

This action plan presents an initial set of actions arising from a consultation with Commission services and external stakeholders. Actions are designed alongside the political actions of the Commission communication on combating HIV/AIDS in the European Union and the neighbouring countries, 2009-2013, and should contribute to achieving the envisaged targets. The action plan will be further developed and updated in cooperation with relevant stakeholders during its implementation.

ISSUE	ACTION	PARTNERS INVOLVED IN REALISATION  <b>Bold = leading entities</b>  <i>Italics = associated entities</i>	TIME	INDICATOR(S)	EXPECTED RESULTS
<b>1. Politics, policies and involvement of civil society, wider society and stakeholders</b>					
HIV/AIDS as political issue	Promote HIV/AIDS as public health and social concern, keep the topic on the political agenda	<b>Commission</b> <b>Member States</b> <b>Neighbouring countries</b> <b>Civil Society</b> <i>International organisations</i>	2010-2013	<b>EU presidencies addressing HIV/AIDS as priority issue</b> Inclusion of , HIV/AIDS cooperation in future agreements with third countries	Better public awareness on HIV/AIDS Political support for the implementation of effective measures to combat HIV/AIDS HIV is mainstreamed in EU policies

	regular HIV/AIDS Think Tank and Civil Society Forum meetings	<b>Commission</b> <b>Member States and neighbouring countries</b> <b>Civil Society</b> <i>International organisations</i>	2010-2013	Number of meetings  dissemination and implementation of results from meetings  Actions agreed	Know-how transfer, Effective cooperation between all key players  Joint actions carried out
	tackle discrimination in relation to HIV status	<b>Commission</b> <b>Member States and neighbouring countries</b> <b>Civil Society</b>	2010-2013	Anti-discrimination laws in place  Level of discrimination in relation to HIV status	integrated anti-discrimination policies applied in EU and neighbouring states, prohibition of discrimination in relation to HIV status,  better quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS
	Regular meetings of National AIDS Coordinator meetings to share best practices, contribute to policy coherence	<b>National AIDS Coordinators</b> <b>Commission</b> <i>EU Presidencies</i> <i>CSF</i>	Regular meetings	Meetings organised	Improved cooperation and coordination between AIDS coordinators on approaches to HIV/AIDS
<b>HIV/AIDS policies and strategies</b>	Development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of targeted regional, national and supranational HIV/AIDS	<b>Member States and neighbouring countries</b> <b>ECDC</b> <b>Civil Society</b>	2010-2013	Number of explicit HIV/AIDS policies in place, scale and quality of implementation  Monitoring of	Scaling up of effective implementation of innovative HIV/AIDS policies leading to a reduction of HIV

	policies	<i>International organisations</i>		existing plans	transmission
<b>Civil society</b>	Support of civil society through funding and legal support at EU and national levels  Involve and consult civil society in development and implementation of HIV policies	<b>National authorities</b>  <b>Commission</b>  <b>Other stakeholders</b>	2010-2013	Engagement of NGOs in EU, national and regional coordinating committees and policy bodies,  NGOs input into programme coordination and policy making	Larger number of effective NGOs in all countries across Europe and its neighbourhood  Higher degree of NGO participation in decision making
<b>The private sector</b>	Intensify the cooperation with private sector – business and media  work with pharmaceutical industry to improve access and availability of treatment across Europe	<b>Industry</b>  <b>National authorities</b>  <b>Commission</b>  <b>Civil Society</b>	2011	Coverage of HIV in workplace programmes  Presence of HIV issues in media  Number of ARV price rebate agreements  Treatment coverage	Successful partnership projects  Solidarity with people living with HIV  Affordable male and female condoms  affordable and fair ARV prices  Early treatment an care, better treatment coverage, improved health status of people living with HIV
<b>2. Prevention</b>					
<b>Targeted and combination</b>	Identify prevention needs targeting	<b>National Regional</b> /	2010-2013	percentage of population informed about	Most at risk and general populations ,

