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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 Bold = leading entities <i>Italics = associated entities</i>	TIME	INDICATOR(S)	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Politics, policies and involvement of civil society, wider society and stakeholders					
HIV/AIDS as political issue	Promote HIV/AIDS as public health and social concern, keep the topic on the political agenda	Commission Member States Neighbouring countries Civil Society <i>International organisations</i>	2010-2013	EU presidencies addressing HIV/AIDS as priority issue 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	Commission Member States and neighbouring countries Civil Society <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	Commission Member States and neighbouring countries Civil Society	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	National AIDS Coordinators Commission <i>EU Presidencies</i> <i>CSF</i>	Regular meetings	Meetings organised	Improved cooperation and coordination between AIDS coordinators on approaches to HIV/AIDS
HIV/AIDS policies and strategies	Development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of targeted regional, national and supranational HIV/AIDS policies	Member States and neighbouring countries ECDC Civil Society <i>International organisations</i>	2010-2013	Number of explicit HIV/AIDS policies in place, scale and quality of implementation Monitoring of existing plans	Scaling up of effective implementation of innovative HIV/AIDS policies leading to a reduction of HIV transmission
Civil society	Support of civil society through funding and legal support at EU and national levels	National authorities Commission Other	2010-2013	Engagement of NGOs in EU, national and regional coordinating committees and	Larger number of effective NGOs in all countries across Europe and its

	Involvement and consultation of civil society in development and implementation of HIV policies	stakeholders		policy bodies, NGOs input into programme coordination and policy making	neighbourhood Higher degree of NGO participation in decision making
The private sector	Intensify the cooperation with private sector – business and media Work with pharmaceutical industry to improve access and availability of treatment across Europe	Industry National authorities Commission Civil Society	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 and care, better treatment coverage, improved health status of people living with HIV
2. Prevention					
Targeted and combination prevention	Identify prevention needs targeting local realities as key in regional/national HIV policies Targeted prevention to most at risk groups as central focus of national	National / Regional authorities Civil Society <i>Commission</i> <i>ECDC</i>	2010-2013	Percentage of population informed about transmission modes and prevention measures Access to comprehensive prevention services and	Most at risk and general populations, particularly young people better informed about HIV prevention measures Improved access to prevention

	<p>prevention strategies</p> <p>Improve exchange of best practice, information and education on HIV and HIV prevention</p>			<p>commodities</p> <p>Accessibility and affordability of condoms</p>	<p>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>
HIV transmission and risk behaviour	<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>ECDC, EMCDDA</p> <p>Academia</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>
3. Priority regions					
Eastern European Member States, ENP countries and the Russian Federation	<p>Achieving universal access to voluntary testing, treatment and care</p> <p>Introduction and implementation of effective harm reduction measures for prevention of</p>	<p>National authorities</p> <p>Civil society</p> <p>Commission</p>	2010-2013	<p>ARV coverage</p> <p>Coverage of IDU specific harm reduction programmes</p> <p>Coverage of integrated prevention and treatment services in</p>	<p>More people under treatment, decline of AIDS related deaths</p> <p>Reduction of HIV infection rate among injecting drug users</p>

	HIV Prevention and integrated HIV, TB and co-infection treatment, including in prisons and other particular settings			prisons	Better health status of prisoners and their partners Decreased HIV and co-infections incidence in prisons
ENP countries and the Russian Federation	Promote cooperation of EU and neighbouring countries on HIV/AIDS Invitation and involvement of neighbouring countries in HIV related meetings at EU level	Commission Member States Neighbouring countries	2010-2013	HIV/AIDS as an agenda point in regular dialogue with relevant ENP countries HIV/AIDS cooperation included in new bilateral agreements with ENP countries	Improved prevention, treatment, care and support Effective implementation of anti-discrimination policies
	Strengthen the surveillance by stepping up cooperation between the ECDC and ENP institutions	ECDC Surveillance institutions in neighbouring countries	2010-2013	Increased interaction with and involvement of ENP in ECDC programmes	Better surveillance
	High level conference(s) on HIV and human rights in cooperation with neighbouring countries	Commission ENP partners Member States Civil society	2012	Conference and commitments	Improved integrated HIV policies and programmes in Eastern Europe
	Exchange programmes between Member States and neighbouring countries for	Medical associations Industry <i>Member States</i>	2010-2013	Number of exchange programmes	Better trained clinical and social staff and NGOs

