



ESOT presents  
**Leading the Way  
in Transplantation**

# Who we are

## **The European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT)**

was founded in 1982 and is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in organ transplantation. Facilitating a wealth of international clinical trials and research collaborations over the years, ESOT remains committed to its primary aim of improving patient outcomes in transplantation. With over 1500 active members from around the world and a community of over 6,000 individuals, ESOT is an influential international organisation and the facilitator of the biennial congress, which hosts approximately 3,500 experts who come to meet to explore and discuss the latest scientific research.

ESOT attracts the foremost transplantation experts as members and has an impressive track record in promoting research, supporting more extensive education, and promoting changes in European policy.



# Developing a partnership

## Making a positive impact

Your company can help ESOT continue its mission and achieve its vision while gaining exposure to new audiences and seizing marketing opportunities. Your company can have a positive impact on transplant outcomes by supporting our critical work in:

### Providing

state-of-the-art education for physicians and scientists

### Fostering

public awareness of organ transplantation issues and their management

### Acting

as an advisor to European Health authorities

### Facilitating

scientific exchanges and catalysing European multi-centre controlled trials

### Supporting

young investigators to ensure that organ transplantation remains at the forefront of research

# ESOT sections & committees

The Society is made up of a council, general assembly, expert groups and committees

There are currently eight expert groups:



for Cell Therapy and Organ Regeneration



which focuses on the heart and lungs



which aims to support health care professionals to provide clinically effective programmes on organ and tissue donation, procurement and transplantation



which focuses on the kidney



which focuses on the liver and intestine



that brings continuity and progress in European research and dialogue on "Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of organ Transplantation"



which focuses on the pancreas and islets



for Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation

In addition to these groups, there are the committees

There are currently four committees:



