

Migration: Do messages have to be different for youth from different national and ethnic backgrounds?

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Why is this question important?

Migrant populations worldwide

191 million foreigners

(people having migrated and living in countries where they were not born)

Migrant populations in the European Region of WHO (53 States)

72 million foreigners

(people having migrated and living in countries where they were not born)

Foreigners/ population with migration background throughout EU countries

25 million = 5,5% of the population of EU countries

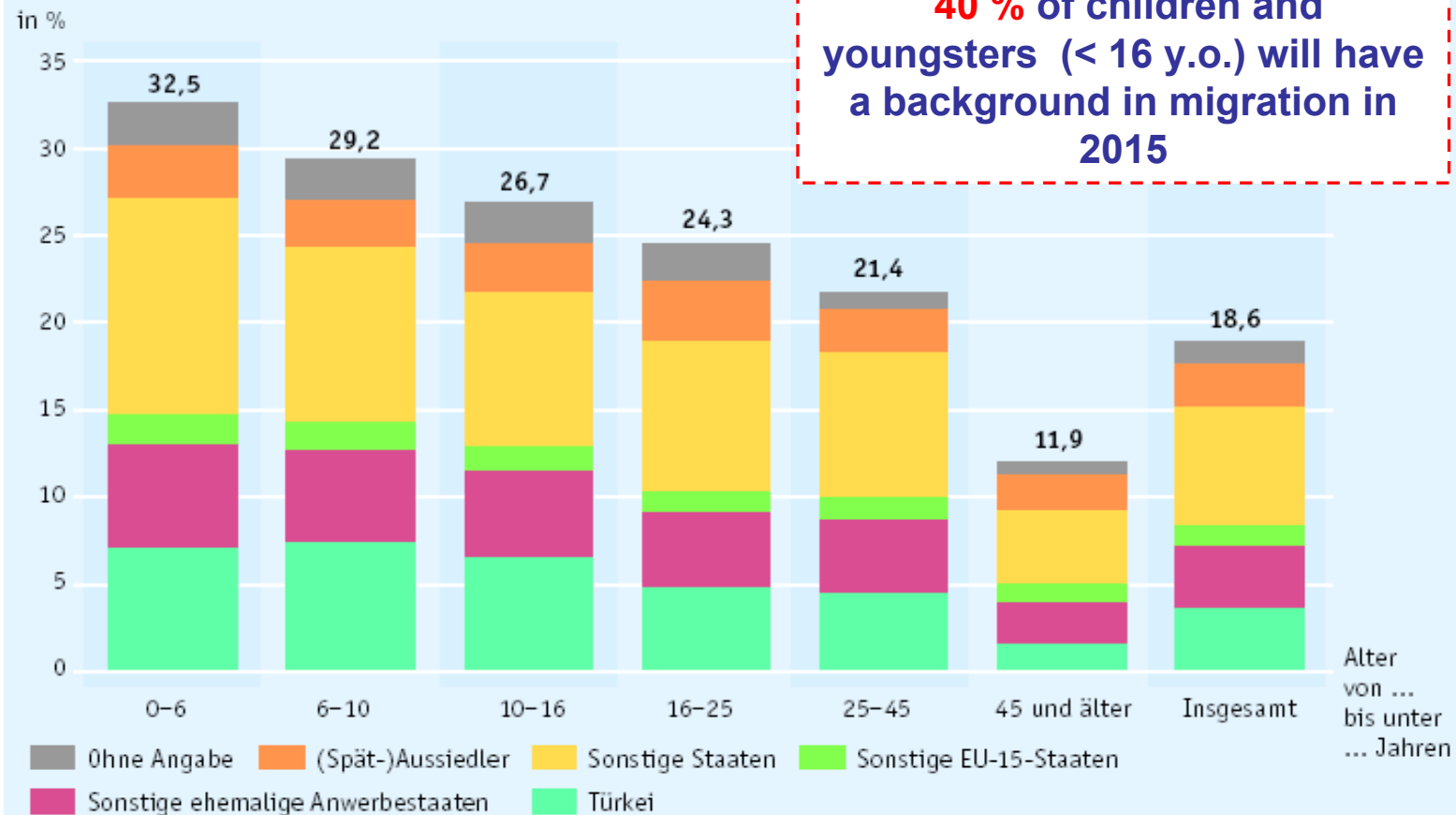
Population with migration background in Germany

15.3 million = 18.6% of the population in Germany



Age groups and countries of origin

Abb. H2-3: Anteil der Bevölkerung mit Migrationshintergrund 2005 nach Altersgruppen und Herkunftsregionen (in %)



Quelle: Statistisches Bundesamt, Mikrozensus 2005 (vorläufige Ergebnisse)



What is the problem?

