



On the Implementation of the HIV/AIDS Communication Action Plan

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Why an action plan?

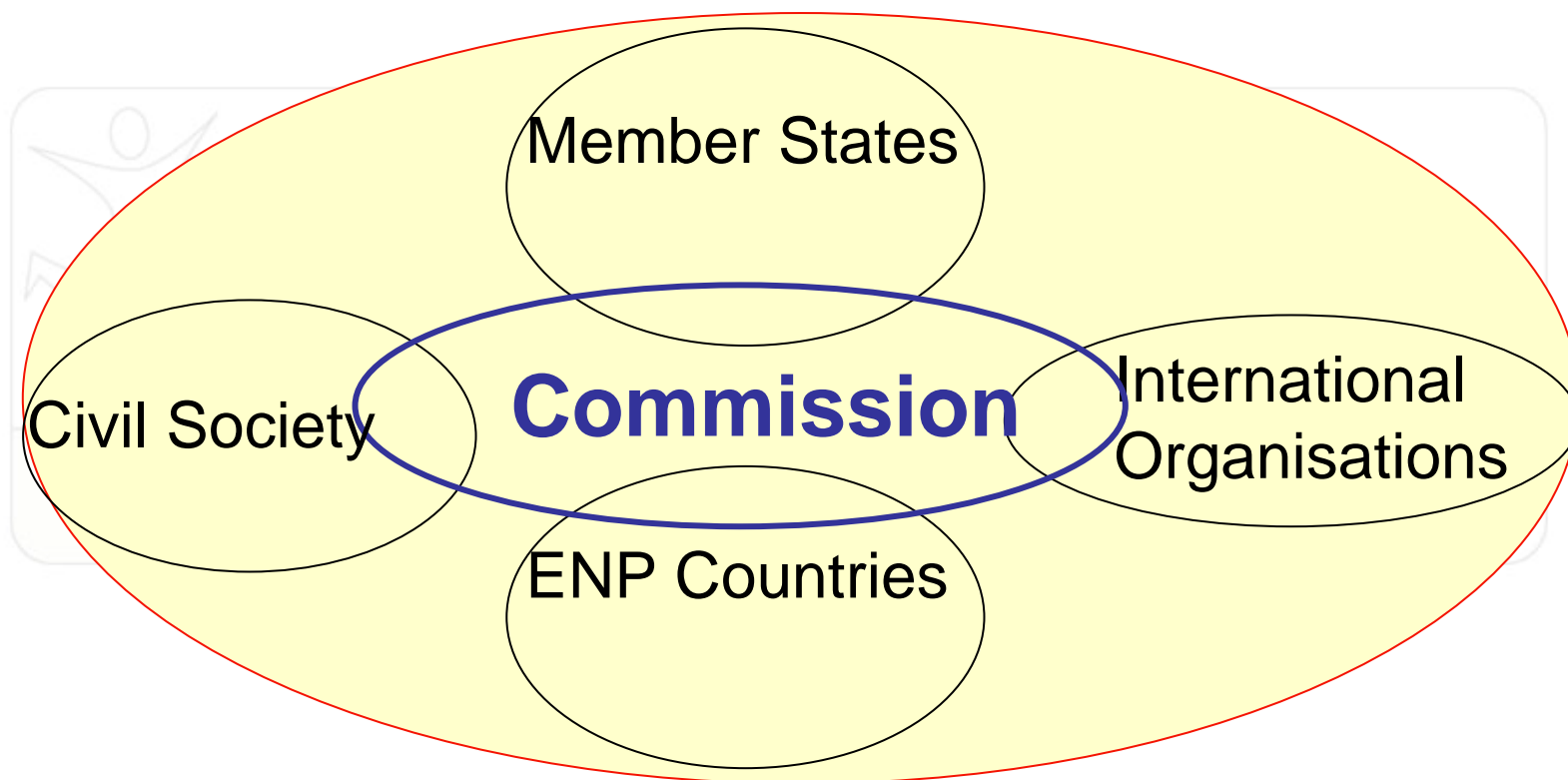
CO-ORDINATION

Joint actions to combat HIV/AIDS epidemic
in EU and ENP countries



PREVENTION

European co-operation



EU HIV/AIDS Strategy

“on combating HIV/AIDS within the European Union and in the neighbouring countries 2006-2009”

