusion Services (GTS) in charge of drafting revisions of the Guide,
- Establish a formal consultation mechanism for the European Parliament, similar to the mechanisms foreseen by the EU treaties for delegated and implementing acts.

The parts of the Guide that we consider should become mandatory are those specified in the Guide as 'standards'. These include the following:

- Standards for selection of donors
- Standards for collection of blood and blood components
- Standards for the processing, storage and distribution of blood components
- Component monographs
- Standards for blood components for intra-uterine, neonatal and infant use
- Standards for donation testing (immunohaematology and infectious markers)
- Standards for patient immunohaematology testing
- Standards for haemovigilance.