- Young migrants in Germany often identify with their culture of origin
- Boys and young men object to discussing sexuality between men and women
- Being interviewed about their habits they obscure their language around sex and avoid using words related to sexuality
- In Germany young migrants use German words to describe their sex life
- The language (both Turkish and German) in general is poor in terminology and grammar
- Some words are only understood in German others are only understood in Turkish
- Young migrants often don't communicate about sexuality with their parents



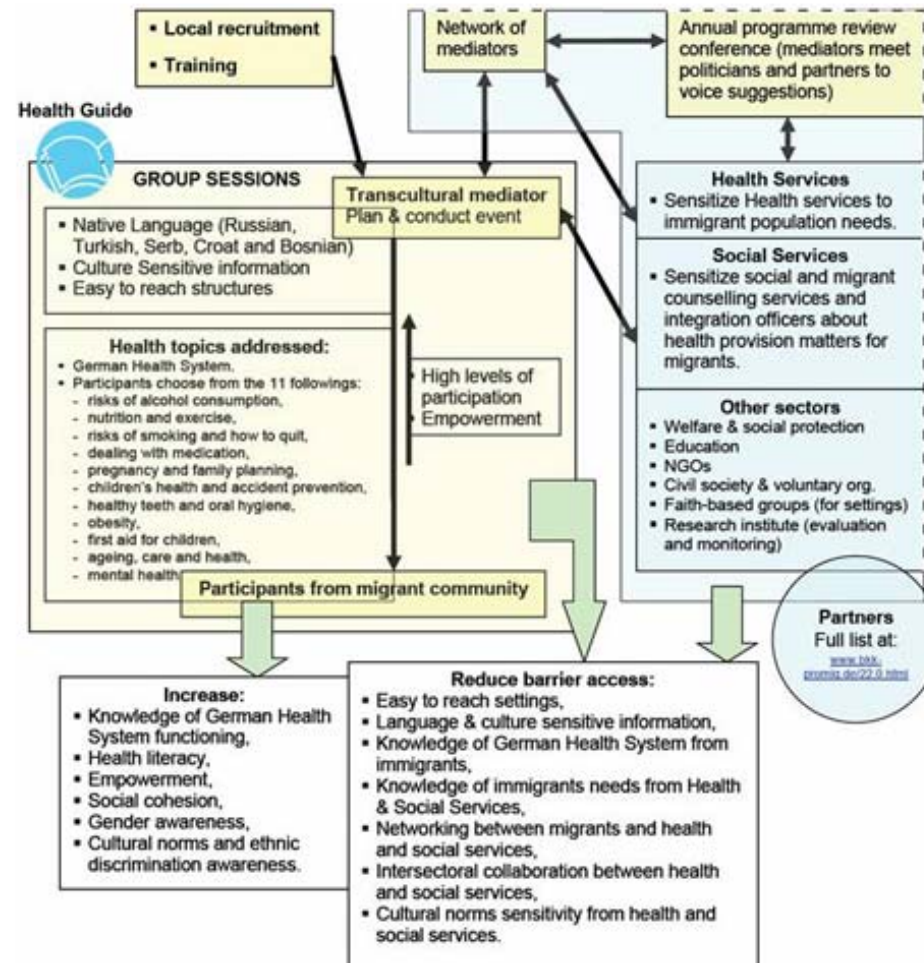
What are the answers?

- Capacity building in migrant communities
- Peer education
- Working with all generations
- Empowering both genders to communicate with each other



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- Prevention Technology
- Blueprint developed in collaboration with WHO Europe, Venice
- Recruitment, Training, Campaign, Networking, Programme Review



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Who do we train to become transcultural mediators?

- Mediators have
 -a general interest in the topic
 - ...an excellent working knowledge of German and another language
 - ...bilingual or multilingual skills
 - ...good access to their communities
 - ...the desire to improve the health of young migrants



Audiences Reached



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What are the most important messages?

- We need you, you`re the future of our country!
- You can make it!
- Don't give yourself up!
- We are able to understand you!
- We will help you, but you must also help yourself!
- There is a place for you in this society, but it is also determined by yourself!

