



D3 - ANALYSIS OF THE LOCAL CONTEXTS

Increasing and diffusion of **Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)** among **Young People** is a serious threat to the health of youth all over Europe. In particular, the fight against **Hepatitis B** and **Hepatitis C** and against **HIV/AIDS** represents a priority for the health policies of the World Health Organization and of the European Commission for the European Union countries and the neighbouring countries. The aim of the H-CUBE report of the **Analysis of the local contexts** is to provide an **overview of the European situation on HBV, HCV and HIV among European young people**. Especially, its goal is to present in depth the **current state of three diseases** in each country involved in the **project (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, among the new EU members, and also Greece and Italy)**, focusing on three target **groups at high risk of infection: "Injecting Drug Users" (IDUs), "Migrants", "Men Who Have Sex with Men" (MSM)**. Data and information collected, related to the countries contexts, have been summarized in tables in a comparable way.

The methodology to collect data and information has been based on the study of the fundamental texts in each country concerning HBV, HCV and HIV/AIDS issues in order to identify the general framework of the topics taken into consideration. The references reported are currently accepted reference texts in the research area and find out who has cited them in recent years. Another approach was to look for reports, scientific papers, or theses written by known experts and see who has cited them in recent years. Considered resources are in all the partners languages and English, and regarding to European, national, regional and local geographical level. The search plan for the literature review is related to a set of databases identified by all the project partners. Resources have considered the following criteria: provenance, objectivity, persuasiveness, value. The English keywords were also translated into the national language of the country partners in order to carry out the national literature study. English was used as a search language for the overview of the other EU countries. Moreover, all the participating countries has carried out a mapping of previous or current training courses and prevention activities targeting youth in Europe in the last 5 years.

The report is structured in chapters that are:

1. Definition of the three diseases.
2. Overview on the epidemiology of HBV, HCV and HIV/AIDS among young people in the EU.
3. Epidemiology of the three diseases among young people (IDUs, Migrants, MSM) in the H-CUBE countries.
4. Best practices in prevention and information activities; Currently valid legislation about the diseases.

Please, download the complete report at the following link:

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