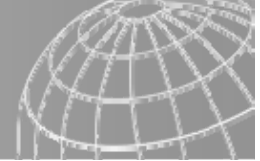


# **German Initiative on Cooperation with in Eastern European Countries on HIV and AIDS: an overview**

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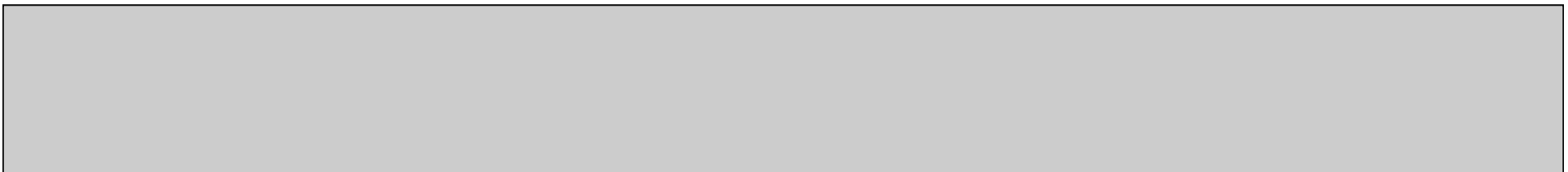
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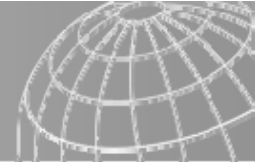
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## State Cooperation

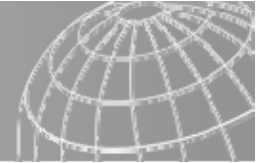
- Besides the efficient use of international coordination and financial mechanisms (UNAIDS, Global Fund for the Fight against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) etc.), the bilateral cooperation is a key instrument in the effort of the German Government in the fight against HIV/AIDS





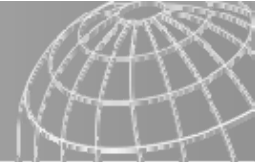
# Background

- Declarations of Dublin, Vilnius and Bremen
- German Actionplan to fight against HIV/AIDS
- Bilateral agreements between Germany and different Countries



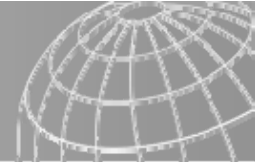
# Focal Country

- Ukraine
- highest rates of new infections in Europe
- existing cooperations of several German NGO's
- The German Government has planned to allocate between 2007-2010 around 7 Million EUR for the bilateral cooperation with Ukraine in the field of HIV/AIDS



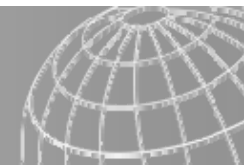
# Characteristics of the Cooperation

- Cooperation on Governmental and on Non Governmental level
- multisectoral – prevention, treatment, care, monitoring and evaluation
- Capacity Development, Knowledge Transfer



# Coordinated Response

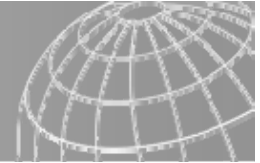
- German embassy in Kyiv is organising a Round Table. All EU memberstates are invited.
- Better coordination of the different activities
- Information and exchange about activities between the countries



## Regional focal points

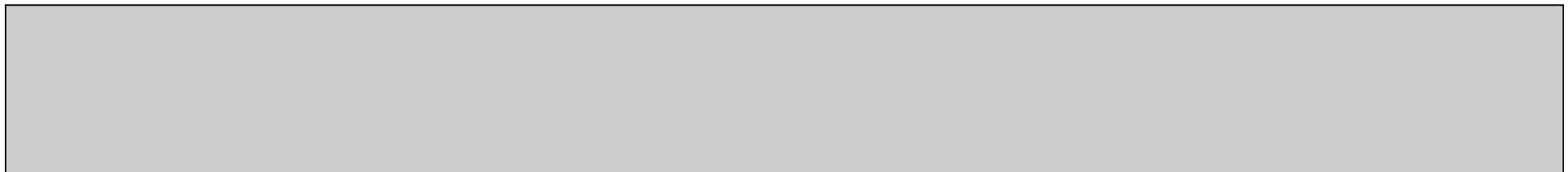
- Kyiv, National Level
  
- Western Ukraine
  - Vinnytsia, Chernivtsi, Ternopil  
and Khmelnytsky Regions
  
- Region Donetsk



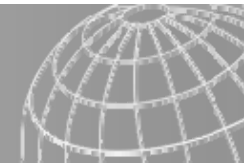


## National Government

- Cooperation between the German and the Ukrainian Ministry of Health (MoH)
- Focus on Assistance to build up a national HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategy and a national Prevention Campaign
- Twinning-Model. German expert is directly working for and with the staff of the MoH. Germany is financing two additional Ukrainian experts for the team of the MoH