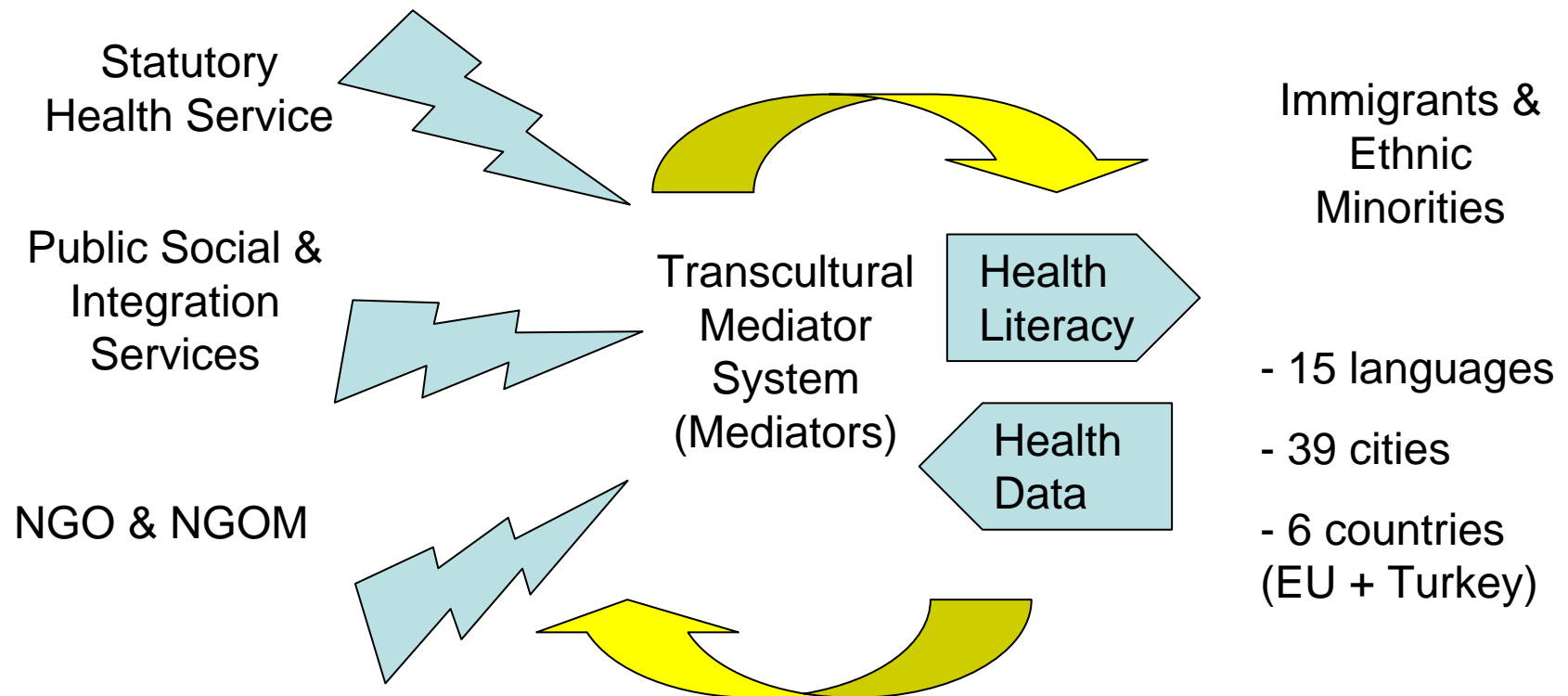


Opportunities

- Continually high voluntary commitment and interest among mediators.
- High satisfaction of local actors.
- High demand for mediators and requests for establishing additional sites.
- Self-help capacity has been built.



Intersectoral Coordination charges the Mediator System (and vice-versa)

