7 REASONS WHY EUROPE NEEDS TO TACKLE CHAGAS DISEASE

1. CHAGAS DISEASE IS A GLOBAL HEALTH PROBLEM DUE TO INCREASED MIGRATION & POPULATION MOBILITY.

2. 8 - 10 million people are at risk of Chagas disease in endemic areas.

3. 68,000 - 122,000 people are infected with Chagas disease in Europe.

4. ONLY 5% HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED.

5. BOTH THE EU DIRECTIVE AND NATIONAL REGULATIONS ON BLOOD DONATION PROGRAMMES HAVE SPECIFIC MEASURES (I.E. SCREENING) TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION OF CHAGAS DISEASE.

6. A FEW REGIONS HAVE IMPLEMENTED GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES TO PREVENT MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF CHAGAS DISEASE.

7. BOTH THE EU DIRECTIVE AND NATIONAL REGULATIONS ON ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION NEED TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC MEASURES (I.E. SCREENING) TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION OF CHAGAS DISEASE. CLEAR LEGISLATION WITH SPECIFIC PROVISIONS.

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