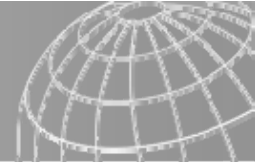




## **Selected Cooperations in the field of Prevention (I)**

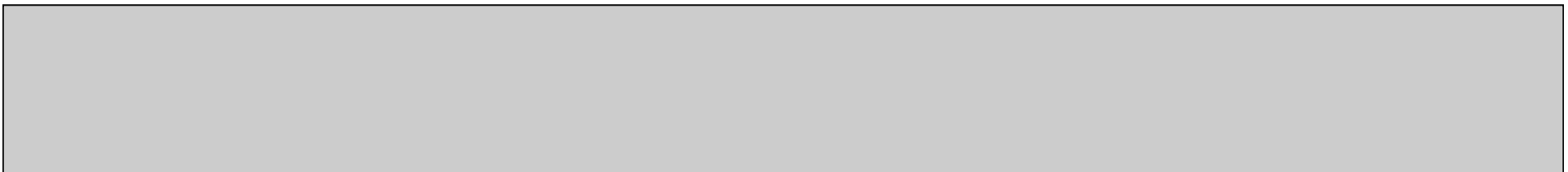
- Post-Graduate Further Education for teachers on the topic of HIV/AIDS - development of modules for further education between the Freiburg Catholic University of Applied Sciences and the Institute for Postdiploma Further Education for teachers in the Chernivtsi Region
- Support of a multisectoral coordination and intervention strategy development in four regions of Western Ukraine: Vinnytsia, Khmelnytsky, Ternopil und Chernivtsi. Prevention in educational establishments, harm reduction, medical and social services for PLWHA

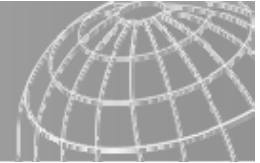




## **Selected Cooperations in the field of Prevention (II)**

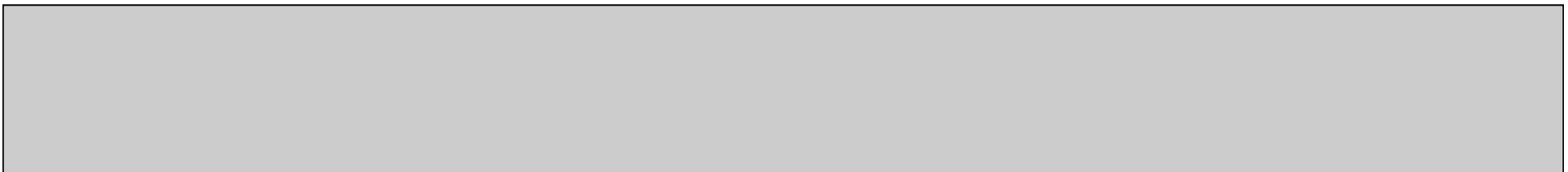
- Mapping of the situation and concept development of the HIV prevention among men who have sex with men through the cooperation of Connect plus e.V. and the Gay Alliance Ukraine
- Knowledge transfer for the development and implementation of a curriculum for the qualification of social workers as well as for the establishment of a network of multipliers through the cooperation between Connect plus e.V. and the State Social Services (*Supported by the Robert Bosch Foundation*)

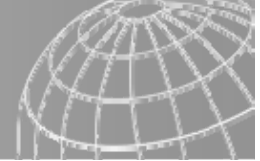




## **Selected Cooperations in the field of Diagnostics and Treatment**

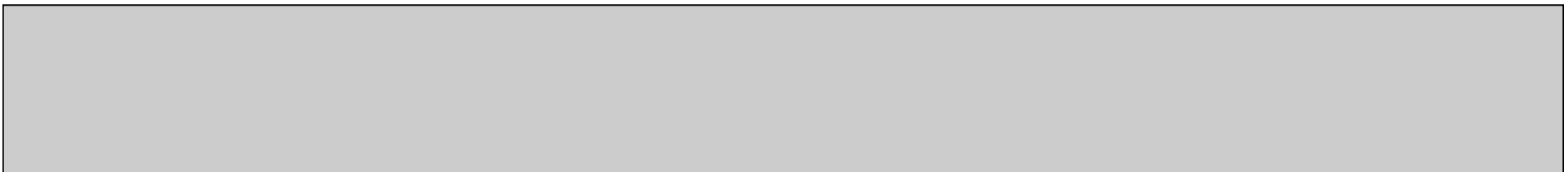
- Clinical Partnership between the AVK-Clinic in Berlin and the Aids Center in Donetsk
- Clinical Partnership between the HIV-Center of the University of Frankfurt and the Lavra Clinic in Kviv

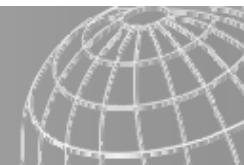




## Cooperation in the field of Care

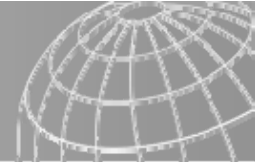
- Support for the development of tools and standards for Care in Clinics and for home care. Cooperation between Caritas International and Caritas Ukraine





## Future prospects

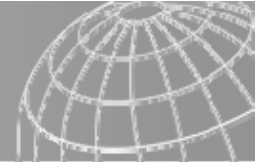
- The fight against HIV/AIDS is a key component of the cooperation between the governments of both countries as well as further intensive bilateral cooperation
- Cooperation projects lead to long-term partnerships with sustainable collaboration and permanent knowledge transfer
- The German-Ukrainian Cooperation is an important contribution for the improvement of the access to high quality services of prevention, treatment and care



# Further Cooperations:

Germany is financing the BORDERNETwork Project since 2008. BORDERNETwork provides Crossborder Cooperations in 7 Countries:

- Germany
- Poland
- Ukraine
- Estland
- Bulgaria
- Rumania
- Moldova



**Thank you very much for  
your attention!**

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