

# TB Europe Coalition

## Engaging TB and TB/HIV advocates across the European Region

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# TB Europe Coalition

- An informal network alliance of organisations
- Linked through listserve messaging, regular calls, occasional meetings, and a Co-ordinator
- Aiming to increase awareness and political will within the EU and the WHO Europe Region to confront TB and TB/HIV here and globally

## So, what's the link between TB and HIV?

- One third of humankind is infected with TB, more in high-burden areas
- In 80%+ of people, the immune system keeps TB bacillus quiet but not dead.
- Then along comes HIV , enfeebles the immune system, and **TB is set free**
- Result: TB is the greatest killer of HIV+ people. 500 000 TB/HIV deaths p.a. (2008)
- E. Europe: 56% HIV+ persons have TB (2004)

# TB and HIV Collaboration

- Collaboration is essential
- At *all* levels of services
- And among and between CSOs

**BUT REALITY IS POOR**

# Diagnostic Challenges in TB/HIV

- High % of TB *outside* the lungs – so, less likely to be picked up by X-rays.
- High % of sputum-negatives. Not enough bacteria to show under microscope – So, under-diagnosis

# Confronting the Challenge

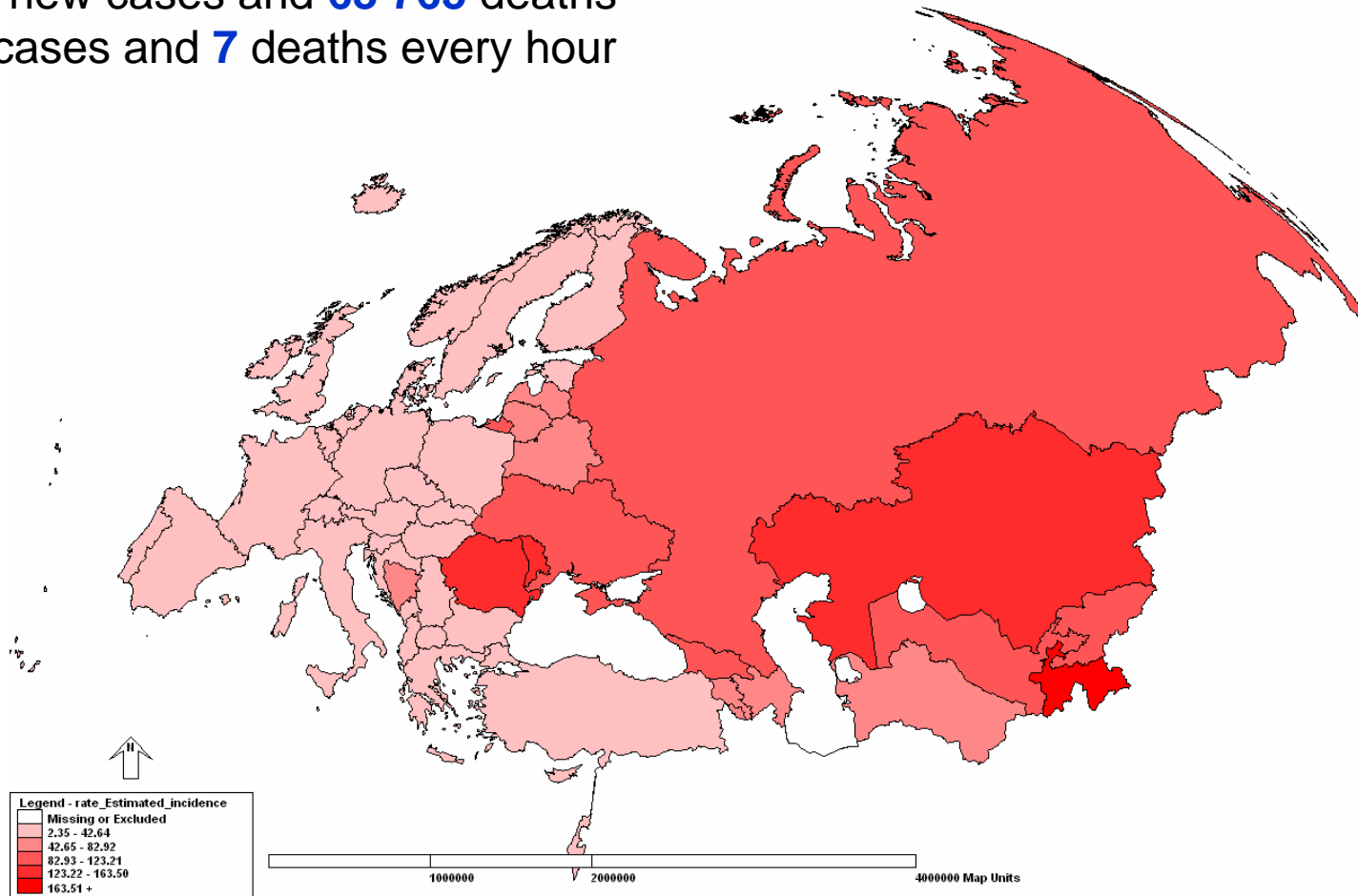