the Education Committee



the Basic Science Committee



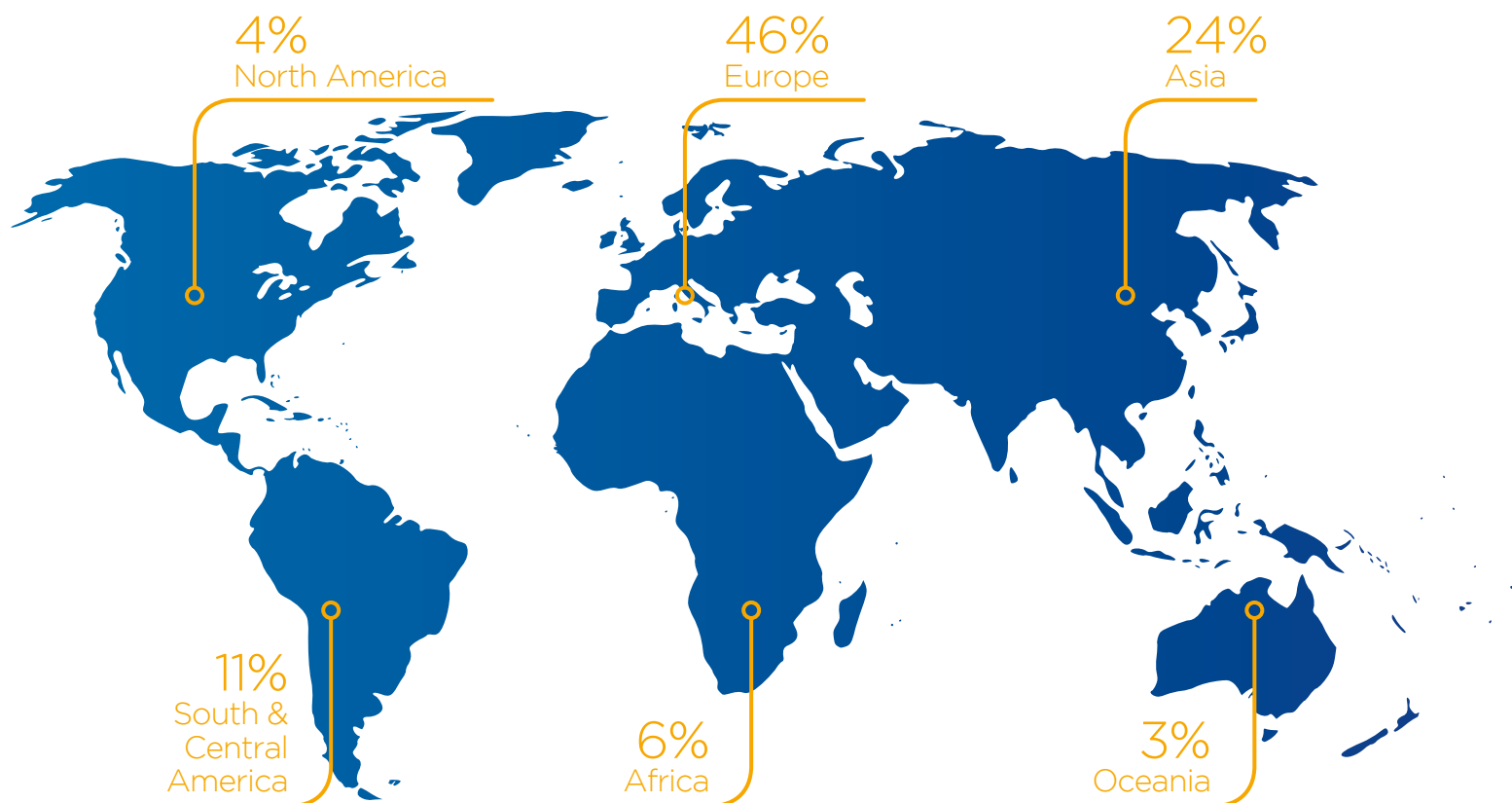
the Allied Healthcare professionals



the Young Professionals in Transplantation

# ESOT has over 1.500 active members worldwide

## ESOT Membership per continent



## Membership Benefits

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Get unlimited access to Transplant Live

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Benefit from a 40% discount on Transplant International APC fees\*

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Actively support ESOT policy initiatives

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Vote in ESOT governance elections\*\*

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Access the annual ESOT grant and fellowship programmes

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Get free affiliation in ESOT Sections & Committees relevant to your speciality

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Attend members-only webinars

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Receive substantial discounts for all ESOT events, courses and the bi-annual Congress

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Access a protected environment on the membership platform to build meaningful discussions on your preferred topics

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Browse the new directory, which allows you to search for another ESOT colleague by area of expertise, affiliations, country, city or institution

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\*This applies to all manuscripts which receive final approval for publication from the 1st of November 2022.

\*\*Only European members shall be eligible to hold office in the Society and may vote for the election of Officers and on all matters brought before the General Assembly.

# Our mission, our vision

## Our Mission

**To improve** outcomes for patients with terminal organ disease by means of transplantation, organ regeneration and substitution.



## Our Vision

**To promote** sustainable scientific advancement through multidisciplinary communities of healthcare professionals.

**To deliver** first-class education, training and career advancement opportunities to all healthcare professionals, with specific training programmes for low-income countries.

**To work** with partner organisations, professional bodies and competent authorities to improve public and institutional awareness of organ donation and the latest research in the field.

**To develop** and promote policies for equitable access to transplantation and related therapeutic strategies.

# Long term action plan

- Develop **EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDELINES AND POSITION PAPERS**, providing clinical practice guidance in areas of transplantation which are becoming more prominent or where uncertainties exist.
- Build a network of **"CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE"** to promote best clinical practice and research, advance scientific and training exchanges, and benchmark the growth and development of transplantation in developing countries.
- Develop a PAN-**EUROPEAN REGISTRY** for all solid organ transplantations to identify, facilitate and foster specific research projects.
- Build on the success of the ESOT journal - **TRANSPLANT INTERNATIONAL** - through the publication and promotion of high-level scientific research reports in the field of organ donation, transplantation, organ regeneration and substitution, together with official ESOT statements and papers.
- Organise a **BIENNIAL CONGRESS** for the global Transplant Community with a variety of topics designed to stimulate and drive education and deliver the most ground-breaking advancements in the field.
- Organise targeted **EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES** based on specific specialities and levels of training/career development, including expanding the educational offering for fellowships and research grants.
- Develop projects in **COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES** to promote advancement, education, awareness and policy change.