Building Partnership

Leadership and advocacy

Involvement of civil society

Surveillance

Prevention of new HIV infections

Treatment / Care / Support

Research

Neighbourhood

1. Leadership and Advocacy

AREA	ACTION	RESULTS	TARGET	STATUS	PARTNERS
HUMAN RIGHTS	Establish working group	Done: "WG on human rights" established	III/2006	OK	COM, TT, CSF, WG on human rights
	Conceptualise problems	Ongoing: report with recommendations to TT	IV/2007	OPEN	
	organise conference on HIV/AIDS and human rights	Done: Bremen HIV/AIDS conference	I/2007	OK	German Presidency, MS, COM, CSF, etc.
		Ongoing: Lisbon meeting on HIV/AIDS and migration	III/2007	OPEN	Portuguese Presidency, COM, UNAIDS, WHO

2. Involvement of Civil Society

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION	HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum	Done: group established, operational and active	II/2006	OK	CS and NGOs from MS and ENP, TT, SANCO
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	develop training programs for NGOs re. involvement in				NGOs, MS, COM
	1. ARV treatment	Ongoing: training program on treatment preparedness	III/2007	OPEN	
	2. Prevention programs	Done: training program on prevention with focus on harm reduction for IDUs	II/2007	OK	COM, PHEA
	implement training program	Open: number of NGO representatives trained annually	I/2008 +	OPEN	COM, MS, NGOs

3. Surveillance

Coverage of data	complete geographic coverage of HIV case reporting within the EU and the WHO European region	ongoing: meetings with ECDC and WHO-Euro, EuroHIV	2006	OPEN	MS, EuroHIV, WHO-Euro, ECDC
	complete the geographical coverage of HIV <u>single</u> case reporting		2008	OPEN	MS, EuroHIV, WHO-Euro, ECDC
HIV-related information	Reassess the objectives for HIV/AIDS surveillance to gain information on sever HIV morbidity, access to diagnosis and treatment	Part of the future ECDC surveillance strategy for HIV/AIDS	2006	OPEN	MS, EuroHIV, ECDC
System development	Develop an integrated database for HIV and AIDS surveillance	Ongoing: meeting with ECDC and EuroHIV	2007-2008	OPEN	MS, EuroHIV, ECDC
Develop behavioural data collection	Start with an inventory of behavioural surveys already existing in MS	Ongoing: proposal drafted	2006	OPEN	MS, ECDC
	Establish list of important prevention indicators	On going, initial survey on indicators used in MS carried on	2007-2008	OPEN	MS, EuroHIV, ECDC, UNAIDS, EMCDDA

3. Surveillance -2

Sentinel surveillance for early warning	Facilitate sentinel surveillance in high-risk groups in MS with low-level epidemic	On going	2006	OPEN	MS, ECDC, EuroHIV
HIV incidence	Estimate HIV incidence in Europe	Study on tests to assess serological HIV incidence assays done by EuroHIV/HPA	2007	OPEN	ECDC, EuroHIV, WHO-Euro
HIV prevalence	Provide HIV prevalence estimates for Europe	Estimates currently done by UNAIDS	2006	OPEN	ECDC, EuroHIV, WHO-Euro, UNAIDS
Data protection	Work with MS to identify problems with protection of personal data		2006-2007	OPEN	Commission, ECDC, EuroHIV, MS
Development of resistance	Facilitate Europe-wide surveillance on HIV drug resistance	Ongoing -- meeting with European networks and WHO	2007-2008	OPEN	Commission, ECDC, EuroHIV, MS

4. Prevention of new HIV infections -1

SEXUAL TRANSMISSION	develop strategy to promote safer sex and risk-taking behaviour among youth	Ongoing: safe sex strategy	2006	OPEN	COM, RT, WG on SRH
		Rountable on safer sex	2006 +	OK	COM, MS, CS, industry
		WG on sexual health	2006 +	OPEN	COM, partners
MTCT	report on status in Europe	taken up in PH action program; response quality to be improved		OPEN	COM, ECDC
HARM REDUCTION	monitor implementation of Council recommendation of 18 JUN 03	Ongoing: report	2007	OK	COM, MS
BLOOD	monitor MS data related to transmission of HIV by blood and blood components (COM directive 2005)	Ongoing:	IV/20 07	OPEN	MS, COM
YOUTH	include youth as priority target group for development of public health intervention	Ongoing: European Youth Forum involved in policy formation	2006 +	OPEN	COM, CS, MS IO

4. Prevention of new HIV infections -2

PRISONERS	HIV prevention strategies and best practices for HIV prevention for prisons	prevention strategy, included in COM communication on drugs in prisons	2006	OK	COM, MS, CS, IO
POPULATION WIDE INFORMATION	EBU health information platform	ongoing: RT on safer sex; project under PH action program	2006	OK	EBU, COM, MS
AWARENESS RAISING GENERAL PUBLIC	visibility to HIV/AIDS in Europe	night of commercials	2006-2009	OK	COM, partners, with DG EAC support : unit D1
	Europe into World AIDS campaign	open:		OPEN	
	promote prevention and voluntary counselling and testing	open:		OPEN	
EDUCATION	consensus meeting best practice on HIV/AIDS peer education	open: report on meeting and follow-up	2006	OPEN	COM, MS, IO
	develop training module for peer education	open: fixed training module	2006-2007	OPEN	
	implement training module	open: trained peer education officials	2007-2009	OPEN	