<b>prevention</b>	<p>local realities as key in regional/national HIV policies</p> <p>Targeted prevention to most at risk groups as central focus of national prevention strategies</p> <p>Improve exchange of best practice, information and education on HIV and HIV prevention</p>	<p><b>authorities</b></p> <p><b>Civil Society</b></p> <p><i>Commission</i></p> <p><i>ECDC</i></p>		<p>transmission modes and prevention measures</p> <p>Access to comprehensive prevention services and commodities</p> <p>accessibility and affordability of condoms</p>	<p>particularly young people better informed about HIV prevention measures</p> <p>Improved access to prevention services for most at risk populations and for young people</p> <p>Condoms and clean injecting equipment accessible to all who need them including in prisons</p> <p>Reduction of new HIV infections</p>
<b>HIV transmission and risk behaviour</b>	<p>Strengthening of behavioural surveillance to develop measures leading to reduced risk behaviour</p> <p>In depth analysis of trends and dynamics in sexual and drug use related risk behaviour</p>	<p><b>ECDC, EMCDDA</b></p> <p><b>Academia</b></p> <p><i>Civil Society</i></p> <p><i>Commission</i></p>	Ongoing - 2012	<p>precise, geographically distinct disaggregated data and resulting policies</p>	<p>improved understanding of behavioural parameters contributing to the epidemics</p> <p>adaptation of policies and prevention measures</p> <p>reduction of new HIV cases in most at risk populations</p>
<b>3. Priority regions</b>					
<b>Eastern European Member</b>	<p>reach universal access to voluntary</p>	<b>National authorities</b>	2010-2013	<p>ARV coverage</p> <p>Coverage of IDU</p>	<p>More people under treatment ,</p>

<p><b>States, ENP countries and the Russian Federation</b></p>	<p>testing, treatment and care</p> <p>Introduction and implementation of effective harm reduction measures for prevention of HIV</p> <p>Prevention and integrated HIV, TB and co-infection treatment, including in prisons and other particular settings</p>	<p><b>Civil society Commission</b></p>		<p>specific harm reduction programmes</p> <p>Coverage of integrated prevention and treatment services in prisons</p>	<p>decline of AIDS related deaths</p> <p>Reduction of HIV infection rate among injecting drug users</p> <p>Better health status of prisoners and their partners</p> <p>Decreased HIV and co-infections incidence in prisons</p>
<p><b>ENP countries and the Russian Federation</b></p>	<p>promote cooperation of EU and neighbouring countries on HIV/AIDS</p> <p>invitation and involvement of neighbouring countries in HIV related meetings at EU level</p>	<p><b>Commission Member States Neighbouring countries</b></p>	<p>2010-2013</p>	<p>HIV/AIDS as an agenda point in regular dialogue with relevant ENP countries</p> <p>HIV/AIDS cooperation included in new bilateral agreements with ENP countries</p>	<p>Improved prevention, treatment, care and support</p> <p>effective implementation of anti-discrimination policies</p>
	<p>Strengthen the surveillance by stepping up cooperation between the ECDC and ENP institutions</p>	<p><b>ECDC Surveillance institutions in Neighbouring countries</b></p>	<p>2010-2013</p>	<p>Increased interaction with and involvement of ENP in ECDC programmes</p>	<p>Better surveillance</p>
	<p>High level conference(s) on HIV and human rights in cooperation with</p>	<p><b>Commission ENP partners</b></p>	<p>2012</p>	<p>Conference and commitments</p>	<p>Improved integrated HIV policies and programmes in</p>

	neighbouring countries	<b>Member States</b> <b>Civil society</b>			Eastern Europe
	Exchange programmes between Member States and neighbouring countries for training of medical and social and NGO staff	<b>Medical associations</b> <b>Industry</b> <i>Member States</i> <i>Neighbouring countries</i> <i>Civil Society</i>	2010-2013	Number of exchange programmes	Better trained clinical and social staff and NGOs