## The three I's

- Infection Control
- Intensified Case-Finding
  - TB clinics test for HIV
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- Isoniazid prophylactic treatment

# Estimated TB incidence in EUR, 2007

(per 100 000 pop)

**431 518** new cases and **63 765** deaths  
**49** new cases and **7** deaths every hour

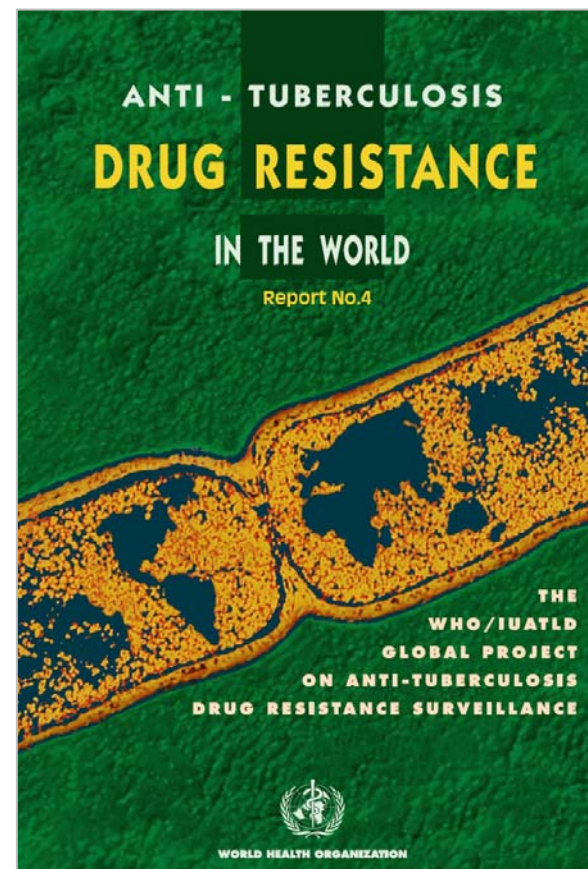


Global TB control report, 2009

# MDR-TB high-burden countries in the world

27 high-burden countries accounting for 85% of the estimated MDR-TB cases globally

<i>EUR countries</i>	<i>Non-EUR countries</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Russian Federation</li><li>▪ Ukraine</li><li>▪ Uzbekistan</li><li>▪ Kazakhstan</li><li>▪ Tajikistan</li><li>▪ Azerbaijan</li><li>▪ Republic of Moldova</li><li>▪ Kyrgyzstan</li><li>▪ Belarus</li><li>▪ Georgia</li><li>▪ Bulgaria</li><li>▪ Lithuania</li><li>▪ Armenia</li><li>▪ Latvia</li><li>▪ Estonia</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ China</li><li>▪ India</li><li>▪ Pakistan</li><li>▪ Bangladesh</li><li>▪ South Africa</li><li>▪ Indonesia</li><li>▪ Philippines</li><li>▪ Nigeria</li><li>▪ DR of Congo</li><li>▪ Viet Nam</li><li>▪ Ethiopia</li><li>▪ Myanmar</li></ul>