# ESOT collaborations & memberships

## EPHA MEMBERSHIP

ESOT is an active member of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA). EPHA is a member-led organisation made up of public health NGOs, patient groups, health professionals and disease groups who work to improve health and strengthen the voice of public health in Europe.

## EMA

ESOT is involved in the European Medicines Agency's (EMA) activities and is part of the healthcare professional organisations published on the Agency's website. The EMA is a decentralised agency of the European Union (EU) responsible for the scientific evaluation, supervision and safety monitoring of medicines in the EU.

## ECDC

ECDC's Network for the Microbial Safety of Substances of Human Origin (SoHO-Net) was established to facilitate cooperation between ECDC and European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA) Member States. This collaboration brings together nominated EU/EEA professionals working in all types of SoHO entities and establishments. ESOT is participating as an observer.

## CD-P-TO

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods. ESOT is participating as an observer.

## RECENT CONSULTATIONS

- Immunocompromised patients (EMA)
- COVID-19 (EMA)
- Chagas disease (ECDC)
- HBV registry data - Elimination Plan of Viral Hepatitis by 2030 (ECDC)

# ESOT overview of activities

## EDUCATION

Through our cutting-edge events, online platforms, courses and our prestigious biennial Congress, we inspire, connect and innovate the transplant community globally

## EU POLICY

With our extensive network of partners and stakeholders we influence policy, change practice and drive standards at the national and EU level

## RESEARCH & SCIENCE

ESOT is delivering high quality clinical and patient data for educational programmes and the development of guidelines and best practice. Major initiatives include the ESOT Pan-European Registries and Transplant International

## COMMUNITY

At the centre of a thriving community of clinicians, academics, allied healthcare professionals and patient organisations, ESOT is dedicated to the pursuit of shared excellence and information in organ transplantation

Partnerships with industry and academic institutions are a core component of the ESOT model and provide a unique platform for collaborative working across all sectors of organ transplantation

## Our objectives

- Provide you with a clear understanding of ESOT's plan and strategy
- Understand your strategy and direction
- Define opportunities together where ESOT can help you to achieve your objectives
- Build a strategic roadmap for the next 2-4 years



# Spotlight on ESOT developments

## The ESOT Congress



Over 3,500 leading specialists worldwide gather every other year for the ESOT Congress to debate, discuss and analyse the latest developments in the clinical management and basic science aspects of organ transplantation.

The ESOT Congress is the most influential and major event of its kind, with participants attending from all over the globe to discuss, debate and explore the latest trends in the world of transplantation. Serving as a leading platform to exhibit best practices and research, the meeting delivers world-class science and education whilst offering vast networking opportunities at an international level.

## ESOT Education

ESOT aims to support transplant professionals at all career levels and to make knowledge on transplantation care available to a wide audience. For this reason, we also engage in cooperative projects to support professionals beyond Europe and in low- and middle-income countries.

ESOT's educational portfolio includes theoretical and hands-on face-to-face courses and various online learning opportunities on Transplant Live. A professional development programme is available to those who wish to advance their career in transplantation. Finally, a rich Grants and Awards Programme supports participation in the education programme and provides opportunities for scientific exchange and collaboration.

## Courses

**Foundational courses:** Hesperis, Basic Course in Liver Transplantation (BCLT), The Hepatologist in a Liver Transplant Program (HLTP) course

**Masterclasses:** Live DOnor Nephrectomy (LIDO), SPLIT Liver, Organ procurement and machine perfusion

## Online Education

Transplant Live

## Professional Development

Academia course

ESOT mentorship programme

Professional development workshops

## Grants & Awards

+ EUR 200,000 invested each year in fellowship and bursaries

# Spotlight on Transplant Live

The ESOT interactive e-learning platform hosts a wealth of educational resources, ensures interactivity and is constantly updated with lectures by emerging and established leaders in transplantation. The platform is free to access and provides a unique opportunity to create bespoke branding for a highly targeted audience.