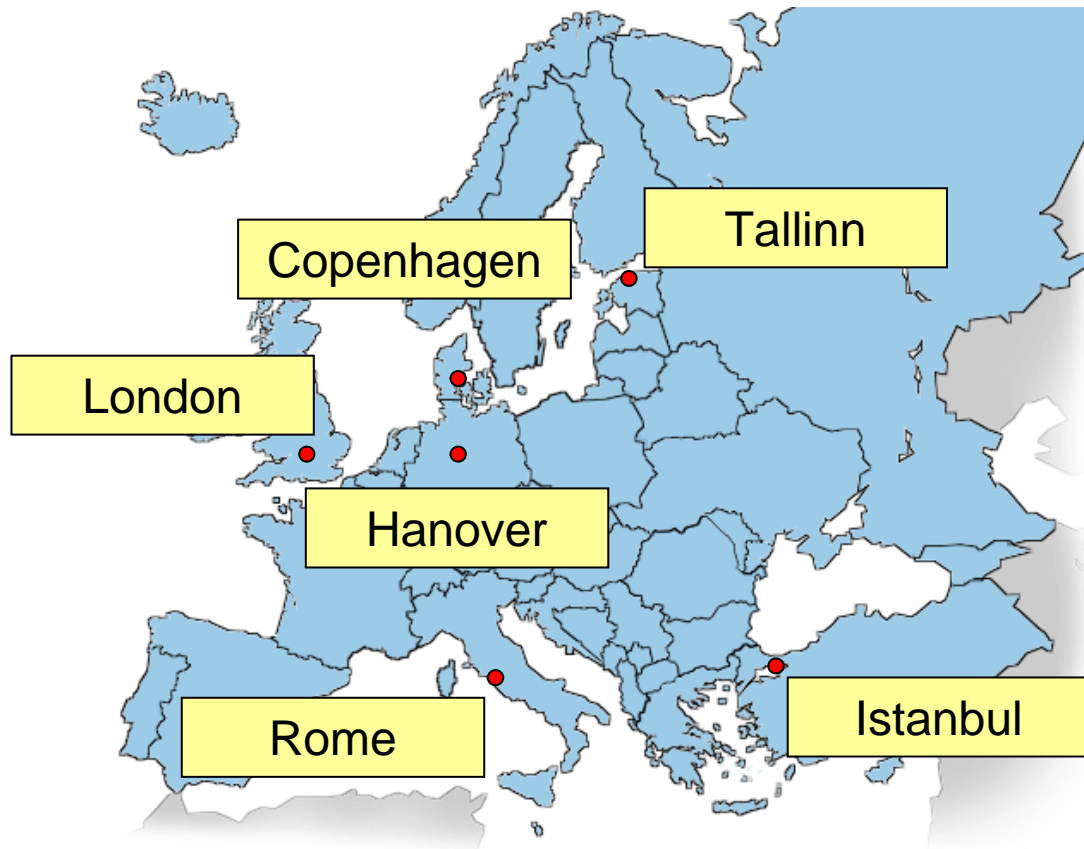


How can we provide sex education for migrant youth more effeciently?

- Do not reinvent the wheel - Make use of best practice approaches
- Transfer, adopt and expand services – standardize evaluation and quality assurance
- Integrate feedback and evaluation in monitoring programme outcomes



Capacity building in AIDS & Mobility Europe 2008 - 2011



- Six Trainings for at least 120 mediators
- 240 Community Group Sessions, 2,400 young migrants reached

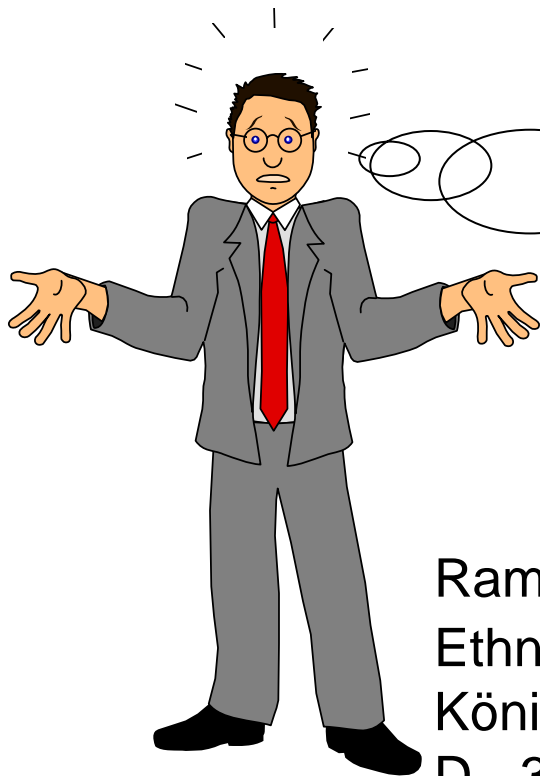


Conclusions:

Do messages have to be different?

- Messages do not only have to be different – they may be the same.
- Messages need to be communicated more effectively in a culturally sensitive way.
- Transcultural mediators are a valuable asset in identifying the right messages and in delivering them more efficiently.





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