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## **ORGAN TRANSPORT: LAR's French Organ Transport Contract Renewed**

**LAR-group secures its exclusive contract for the transportation of organs in France for a further five years.**

The decision to select LAR again for the transportation of organs in France (except Paris) reaffirms LAR's reputation as one of the leading air rescue services in Europe and worldwide.

LAR-group has been active in organ transport since 2007 and has already held the French contract for five years, following its success in a competitive tender held in 2013. LAR will remain the exclusive organ transport provider for all of France's transplant centres, with the exception of Paris.

The LAR-Control Centre in Luxembourg will continue to support and help coordinate the organ transport operations of the French Biomedicine Agency (Agence de Biomédecine). A typical LAR mission involves the transportation of a transplant team to an organ collection site by ambulance jet and then the return of the organ recipient to hospital.

Transportation of organs for transplant is an extremely demanding and complex logistical exercise, requiring a high level of expertise and specific technical knowledge. Key variables such as weather conditions, air traffic control, flight times and the lengths of particular airport runways have to be taken into account in every mission.

Certain types of organs have to be delivered within very demanding timeframes or suffer irreparable damage. The "ischemic time", i.e. the period during which organs are left unsupplied with blood, must be kept as short as possible. The medical and aeronautical expertise of LAR's staff guarantees speed and efficiency, ensuring organs always arrive in optimal condition.

France's Biomedicine Agency entrusts around 1,600 cases from 67 hospitals in France (including about 20 transplant centres) to the care of LAR-Control Centre in Luxembourg every year. That results in around 800 LAR flight missions per year and the saving of two lives in France every day on average.

Founded in 1988 as a non-profit organization, Luxembourg Air Rescue (LAR) now has 184,000 members. The organization, with its subsidiary Luxembourg Air Ambulance (LAA), is made up of six MD902 helicopters and five state-of-the-art Learjet 45XR aircraft. With 180 employees, LAR is dedicated to saving lives and rescuing those in distress in Luxembourg and in the Greater Region 24/7 and 365 days a year. LAR applies the highest safety and quality standards in the fields of medicine, technology and aviation to its life-saving mission. [www.lar.lu](http://www.lar.lu)

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