**Various bespoke proposals, such as creating your own company-sponsored section, to support specific tracks, are just a few examples of how we can foster education and disseminate knowledge.**

Transplant Live is the go-to e-learning platform for all transplant professionals.

Our catalogue includes:

- **EACCME-accredited online courses on transplantation**
- **Preparatory courses for UEMS exams**
- **Case studies**
- **A searchable media library**
- **Congress and TLJ highlights**
- **Discussion forums**

## **New in 2024**

Full online course on Post-Transplant rehabilitation

## Our online courses

Lung Transplantation

Heart Transplantation

Liver Transplantation

Live Kidney Donor

Pancreas Transplantation

Islets Transplantation

Transplantation Ethics

Kidney Transplantation

Paediatric Transplantation

Immunology

Regenerative medicine

# Guidelines, recommendations & position statements

**As part of the future vision of ESOT, the development of Clinical Practice Guidelines and recommendations will assist physicians, healthcare providers, patients and other interested parties in the clinical decision-making process.**

Consensus Guidelines in development:

- Machine perfusion in cardiothoracic transplantation
- Histopathological analysis of pre-implantation donor kidney biopsy: Redefining the Role in the Process of Graft Assessment (Part 1)
- The value of monitoring (subclinical) donor specific antibodies (DAs) for kidney transplant outcomes
- Liver transplantation in patients with Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC) and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- Clinical Endpoints in liver transplantation according to value based care
- Downstaging, bridging and immunotherapy in liver transplantation for HCC
- Role of Pancreas Machine Perfusion to Increase the Donor Pool for beta cell replacement
- Prehabilitation for solid organ transplant candidates
- Molecular Biology Testing for Non-Invasive Diagnosis of Allograft Rejection

## Transplantation Learning Journey (TLJ)

**Transplantation Learning Journey (TLJ) is a leading international transplantation event, providing the transplant community with a unique opportunity to discuss and build new guidelines and shape the future clinical pathway of transplantation with ESOT.**



Building on the past two editions of the event, TLJ 3.0 brings the project to the next level by providing the scientific and transplant community with methodologically solid, consensus-based guidance documents on clinical practice to improve the care of people with transplants. ESOT brings together experts who discuss pre-agreed topics and carry out evidence-based reviews. The evidence will be weighed, and preliminary statements will then be developed on these topics. The culmination of the process will take place in person, where the topics are debated with the aim of reaching a robust consensus for the transplant community.

**Working together to improve the lives of people with transplants.**

# EU policy

ESOT is at the heart of driving change in organ transplantation across Europe and is in a unique position to work and engage with partners, policy makers and stakeholders to influence medical practice at the national and international level.

ESOT will work with its partners to develop white papers, calls to action, EU Parliament events, awareness initiatives and much more.

## The ESOT Policy and Public Affairs strategy focuses on two main goals:

The wider implementation of effective policies to enable individuals/patients to follow ESOT recommendations and guidelines.

To place organ transplantation as a priority agenda at the national, European and international levels.

# ESOT manifesto

To celebrate ESOT's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we launched ESOT Action Day on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Featuring leading voices from around Europe, this year's campaign will focus on addressing inequalities in organ transplantation across Europe by inspiring change and supporting existing EU initiatives through innovative solutions and shared thinking for the improvement of service delivery and sustainability in organ transplantation.

Please follow **#ESOTaction** for all the latest information.

