



## European Commission activities on HIV/AIDS June 2012 – December 2012

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## Meetings and Conferences

28 June: Video-conference between SANCO, ECDC, DEVCO, delegation on HIV/AIDS situation and EU HIV projects in Russia

11 September: meeting with meeting with TB Europe Coalition focused on Tuberculosis and HIV programmes and cancellation of Global Fund funding.

2 October: videoconference between UNAIDS (Moscow), WHO (Moscow), UNDP (Moscow), ECDC and DG-SANCO (C4)/EEAS (Moscow) on the HIV-AIDS situation in the Russian Federation

18 October 2012: participation to the European Commission – Russian Federation Subgroup on Communicable Diseases

20 November 2012: participation to a meeting with the British Medical Association in Wales



## Inputs into discussion

### Dialogue with Russian Federation:

Letter to IDHDP-IDPC on the EC position on the Russian government's policy on drug dependence treatment and HIV prevention (inputs received also from DG-Justice and EEAS)

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2 October: videoconference between UNAIDS (Moscow), WHO (Moscow), UNDP (Moscow), ECDC and DG-SANCO (C4)/EEAS (Moscow) on the HIV-AIDS situation in the Russian Federation. The main aim of this videoconference was to have an informal exchange of views/discussion/brainstorming on the situation of HIV-AIDS in the Russian Federation and ways, possible options, ideas, policy suggestions on how the current trend of HIV infection rate increases in RF can be reversed, taking into account the broader European/world implications.

18 October 2012: participation to the European Commission – Russian Federation Subgroup on Communicable Diseases with a presentation on the HIV/AIDS policy was given.

Inputs to the LTT for Mr Volpato for the first meeting of Expert group on international development aid cooperation for MDG 6 in Eastern Europe and Central Asia - Moscow, 26 November 2012



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### HIV situation in Greece:

Letter in answer to Mrs. Cosmaro and Mrs. Zakowicz, co-chairs of the CSF, addressing the situation in Greece where 12 female sex workers were arrested, forced to HIV testing, and their personal data, photographs and medical records were published (inputs from DG Justice)

5 September 2012: audio-conference between ECDC and SANCO C4/C3 on the risk assessment on the HIV situation in Greece. ECDC will carry on a second mission to Greece (17 September 2012)

9 October 2012: audio-conference between ECDC and SANCO C4 to receive updates on the second technical mission of ECDC in Greece and on the status of the Risk Assessment

17 October 2012: received the draft of the Risk Assessment for comments

28 November 2012: received the final version of the Risk Assessment before publication



## Main briefings and speeches

Contribution for the defensives for Commissioner Dalli participation to the Cyprus presidency conference "CROSS BORDER HEALTH THREATS IN THE EU AND ITS NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES" on 5 July

Contribution to the speech of Anna Zakowicz at International AIDS Conference 2012 in Washington on July

Briefing and speech for Commissioner Piebalgs for the meeting with Mr Michel Kazatchine, special envoy of the UN SG for HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia on 20 September 2012

Contribution on HIV/AIDS to the briefing for the hearing of the new Commissioner Borg



## Other activities

### Answers to parliamentary questions concerning:

- ◊ the issue of Female sex workers arrested and found positive for HIV in Greece
- ◊ the use of rapid HIV tests in the Member States.
- ◊ initiatives on female and youth sexual health

### Inputs on the follow up of Roadmaps for EC/WHO EURO collaboration

#### Contributions to:

- ◊ "the commission Staff Working Document on progress in implementing the Commission Communication on reducing health inequalities in the EU" with specific EU actions addressing health inequalities in the HIV/AIDS
- ◊ the speech of the EU delegation to Botswana and SADC for the official opening of the 4th Botswana International HIV Clinicians Conference "Prevention is the way forward" (19-22 September 2012), with materials on the EU policy on HIV/AIDS
- ◊ a letter sent by DG TRADE to AHF in relation to EC FTA with Moldova
- ◊ the LTT for Mr. Sprenger for the high level meeting between ECDC and WHO-EURO on 21 November

