

## Commercialization of Human Reproductive Material: Legal Situation in Albania

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### Abstract

The industry of assisted reproductive technology, which is growing on a global scale, has created a tense situation between certain individuals' economic interests and human dignity. Individuals who donate sperm or eggs claim to have the right to monetary remuneration for goods and services, arguing that if a person has the right to sell his/her own blood or body tissues, then that person should also have the right to sell his/her own reproductive material. However, commercialization of those cells that have the potential to become human beings in the future poses a serious threat to the dignity and other moral values of mankind. This paper will address whether human gamete purchase and sale at a price should be legally and ethically acceptable, or their donation should be in full awareness and voluntarily. The second part deals with the legal situation in the state of Albania comparing it to the legislation in force in the state of Kosovo.

**Keywords:** assisted reproductive technology, human reproductive material, commercialization, donation, dignity, monetary compensation.

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