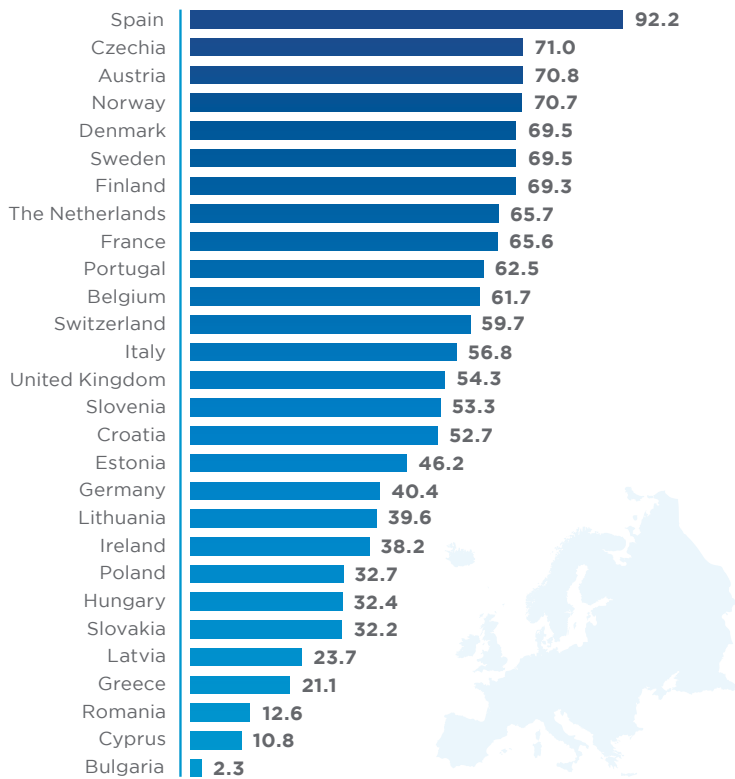
**“For the last four decades, with greater challenges in recent times due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our community has been at the forefront of global health issues”**

**Luciano Potena**

*President of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT)*

## Countries

The organ transplantation rate per million population in 2020 demonstrated variation across EU countries:



## Population

Despite legal frameworks existing to prevent discrimination, equal access to transplantation remains a significant challenge for certain populations:

### Ethnic minorities



Comorbidities, such as diabetes, obesity and hepatitis B/C, are more prevalent in certain ethnic minority groups, often unfairly. This can negatively impact donation and transplantation rates, resulting in disproportionately high numbers of ethnic minority patients remaining on waiting lists.

### Migrants



Migrants face barriers in access to transplant services, including lower awareness, a lack of full healthcare coverage, linguistic obstacles and cultural differences.

### Gender bias



Women donate more organs than they receive, with men making up the majority of organ transplant recipients. While this reflects the increased incidence of conditions that require transplantation amongst men, psychological and socio-economic factors also contribute.

### Socioeconomics



Patients with higher income and education have greater access to the transplant waitlist and transplantation compared with patients with lower income and minimal education.

### Restricted groups



Both children (due to difficulties finding appropriately sized organs) and highly sensitised individuals (due to a restricted donor pool) face difficulties in receiving a transplant.

### Regional



Data from Italy, France and Spain have shown that there are significant regional variations in the number of transplants performed. In many countries, transplant centres are not evenly distributed across their territory, with wealthier areas typically having the most centres.

# Inequality in organ Transplantation Across Europe

# ESOT multi-organ registry

ESOT is dedicated to the pursuit of clinical and research excellence and improving patient outcomes.

A core ESOT mission is to promote sharing of scientific information and building of evidence-based international practice, policies and medical guidelines.



To this aim, ESOT has decided to strengthen its engagement in the collection of data on organ transplantation and is launching a multi-organ, pan-European registry of transplant recipients and living donors. The European Commission supports the development of the ESOT multi-organ registry and contributes to its preparation.

The ESOT registries platform will initially host four registries and will be designed to integrate additional registries easily. In the project's second phase, a Patient Portal will be developed to facilitate the collection of patient-reported outcomes. The first registries are:

**ELTR**

The European Liver Transplant Registry

**EPITR**

The European Pancreas and Islets Transplant Registry

**EKRR**

The European Kidney Recipient Registry

**ELDR**

The European Living Donor Registry

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# ESOT funded projects

ESOT embarked on a number of EU-funded projects that reflect the society's mission to improve outcomes for patients with terminal organ disease by means of transplantation, regeneration and substitution. By working with competent authorities and partners, these projects look to enhance public, healthcare professional, political and institutional awareness of transplantation and develop and promote policies that improve equitable access and patient outcomes across the field.

New EU Funded projects

**EU4Health – Building Resilience Against Crisis: a systematic and global approach to adVance organ Safety and Supply in Transplantation (ESOT is the main investigator)**



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# Spotlight on Transplant International

Transplant International is the official journal of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT).

