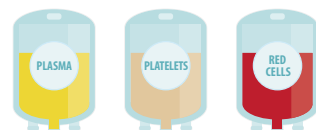


BLOOD TRANSFUSION: A LIFE-SAVING MEASURE

1 400
blood
establishments

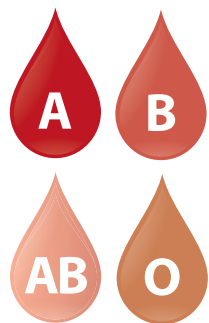


**1 unit of
WHOLE BLOOD**
can save up to 3 lives



**25 MILLION
UNITS
TRANSFUSED**
per year**

Plasma used to
produce medicinal
products



15
million donors
in Europe

23 donors per 1 000 inhabitants*



WHO NEEDS BLOOD?

- ▶ patients during surgery
- ▶ victims of accidents
- ▶ patients with acute illnesses, such as cancer or haemophilia



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BLOOD, A PRECIOUS RESOURCE IN EUROPE