



# EU CONTRIBUTION TO A REINFORCED PREVENTION AND IMPROVED CARE IN TIMES OF HIV EPIDEMIC RESURGENCE

How can the EU support improvement on HIV prevention?

Athens, Hellenic Pasteur Institute, 12-13 June 2014

## DRAFT PROGRAMME



### DAY 1 - Thursday, 12 /06/2014 - 09.00-18.45

**8:00- 08:45 Registration of participants**

#### OPENING SESSION

**09.00 – 09.05 Introductory speech - Meeting objectives and methodology**  
Jacques Remacle, Head Health unit, Chafea, Chair of the session

**09.05 - 09.25 Welcome note on HIV situation in Greece**  
NN Ministry of Health (EL)

**09.25 – 9.35 Health Commissioner Tonio Borg policy statement - Video**

**09.35 - 09.55 Key note speech on HIV/AIDS policies in Europe**  
Martin Seychell, Deputy Director-General in the Health and Consumers' Directorate, European Commission

**09.55 - 10.15 People living with HIV/AIDS personal experience and its view of European and National HIV/AIDS policies**  
Presentation from a representative from an European People living with HIV association, Luis Mendao, GAT/EATG (PT)

**10.15 – 10.35 Take up of the knowledge and tools produced under the Health Programme actions for the HIV Policies in Greece**  
Chrysoula Botsi, KEELPNO HIV Unit, health manager and medical professional experience (EL)

**10.35- 11.00 Coffee break**

**11:00 – 12.00 Meeting the press**  
Martin Seychell (EC), NN Ministry of Health (EL) and speakers from the opening session, with participation of experts in the audience, moderated by Maria Laura Bongoma, CHAFAE Communication officer.

**12.00 - 13.30 Lunch break networking with press and experts (upon invitation)**

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**13.30 – 14.45**

**SESSION 1: HIV/AIDS SITUATION AND POLICY RESPONSE, FOCUS ON THE PRIORITY GROUPS**

Session chaired by SANCO C3 (Paolo Guglielmetti) and KEELPNO President

**Surveillance HIV and co-infections, trends, prevention guidance for MSM and migrants**

Anastasia Pharris, ECDC

**Guidance PWID and Best practice portal**

Alessandro Pirona, EMCDDA

**HIV/AIDS and blood borne infections prevention initiatives in Greece**

Prof T. Kremastinou, KEELPNO President

**Drug policy, prevention and reduction of health-related harm, associated with drug dependence, collaboration between Health and Security on drug prevention**

M. KATPINIS, President of board of OKANA

**Blood borne infections prevention and reduction of health-related harm in and prisons**

G.PAPANASTASATOS, Head of the Research department, KETHEA

**14.45 – 15.45 Debate on HIV/AIDS response initiatives: Questions and answers**

Jeff Lazarus, as discussant, Centre for Health and Infectious Disease Research – CHIP, Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen(DK)

**15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break**

**SESSION 2: CIVIL SOCIETY CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS POLICY INITIATIVES IN EUROPE AND IN GREECE**

Session chaired by: SANCO C3 (Matthias Schuppe) and EATG

*Key note speaker presentation followed by panel debate on the civil society contribution to HIV/AIDS policies in Europe and in Greece*

**16.00 - 16. 20 Civil society contribution to the response to HIV/AIDS policy initiatives in Europe**

Lella Cosmaro

**key note speaker** from Lega Italiana per la Lotta contro l'Aids, Co-chair HIV/AIDS CSF (IT)

**16.20 – 17.00 Expert panel discussion on civil society response: focus on the actions contribution; existing gaps and what are the needs for strengthening the response to HIV/AIDS, with participation of:**

- Georg Broring, SANL - Aids Action Europe network (NL)
- Alexander Grabenhofer-Eggerth, CR 2003 report, GÖG (AT)
- Katrin Schiffer, Correlation network Foundation De REGENBOOG GROEP (NL)