5. Treatment, care and support -1

AREA	ACTION	RESULTS	TARGET	STATUS	PARTNERS
ACCESS VULNERABLE GROUPS TO SERVICES	European inventory on best practices on drug treatments	open: Inventory		OPEN	COM, MS, DG EAC D1
	guidelines on access to treatment for vulnerable populations	open: guidelines		OPEN	COM, MS
	capacity building of service providers	ongoing: PH action program: training program for services providers		OK	COM, PHEA
TREATMENT PREPAREDNESS	patient-friendly info on treatment	package to be distributed		OPEN	COM, MS, NGOs
	training module on treatment preparedness	open: training module	2006	OPEN	COM, MS, NGOs
SERVICE STANDARDS	develop toolkit for comprehensive services	open: toolkit			

5. Treatment, care and support -2

<p>AFFORDABLE ARV</p>	<p>explore possible solutions</p>	<p>ongoing: solutions to reduce costs for ARVs depending on situations</p>	<p>OK</p>	<p>COM, Pharmaceutical Industry, MS concerned</p>
<p>LABORATORIES, TRAINING, SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING</p>	<p>integration HIV/AIDS in university and medical education curriculae</p>	<p>open:</p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>COM, ECDC, Universities, Medical associations, WHO Euro</p>
<p>LABORATORIES, TRAINING, SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING</p>	<p>network of national reference laboratories for HIV susceptibility testing</p>	<p>open: network establishes</p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>ECDC, MS</p>
<p>LABORATORIES, TRAINING, SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING</p>	<p>assess needs in HIV at national level</p>	<p>open: national inventories</p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>MA, ECDC</p>

6. Research

<p>ADVANCE TREATMENT</p> 	<p>Establish European Network of clinical trials</p>	<p>ongoing: new strategies for management of HIV infection</p>	<p>2007-2011</p>	<p>OK</p>	<p>COM, MS, Industry, Patient organisations</p>
<p>FACILITATE VACCINE/MICROBICIDE RESEARCH</p> 	<p>Establish European Network for vaccine/microbicide research</p>	<p>ongoing: standardisation of HIV research tools; new Candidate molecules/approaches; close cooperation with global research initiatives</p>	<p>2007-2011</p>	<p>OK</p>	<p>COM, MS, Research Centres, Industry, SMEs, Patient organisations</p>
<p>COHORT STUDIES</p>	<p>Establish network of European cohort studies</p>	<p>ongoing: new treatment options to fight resistance to HIV drugs, PMTCT</p>	<p>2006-2009</p>	<p>OK</p>	<p>COM, clinical trials centres</p>

7. European Neighbourhood

RUSSIAN FEDERATION	EC participation in the work of the country co-ordinating mechanisms	open: presence and co operation	2006 +	OPEN	COM, MS
	organise expert meeting on HIV/AIDS	ongoing: meeting fixed	2007	OPEN	COM. DEL, WHO Euro, Partners
ENP partners	EC participation in the work of the country co ordinating mechanisms	open: presence and co operation	2006 +	OPEN	EC DEL, CCM. ENP Partners
	invite ENP partners to TT meetings	ongoing: exchange of info on best practivces, active participation	2006 +	OK	COM, MS, NGOs, Partners
	invite ENP partners to HIV/AIDS related meetings/conferences	ongoing: participation,	2006 +	OK	MS, COM, NGOs, Partners
	surveillance	ongoing: surveillance data available, ensure that networks cover Southern Mediterranean countries	2009	OK	ECDC, EpiSouth
	targeted HIV/AIDS meetings for ENP partners	ongoing: exchange of info and best practices	2007 +	OPEN	COM, MS, ENP Partners



Focus 2007 +

- innovative communication strategy to improve prevention
- exchange of experiences on national/international HIV/AIDS prevention
- innovative strategies to promote safer sex among adolescents and high risk populations
- Initiation of European business to co-operate on HIV/AIDS
- European HIV/AIDS event ~ 1 Dec 2007
- HIV/AIDS and migration

Why an action plan?

- do we further need it?
- should it be followed/implemented?
- prioritisation?
- needs? updates?



CONTRIBUTIONS

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