	training of medical and social and NGO staff	<i>Neighbouring countries</i> <i>Civil Society</i>			
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4. Priority groups					
Men having sex with men	<p>Intensify the promotion of safer sex behaviour among MSM</p> <p>Information on HIV prevention integrated in sexual and reproductive health education</p>	<p>Civil Society</p> <p><i>Member States</i></p> <p><i>Neighbouring countries</i></p> <p><i>Commission</i></p> <p><i>ECDC</i></p>	2010-2012	<p>HIV incidence among MSM</p> <p>prevalence rates of MSM</p> <p>integrated school curricula on health</p>	<p>Adaptation in risk behaviour</p> <p>Reduction in HIV transmission among MSM</p> <p>Less stigma and discrimination better knowledge on sexual and reproductive health</p>
	<p>Intensify implementation of voluntary counselling and testing programs (VCT) among MSM and other most at risk groups</p> <p>Increase out reach work to most at risk groups</p>	<p>Civil Society</p> <p>Member States</p> <p>Neighbouring countries</p> <p><i>Medical associations</i></p> <p><i>Commission</i></p>	2010-2013	<p>Incidence of new HIV infections among MSM</p> <p>Rate of late diagnoses among MSM</p> <p>HIV testing rates among MSM</p> <p>Rate of unknown HIV status</p>	<p>Decrease of late diagnoses, timely start of treatment</p> <p>Reduction in HIV transmission among MSM</p>
Injecting drug users	Implementation of harm reduction measures for prevention of HIV and drug	<p>Member States</p> <p>Neighbouring countries</p>	2010-2013	<p>Coverage of syringe exchange and clean needles</p> <p>Coverage of substitution treatment</p>	Decreased HIV incidence among drug users

	dependency	Civil Society <i>Commission</i>		programmes	
Migrants and mobile populations	Targeted prevention measures and access to services and treatment for migrants	Migrants and ethnic minorities organisations National authorities <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	National authorities		Number of countries/regions with restrictions	Non discrimination of migrants and mobile populations with regard to HIV status
5. Improving the knowledge					
Research	Promote research for the development of new prevention and treatment solutions for HIV and co-infections	Commission Member States Industry Research institutions <i>Civil Society</i>	2010-2013	– projects and programmes funded	Development of new preventive approaches and medicines
	Social and behavioural research, socio-economic	ECDC Academia	2010-2013	Studies, reports, recommendations	More adequate prevention programmes, in particular

	analysis	Commission Member States Civil society			for risk populations
Medicine	Improve capacities and knowledge of medical staff with regards to HIV/AIDS; larger dissemination of clinical best practice	Medical associations Member States Academia <i>Industry</i>		Broad application of international testing and treatment guidelines	Timely diagnosis and more effective treatment solutions
Surveillance	Complete surveillance of all relevant aspects on HIV/AIDS and associated infections (strengthen behavioural surveillance)	ECDC WHO Europe 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
6. Monitoring and evaluation					
Commitments of Dublin, Vilnius and Bremen declarations	Regular monitoring on scale and quality of implementation	ECDC Commission Civil Society Member States and neighbouring countries	Every two years, depending on results of 2010 study	Progress reports	Realisation of commitments Improved quality of life of people living and affected by HIV Reduced incidence
Implementation of this action	Ongoing monitoring on	Commission	2010-	regular updates	Better cooperation

plan	scale and quality of implementation External evaluation in 2012	ECDC Think Tank CSF	2013	on action plan Evaluation report end 2012	across Europe, More effective policies, Less new HIV infections, better medical, social and legal conditions for people affected by HIV
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