

S2016\_Cross-Border Agreement for Blood Supply

No.	Question	Austrian Red Cross	Belgian Red Cross – Flanders	Croatian Institute of Transfusion Medicine	OTCD, Denmark	Finnish Red Cross Blood Transfusion	Etablissement français du sang	German Red Cross	Luxembourg Red Cross	Sanquin, Netherlands	SwEBA
1	Do you have an agreement with some other country to cover /backup the blood supply in your country if there is a major crisis and you are not able to do it by yourself?	No	No , we do not have an agreement with an other country to cover/backup our blood supply. We do have a close cooperation with our Belgian colleagues of Service du Sang in case of any blood supply problem. We do have an agreement with Sanquin to cover/back up our Diagnostic testing facilities.	No, there is no such agreement	No	Not at the moment.	No	No	YES with 3 countries : France, Belgium and Germany.	We have only for screening tests an agreement with Belgium, because we have a centralized testing facility in Amsterdam. For contingency of blood products we decided to keep 2 centres for component preparation and storage in different parts of the country. In case of urgency we have contacts with other blood establishments, but these are not formalized, as we expect that our contingency plan has no need for this.	No
2	Other remarks or comments?	/	/	/	Five regional centers will cover/backup the blood supply	We have contingency agreements on processing and laboratory testing of donated blood.	We are currently reflecting on such an idea with the NHSBT. France has an agreement with Luxembourg but only to cover their needs in case of a major crisis. France occasionally set up agreements for the hospital care of foreign patients during major events abroad (ex : Olympic Games), which leads us to reinforce our stocks of blood products in the different locations where patients will be sent if a crisis were to happen.	/	Only those with France and Belgium are really active. By major crisis we understand a lot of victims. But Luxembourg is a very small country (613 000 inhabitants), also we need sometimes the assistance of the neighbouring countries for rare blood types.	/	/