



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Directorate C - Public Health and Risk Assessment

## **MANDATE**

### **for the Think Tank on HIV/AIDS in Europe**

The recent conference “Breaking the Barriers - Partnership to fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia” (Dublin, 23-24 February 2004) has highlighted the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS problem in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and listed possible actions in the "Dublin Declaration" adopted at the end of the conference. The High Level Committee on Health discussed the issue in its meeting in Dublin on April 26-27 and decided to establish a Think Tank to follow up the development and measures in this field. In the light of this growing HIV/AIDS epidemic, there is a clear need to have a dedicated working group or Think Tank on HIV/AIDS with representation of the Member States, Candidate Countries and the EEA Countries.

The mandate of this group relates to HIV/AIDS in the EU and neighbouring countries as appropriate:

- exchanging information and contributing to a coordinated approach to combat HIV/AIDS, focusing on the European Union and the neighbouring countries;
- serve as a venue for informal consultation between the Commission, the Member States, the Candidate Countries and the EEA Countries.

Membership of the group will extend to all Member States, Candidate Countries and the EEA Countries.

The group will meet as needed and will be co-ordinated by DG SANCO.