<b>4. Priority groups</b>					
<b>Men having sex with men</b>	Intensify the promotion of safer sex behaviour among MSM  Information on HIV prevention integrated in sexual and reproductive health education	<b>Civil Society</b> <i>Member States</i> <i>Neighbouring countries</i> <i>Commission</i> <i>ECDC</i>	2010-2012	HIV incidence among MSM  prevalence rates of MSM  integrated school curricula on health	adaptation in risk behaviour  reduction in HIV transmission among MSM  less stigma and discrimination better knowledge on sexual and reproductive health
	Intensify implementation of voluntary counselling and testing programs (VCT) among MSM and other most at risk groups  Increase out reach work to most at risk	<b>Civil Society</b> <b>Member States</b> <b>Neighbouring countries</b> <i>Medical associations</i> <i>Commission</i>	2010-2013	Incidence of new HIV infections among MSM  Rate of late diagnoses among MSM  HIV testing rates among MSM  Rate of unknown	Decrease of late diagnoses, timely start of treatment  Reduction in HIV transmission among MSM

	groups			HIV status	
<b>Injecting drug users</b>	implementation of harm reduction measures for prevention of HIV and drug dependency	<b>Member States</b> <b>Neighbouring countries</b> <b>Civil Society</b> <i>Commission</i>	2010-2013	Coverage of syringe exchange and clean needles  Coverage of substitution treatment programmes	decreased HIV incidence among drug users
<b>Migrants and mobile populations</b>	targeted prevention measures and access to services and treatment for migrants	<b>Migrants and ethnic minorities organisations</b> <b>National authorities</b> <i>Commission</i> <i>Civil society</i>	2010-2013	Number of programmes and policies developed and implemented	Better information of migrants on risk prevention, HIV/AIDS and treatment, care and support  Improved access and information on rights and possibilities for migrants
	abolish HIV associated travel and residence restrictions	<b>National authorities</b>		Number of countries/regions with restrictions	Non discrimination of migrants and mobile populations with regard to HIV status
<b>5. Improving the knowledge</b>					
<b>Research</b>	promote research for the development of new prevention and treatment solutions for HIV and co-infections	<b>Commission</b> <b>Member States</b> <b>Industry</b> <b>Research</b>	2010-2013	– projects and programmes funded	Development of new preventive approaches and medicines

		<b>institutions</b> <i>Civil Society</i>			
	social and behavioural research, socio-economic analysis	<b>ECDC</b> <b>Academia</b> Commission Member States Civil society	2010-2013	Studies, reports, recommendations	More adequate prevention programmes, in particular for risk populations
<b>Medicine</b>	improve capacities and knowledge of medical staff with regards to HIV/AIDS; larger dissemination of clinical best practice	<b>Medical associations</b> Member States Academia <i>Industry</i>		Broad application of international testing and treatment guidelines	Timely diagnosis and more effective treatment solutions
<b>Surveillance</b>	complete surveillance of all relevant aspects on HIV/AIDS and associated infections  (strengthen behavioural surveillance)	<b>ECDC</b> <b>WHO Europe</b> Commission Member States neighbouring countries  Civil society		Full picture on all aspects of HIV epidemic in Europe	Powerful epidemiology resulting in comprehensive and evidence based policies
<b>6. Monitoring and evaluation</b>					
<b>Commitments of Dublin, Vilnius and Bremen declarations</b>	Regular monitoring on scale and quality of implementation	<b>ECDC</b> <b>Commission</b>  Civil Society Member	every 2 years, depending on results of 2010 study	Progress reports	Realisation of commitments  Improved quality of life of people living and affected by

		States and neighbouring countries			HIV Reduced incidence
<b>Implementation of this action plan</b>	Ongoing monitoring on scale and quality of implementation  External evaluation in 2012	<b>Commission ECDC</b>  <b>Think Tank CSF</b>	2010-2013	regular updates on action plan  Evaluation report end 2012	Better cooperation across Europe,  more effective policies,  less new HIV infections, better medical, social and legal conditions for people affected by HIV