Transplant International aims to be the premier journal publishing the key basic science and clinical developments in organ replacement medicine, including all aspects of transplantation, organ reconditioning, cell therapy, regenerative medicine, bioengineering and artificial organs.

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ESOT Special Issue

# Transplant International

Peter Medawar

Joseph E. Murray

Roy Calne

David Sutherland

Maximising potential in organ donation and transplantation

ESOT Volume 36 | Issue 04 April 2023

## Transplant International

Lung transplantation through the fountain of youth

ESOT Volume 36 | Issue 03 March 2023

## Transplant International

ESOT Volume 36 | Issue 07 July 2023

Transplant International with a positive X-match: The liver doesn't care (much)

High risk heart transplantation

Transplant International | frontiers | Publishing Partnerships

# Network of national societies

ESOT actively collaborates with National and Regional Transplant Societies all over Europe and beyond, as well as other scientific and medical societies intending to structure and streamline transplant activities in Europe and worldwide.

ESOT leverages its relations with the National Associations through different channels where ESOT's influence could have a real impact at national level, such as:

PRACTICE GUIDELINES & RECOMMENDATIONS

POLICY & ADVOCACY

SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

TRANSLATION AND ADAPTATION OF VARIOUS DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING EDUCATION

# Diversity and inclusion

## Our Vision

At the heart of our initiative lies the vision of creating a healthcare landscape where every individual, regardless of their background, ethnicity, or socio-economic status, has equal access to life-saving transplantation procedures. By promoting diversity and inclusion, we envision a world where transplant recipients, donors, healthcare providers, and researchers represent the rich tapestry of humanity, ensuring that medical advancements benefit all.

## Our Objectives

### **\*\*Educational Webinars\*\***

Our project aims to organise a series of engaging and informative webinars that delve into the nuances of diversity and inclusion in transplantation.

### **\*\*Interactive Workshops\*\***

We will conduct interactive sessions at the ESOT Congresses designed to foster open dialogue among healthcare professionals, researchers, and community members. These workshops will serve as platforms for sharing experiences, best practices, and innovative ideas, thus catalysing a collaborative effort towards equitable healthcare.

### **\*\*Research and Data Analysis\*\***

Our project recognises the importance of data-driven decision-making. Such initiative may be channeled through the ESOT Registries



# ETPO Alliance

ESOT works with transplant patient organisations throughout Europe to foster cooperation and dialogue between patients and healthcare professionals, to ensure patient representation and participation in ESOT activities, and to promote health and quality of life among the transplant population.