### Preparation of a joint memo with DEVCO and a statement for the World AIDS Day 2012.





## HIV and human rights

Member of the Coordinating Committee: Jean-Elie Malkin and Henning Mikkelsen (UNAIDS), Raminta Stukyte and Yusef Azad (CSF), Ines Perea and Ute Schwartz (Germany); Kristi Ruutel (Estonia), Ludovica Banfi (FRA), Justyna Godowska-Wernert (DG-JUST), Wolfgang Philipp and Arianna Calistri (DG-SANCO)

17 July 2012: first meeting of the coordinating committee of the HIV and human rights conference. Agenda and Objectives of the Conference were discussed

End of August 2012: due to time and logistic reasons, the conference has been postponed, from 13-14 November 2012 to May 2013

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## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION at meeting of National Representatives to the HIV/AIDS Think Tank

1. *Legal framework to regulate HIV and STD prevention in sex venues* - introduction by Bernard Falu (FR)

2. *HIV/AIDS situation in Greece* – introduction by GR and/or ECDC

3. *HIV and criminalisation* – introduction by DE

4. *The impact of the economic crisis on MS response to HIV/AIDS* – All + discussion with ECDC

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## 19th HIV/AIDS Think Tank Meeting

4 December 2012	
10:00 – 13:00	Informal meeting of country representatives – separate agenda
14:00 – 14:10	Opening of the full Think Tank meeting - DG SANCO
14:10 – 14:20	Civil Society Forum meeting report - CSF
14:20 – 16:10	<b>Developments in Member States – reports</b> 1. The French masterplan on HIV 2010-2014 - Bernard Falu (Ministère des Affaires Sociales et de la Santé, Direction générale de la Santé, FR); Lucile Buzat (Institut national de prévention et d'éducation pour la santé (INPES), FR) 2. Update on the HIV situation in Portugal, Antonio Diniz (Direcção-Geral da Saúde, PT) 3. Update on the HIV situation in Greece, Maria Van Der Laar (ECDC) 4. The Swiss Urgent Action Plan: Break the Chain, Evaluation and future developments. - Steven Derendinger (Bundesamt für Gesundheit, CH) Discussion
16:10 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	<b>HIV in key populations – Migrants and Injecting Drug Users</b> 1. Eurocohort – Julia Del Amo (Istituto de Salud Carlos III, ES) 2. Updates on HIV in injecting drug users in the EU/EEA, following a reported increase of cases in Greece and Romania – Maria Van Der Laar (ECDC) 3. Updates on relevant EMCDDA activities – Dagmar Heedich (EMCDDA) Discussion

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## 19th HIV/AIDS Think Tank Meeting

5 December 2012	
09:00 – 11:00	<b>HIV in key regions – Special focus on Eastern Europe and Neighbouring Countries</b> – 1. Bordenave Yoik – update on findings and recommendations - Wolfgang Philipp, DG SANCO 2. Critical issues and challenges on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Eastern Europe – Jean-Elie Malkin (Director of the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Moscow) 3. Country reports - Ukraine – Mariyna Zelenka (Ministry of Health, Ukraine) - Romania - Mariana Mardarescu (National Institute for Infectious Diseases, RO) Discussion
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:15	<b>Health Programme and Research Framework Programme</b> 1. Joint Action on GARDI in HIV prevention – Ulrika Von Rueden (Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung (BZgA), DE) 2. Health Programme updates – Cinthia Menel Lemos (EAHC) Discussion
12:15 – 12:30	<b>Recent and upcoming meetings and conferences</b> World AIDS conference 2012, 'HIV and human rights 2013', others. <b>Upcoming EU Presidencies</b> (i.e. LT, GR, IT, LV)
12:30 – 13:00	<b>AOB, next steps and closing</b>

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