**Questions and answers open for journalists and other experts,** with Jeff Lazarus as discussant

**17.00 – 17.25 Coffee break**

### SESSION 3: HOW EFFECTIVE WERE THE HIV INFECTIONS PREVENTION INITIATIVES TO REACH THE KEY POPULATIONS?

Session chaired by: CSF co-chairs and Dr G.Nikolopoulos from KEELPNO

**17.25 -17.45 Responding to HIV in Europe: Current state-of-play and areas for intensified efforts**

Anastasia Pharris  
**key note speaker** from ECDC

**17.45 – 18.30 Expert panel discussion on how the Health Programme actions contribute for implementing effective HIV prevention and reaching those in need, with participation of:**

- Massimo Mirandola, (SIALON II) Verona University Hospital, Regione del Veneto (IT)
- Tzvetina A Netzelmann, (BORDERNETwork), SPI Forschung gGmbH (DE)
- Aljona Kurbatova, (TUBIDU) NIHD (EE)

**Questions and answers**, open for journalists and other experts, with Jeff Lazarus as discussant.

**18.30 End of the first day**

**19.30 - 21.00 Cocktail dinatoire with press and experts(upon invitation)**

## DAY 2 - Friday, 13 /06/2014 - 09.00-14.00

### SESSION 4: HOW EFFECTIVE WAS THE USE OF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TOOLS TO IMPROVE HIV PREVENTION PROGRAMMES?

Session chaired by: Vasileia Konte (Quality Action) KEELPNO, EL and Anastassia Pharris (ECDC)

**09.00 - 09.20 Why quality improvement (QI) and quality assurance (QA) for HIV prevention programmes? Evidence, need, approaches and sources of practical tools**

key note speaker: Matthias Wentzlaff-Eggebert, (Quality Action), BzGA (DE)

**09.20 – 10.05 Expert panel discussion on How effective were the HP actions contribution for ensuring improvement of the quality of HIV prevention in Europe?**

**Expert panel with participation of:**

- Matthias Wentzlaff-Eggebert, (Quality Action), BzGA (DE)
- Nigel Sherriff, (EVERYWHERE), University of Brighton (UK),
- Jordi Casabona Barbara, (HIV COBATEST-EUROHIV EDAT) CEEISCAT, Catalonia, (ES)

**Questions and answers open for journalists and other experts**, with Jeff Lazarus as discussant.

**10.05 - 10.30 Coffee break**

## **SESSION 5: HOW THE EUROPEAN INITIATIVES CONTRIBUTE TO ENSURE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HIV AND CO-INFECTION TREATMENT?**

Session chaired by: Sotiris Tsiodras (University of Athens) and EMCDDA

### **10.30 - 10.50 How the European initiatives contribute to ensure universal access to HIV and co-infection treatment?**

Key note speaker, Jens Lundgren (Centre for Health and Infectious Disease Research – CHIP, Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen,DK)

### **10.50 – 11.40 Actions contribution for ensuring universal access to HIV treatment**

- Danica Staneková , (BORDERNETwork),Slovak Medical University (SK)
- Magdalena Harris, (Scale up harm reduction), WHO EURO and London School of Tropical Medicine (UK)
- Christiana Noestlinger, (Euro support network), Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine(BE)

**Questions and answers** open for journalists and other experts, with Jeff Lazarus as discussant

### **11.40 - 12.00 Closing remarks**

By Directorate for Health and Consumers from the European Commission (Paolo Guglielmetti) and Greek Ministry of Health representatives

### **12.30 - 14.00 Lunch break by KEELPNO**

**14.00 -17:00**

### ***HIV/AIDS prevention workshop on thematic topics (upon registration)***

**Session chaired by: CHAFEA and KEELPNO**

Four workshops will be organised focusing on sharing experiences between European experts and national health managers and professionals bringing the European experts and EC services to discuss technical topics with local experts, invited by KEELPNO.