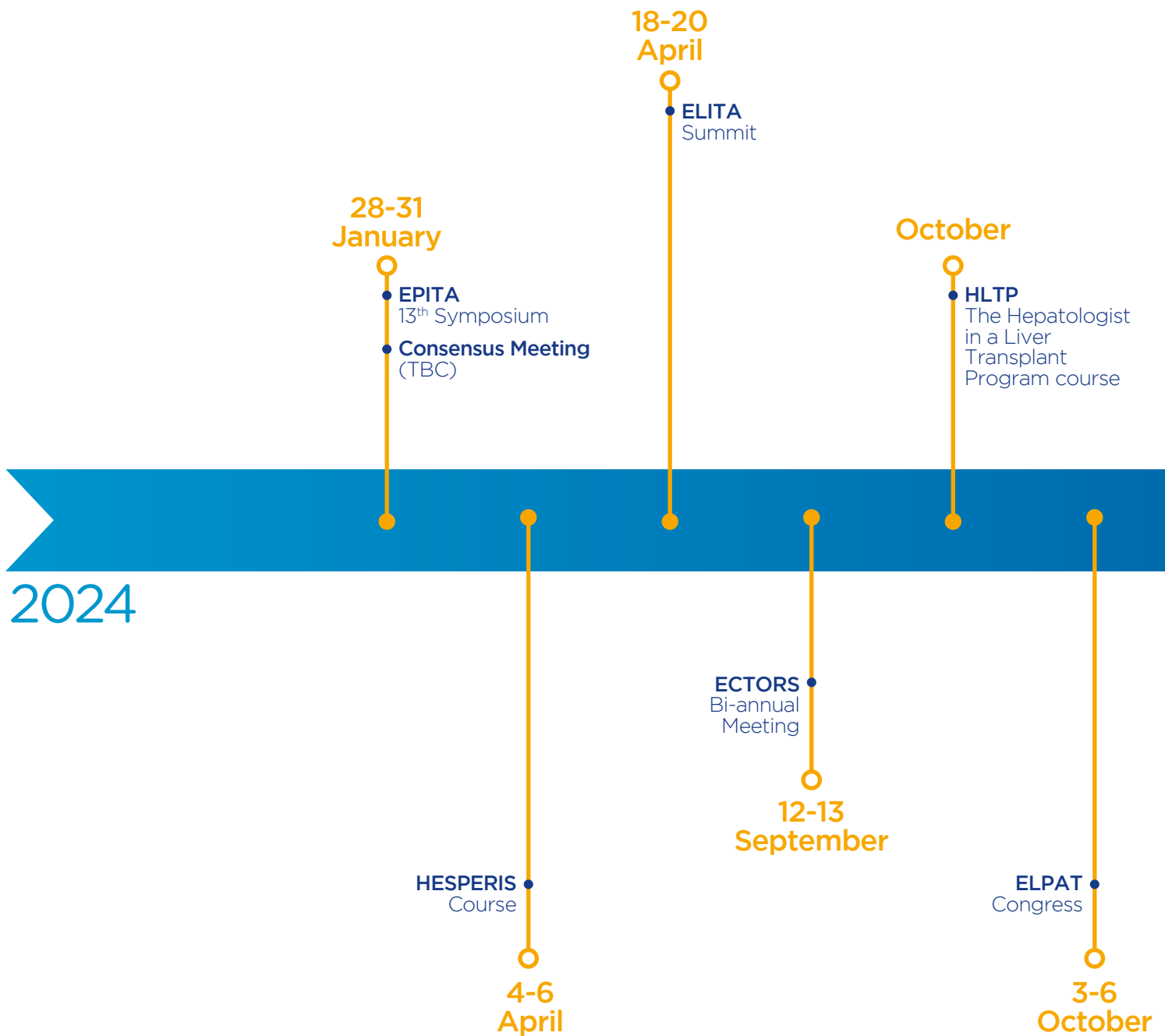


Our activities aim to achieve these goals and we welcome the contribution and participation of all transplant professionals, patient organisation representatives, and individual patients and caregivers.

**The ESOT-ETPO (European Transplant Patient Organisations)** alliance is a collaborative entity established by the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) and Transplant Patient Organisations that aims to bring together healthcare professionals and people with transplants.

The mission of the ESOT-ETPO alliance is to **promote realistic medicine in organ donation and transplantation**. The alliance aims to achieve this by empowering people with transplants, encouraging and facilitating a meaningful dialogue between patients, organ donors and their families, caregivers and transplant professionals to ensure that their views and experiences are represented.

# Events calendar 2024-2025



**14-16  
October**

**LIDO**  
Live DOnor  
Nephrectomy

**Nov/Dic**  
*(dates TBC)*

**Transplant  
Health  
Forum**

**May**  
*(dates TBC)*

**LIVER**  
Transplantation  
Basic Course

**26  
June**  
*(dates TBC)*

**HESPERIS**  
Course

**September**  
*(dates TBC)*

**SPLIT**  
Liver  
Course

**TLJ 3.1**

**Nov/Dic**  
*(dates TBC)*

**EPITA**  
14<sup>th</sup> Symposium  
**AIDPIT**  
43<sup>rd</sup> Workshop

**Jan/Fab**  
*(dates TBC)*

**NICE/EPITA**  
11<sup>th</sup> International  
Workshop

**June**  
*(dates TBC)*

**ESOT**  
Congress

**29 June  
2 July**

**2025**

**Thank you!**

**Join Us:**

We invite you to partner with us on this transformative journey. By supporting our projects, you are contributing to a future where healthcare is a beacon of inclusivity, compassion, and excellence. Together, we can reshape the landscape of transplantation.

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