Project progress

In the last months a lot of progress has been made. The Donor Health Care educational programme is getting closer to its final shape. Each of the 6 modules is currently being developed and revised in order to start the pilot programme on September 5th, where 12 students working in the field of either blood, cells, tissues or organs will follow the programme. They will provide us with their experiences and feedback, allowing us to adjust and improve the programme. The following 6 modules will be piloted:

1. Personal Development
2. Basic Principles of Donor Health Care
3. Donation and Complications
4. Donor Suitability
5. Quality Management in Donor Health Care
6. Specifications and Application of Substances of Human Origin

Pilot students

We have approached various institutions to recruit pilot students for our programme. In total, 64 students expressed their interest. We have invited them to take part in our enrolment procedure and received an official application from 32 candidates on our website. The DoHeCa Admission Board will decide in conference calls on May 24th and June 10th which students will be admitted to the pilot, taking into account the working field, prior education and the geographical distribution of the students.

Change in DoHeCa team

Within the DoHeCa team, tasks and responsibilities have changed recently. Because of the large scale of the project, Peter van den Burg will concentrate on the content of several modules and Anne-Marie van Walraven will be in charge of the organisational and managerial part of the project. Peter van den Burg will also continue his role as chairman of the DoHeCa management board and will be part in all our meetings and decision making. We have invited a European expert on donor health care and have appointed him as a consultant to the project. We are also in the process of recruiting experts from different fields to our team.

Main DoHeCa documents

For the pilot programme, we will develop 3 main documents:

2. Study Guide: containing information about the course.
5. General Handbooks: containing information about the module.

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