**Participants:** 20-30 persons per workshop, participation upon registration.

1. **[How to improve access to testing for HIV and other blood-borne infections for those at risk?](#)**

*Chaired by Jordi Casabona Barbara (HIVCOBATEST/ EUROHIV EDAT), in collaboration with Jens Lundgren (OPTEST HIE), Massimo Miranda (SIALON), Marianella Kloka (PRAXIS) and Anastasia Pharris (ECDC)*

2. **[How to improve the HIV prevention projects and programmes?](#)**

*Chaired by Matthias Wentzlaff-Eggebert (QUALITY ACTION) with Vali Konte (KEELPNO)*

3. **[How to improve sexual counselling performed by health professionals and civil society organizations to increase risk reduction behaviour of persons living with HIV?](#)**

*Chaired by Christiana Noestlinger and Ruth Borms (EUROSUPPORT&SENSOA), in collaboration with Luis Mendao (GAT/EATG), Nikos Dedes (POSITIVE VOICE), Danica Stanekova (BORDERNETwork)*

4. **[How to implement effective Harm reduction in Europe?](#)**

*Chaired by Alessandro Pirona (EMCDDA) and Ms Manina Terzidou (Greek REITOX National Focal point), in collaboration with Alexander Grabenhofer-Eggerth (Council Recommendation 2003 REPORT), Katrin Schiffer (CORRELATIONS), Magdalena Harris (SCALE UP HARM REDUCTION), G.PAPANASTASATOS (KETHEA)*

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**16.00 - 17.00** Workshop outputs presentations followed by a questions and answers session with *Jeff Lazarus as Discussant*

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**17:00** Closing of the workshops – CHAFEA and KEELPNO

## List of projects experts contributing to the event

1. **Aids Action Europe** (AAE) (NL). *Aids Action Europe network support to civil society organisation through public policy dialogue and linking and Learning* - presented by Georg Broring, (AAE) (NL)
  2. **2003 CR on the prevention and reduction of health-related harm associated with drug dependence, in the EU and candidate countries**, GoG (AT) - presented by Alexander Grabenhofer-Eggerth, GÖG (AT)
  3. **Correlation II**, *European Network Social Inclusion and Health* - represented by Katrin Schiffer, Foundation De REGENBOOG GROEP (NL)
  4. **TUBIDU**, *Awareness raising among PWID and health professionals about HIV and TB testing in Eastern Europe, Empowering Civil Society and Public Health System to Fight Tuberculosis Epidemic among Vulnerable Groups*, NIHD, (EE) - presented by Aljona Kurbatova
  5. **BORDERNetwork**, *Highly active prevention: scale up HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, diagnostic and therapy across sectors and borders in CEE and SEE, SPI* (DE) presented by Tzvetina A Netzelmann, and Dr Danica Staneková, Slovak Medica University (SK)
  6. **Eurosupport 6**, *Developing a training and resource package for improving the sexual and reproductive health of people living with HIV/AIDS, Euro support network, Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine*(BE) - by Christiana Noestlinger
  7. **SIALON II**, *Bio-behaviour survey using venue and health care service base testing for HIV and co-infections and target prevention, Capacity building in combining targeted prevention with meaningful HIV surveillance among MSM*, Verona University Hospital (IT) - represented by Massimo Miranda
  8. HIV community-based testing practices in Europe, **HIV COBATEST – EUROHIV – EDAT**, presented by Jordi Casabona
  9. Improving Quality in HIV Prevention **Quality Action Joint Action**, BzGA (DE) - represented by Matthias Wentzlaff-Eggebert
  10. **EVERYWHERE**, *A European Methodological Model of HIV prevention in MSM*, Brighton university, (UK) - presented by Nigel Sherriff,
  11. **Scale up harm reduction in Europe**, WHO EURO and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine represented by Tim Rhodes
  12. **OptTEST by HiE**–*Optimising testing and linkage to care for HIV across Europe*, Centre for Health and Infectious Disease Research – CHIP, Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen (DK) presented by Jens Lundgren
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