

Improving Quality in HIV Prevention EU Joint Action Proposal 2012

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What is 'quality' in HIV prevention?

- **Quality:** Achieving positive health outcomes in a manner consistent with the best available evidence, knowledge and standards.
- **Quality Assurance (QA)** monitors the quality of services and activities against standards, including review, problem identification and corrective action.
- **Quality Improvement (QI)** identifies, implements and evaluates strategies to increase the capacity to fulfil and exceed quality standards.

Why focus on quality in HIV prevention?

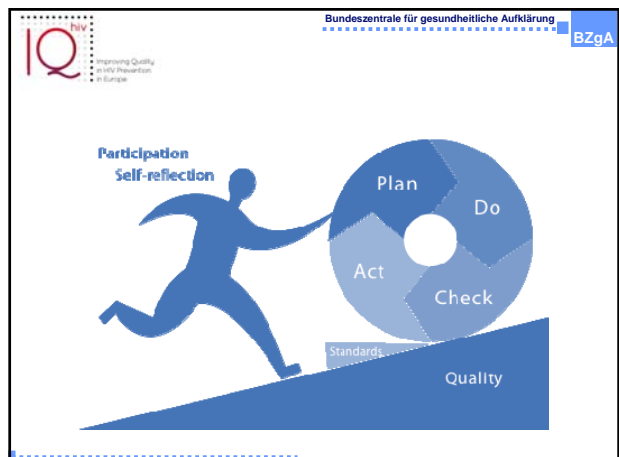
- Improve political commitment and funding support
- Ensure quality during scale-up and transfer
- Build evidence-base for sound interventions
- Support projects in demonstrating (cost-)effectiveness.

What is a Joint Action?

- Joint Project EU (EAHC) + MS + countries participating in the Health Program
- Co-funding arrangement
- Partnership
- Countries can mandate public bodies or NGOs to be partners

What are the benefits for Civil Society?

- Access to practical tools
- Opportunity for participation and self-reflection
- Opportunity to build/strengthen capacity
- Access to quality principles and criteria based on practice
- Improved recognition by government



Quality in HIV Prevention: Aime of the Joint Action

“HIV prevention in Europe includes formal quality assurance and improvement activities at the policy, program and project levels.”

Quality in HIV Prevention: Joint Action Outcomes

- Quality criteria applied to national programs
- Guidance and materials
- Practical tools and capacity to use them
- Network of practitioners and experts
- Quality principles and criteria for wider dissemination

Quality in HIV Prevention: Joint Action Objectives

- Increase the number of practical QA/QI tools available
- Increase the capacity for using formal QA/QI processes
- Increase the number of projects using QA/QI
- Develop, adopt and disseminate a set of agreed quality principles and criteria for HIV prevention
- Increase the number of national and regional strategic and action plans that incorporate formal QA/QI activities.

Quality in HIV Prevention: Joint Action Stakeholders and Target Group

Stakeholders:

- HIV prevention implementers and their networks
- Experts in HIV prevention and quality work
- HIV project and program managers/coordinators
- HIV policy makers, public health agencies and advocacy organisations in Europe

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Target Groups:

- HIV prevention implementers (NGO, CBO and GO actors in Europe) who work with priority populations
- Program coordinators and policy makers

Opportunities for Civil Society

- Designated by Member State government as an Associated Partner
- Designated as a Collaborating Partner
- Use QA/QI tools and access capacity building activities
- Contribute to quality principles and criteria

Next steps

- BZgA leads proposal development
- Think Tank presentation (7 Dec 2011)
- Countries agree to participate (Dec 2011)
- Countries designate partner organisations (Dec 2011)
- Workshop on the proposal (January 2012)
- EAHC Workshop (February 2012)
- Proposal submission (March 2012)
- Potential Start (late 2012)

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