



## 15<sup>th</sup> HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum

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*The involvement of **civil society** is one of the cornerstones of European HIV/AIDS policy as presented in the Commission communication on "combating HIV/AIDS in the European Union and neighbouring countries, 2009-2013" (COM/569/2009)*



## EU Civil Society Forum

*The CSF has been **established** by the Commission **in 2005** to ensure involvement of civil society in HIV policy development*

*The CSF serves as the interface between European civil society, the Commission and the Think Tank, and **plays a critical role in facilitating direct dialogue between civil society and policymakers***

*The Forum is not a formal structure within the Commission*

*The Forum serves as a platform of exchange of civil society organisations and a place to share knowledge and experiences*



CSF member organisation representatives are expected to act as '**focal points**' that is to:

*-keep other relevant organisations in their respective countries abreast of CSF meetings and activities in between meetings on a regular basis and involve them in the CSF work*

*-share relevant information from their country relating to the implementation of the EU HIV/AIDS policy with the forum*





**Meeting of National Representatives to the HIV/AIDS Think Tank**  
Luxembourg, Jean Monnet Building, ROOM M4, 5 June 10.00 – 13.00

*Opening - SANCO*

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**1. Action to reduce undiagnosed and late HIV diagnosis – introduction by Kay Orton (UK)**

**2. How to collect data on knowledge, attitude and behaviour among youth: the Swedish example – introduction by Monica Idestrom (SE)**

**3. HIV/AIDS situation in Greece – introduction by Georgios Nikolopoulos (GR)**

**4. The complexity of different questionnaires to be filled (UNGASS, Dublin ECDC, WHO...) – introduction by Bernard Faliu (FR)**



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**5 June 2012**

10:00 – 13:00	<i>Meeting of country representatives – separate agenda</i>
14:00 – 14:10	<i>Opening of the full Think Tank meeting - DG SANCO</i>
14:10 – 14:20	<i>Civil Society Forum meeting report - CSF</i>
14:20 – 15:40	<b>Developments in Member States – reports</b> 1. The HIV situation in Greece – Georgios Nikolopoulos (GR) + Nikos Dedes (GR) + Marita van de Laar (ECDC) 2. The HIV situation in Spain – Olivia Castillo Soria and Jordi Casabona (tbc) 3. Reaching key populations for HIV testing – Kay Orton (UK) 4. Living together positively. Be safe! - The German campaign for World AIDS Day – Verena Lulei (DE) Discussion
15:40 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<b>HIV and co-infection prevention concepts for the future (Project) –</b> Pauline Oosterhoff (Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, NL) Discussion
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Behavioural surveillance project: interim results and possible ways forward –</b> Marita van de Laar (ECDC)
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Health Programme and Research Framework Programme</b> 1. Joint Action on QA/QI in HIV prevention – Christine Winkelmann + Ursula von Rűden (DE) 2. EU-funded HIV/AIDS research in FP7 and Towards Horizon 2020 – Alessandra Martini (RTD) Discussion



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**6 June 2012**

09:00 – 11:00	<b>HIV in Eastern Europe – what about the future?</b> 1. Epidemiological overview in EU countries - Marita van de Laar (ECDC) 2. Epidemiological overview in non EU countries and WHO perspective – Martin Christopher Donoghoe (WHO) 2. Estonia – Aljona Kurbatova 3. Russia – Vladimir Shoukhov 4. UNAIDS perspective – Ani Shakarishvili (UNAIDS) Discussion
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:20	<b>HIV/AIDS and co-infections – open issues</b> 1. Hepatitis B and C in injecting drug users in Europe – Liesbeth Vandam (EMCDDA) 3. Short update on the TB plan - Marita van de Laar (ECDC) 2. Prevention, treatment and care – Jens Lundgren (DK) Discussion
12:20 – 12:30	<b>World AIDS Day 2012 plans</b> Discussion
12:30 – 12:45	<b>Recent and upcoming meetings and conferences</b> HIV in Europe 2012, World AIDS conference Washington, HIV and human rights <b>Upcoming EU Presidencies (CY, IE, LT, GR, IT)</b>
12:45 – 13:00	<b>AOB, next steps and closing</b>
14:30 – 17:30	<b>HIV and co-infection prevention concepts for the future (Project) Workshop</b> organized by the Royal Tropical Institute (Amsterdam, NL) for consultation and discussion with the interested TT and CSF members

