

Experts meet to define key safety and quality criteria on blood, tissues and cell processes to be applied across the EU

The experts' workshop on the WP6 [GAPP JA](#) took place on the 11th of February 2019, in London.

The meeting focused on identifying and extending existing standards and criteria on blood, tissues and cell preparation processes. In essence it's about defining the key standards on quality and safety.

The expert group is also preparing a good practice guide on the authorisation of changes in donation, covering the procurement and the collection, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of blood, human tissues and cells. The guide aims to be a reference for Competent Authorities on blood, tissue and cell processes that shall be standardised across the EU Member States.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place in May. Participating partners on behalf of Greece are the Papageorgiou General Hospital of Thessaloniki and the 7th Health Region of Crete, also responsible for the dissemination and communication deliverables. Crete is represented by **Prof. Dr Helen Papadaki**, Head of the Hematology Department of the University Hospital of Heraklion and of the Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete (CBBC).

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