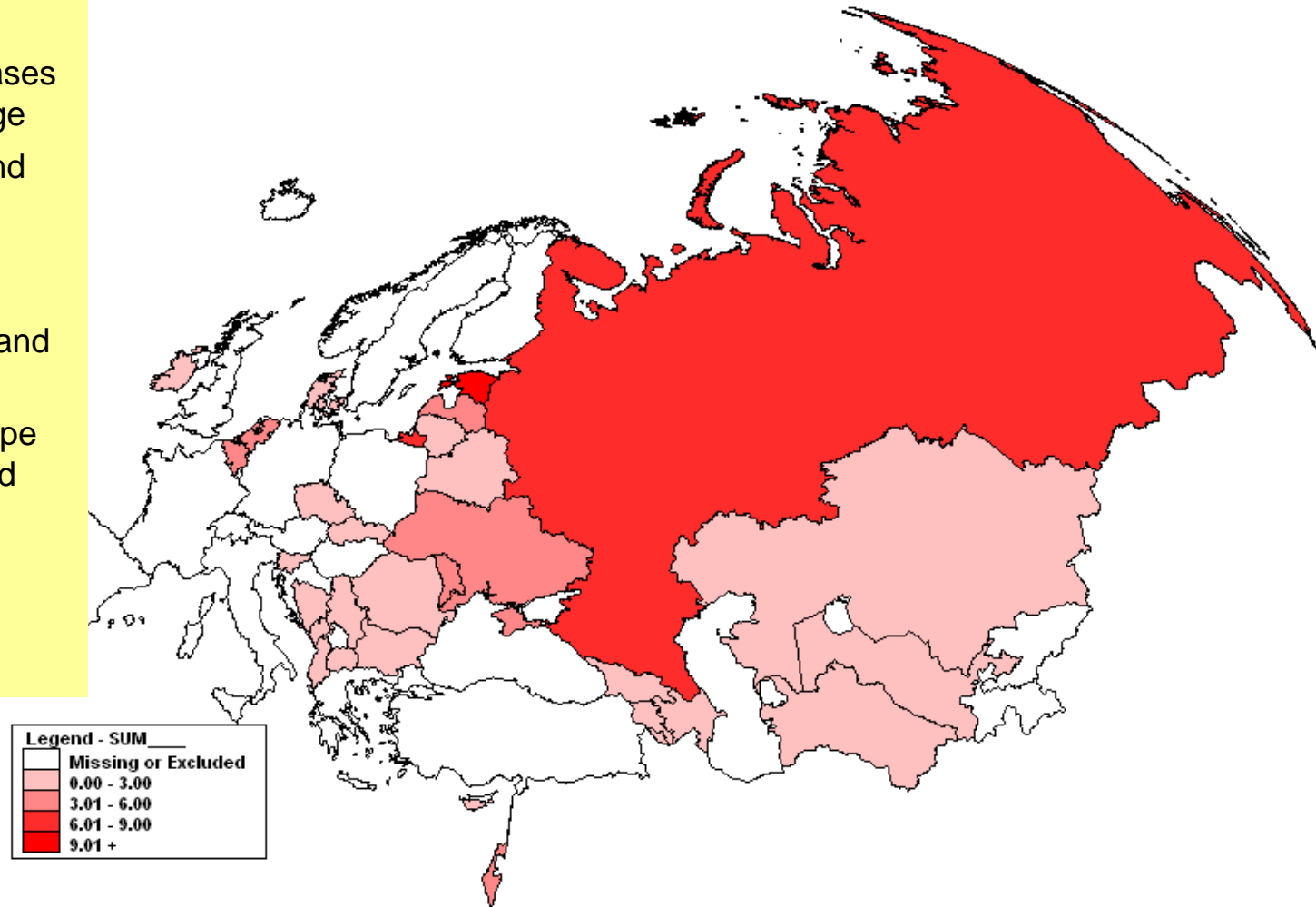




# Notified HIV prevalence among all TB cases, WHO European Region, 2007

## Main challenges:

- HIV prevalence in TB cases with 4.7% regional average
- Lack of good, reliable and country-wide surveillance data
- Limited collaboration between the vertical HIV and TB programmes
- Different patterns and type of co-infection in West and East
- Lack of community and activists involvement



# Why a TB CSO Liaison Forum?

- TB remains a major public health threat
- TB/HIV important but worldwide only 10% of TB cases are co-infections
- EU and Europe Region governments have been slow to implement 2007 Berlin Declaration
- CSO 'Offer' to Berlin meeting of ministers (and re-iterated at SANCO 2009 meeting) little acted on

Thank you for the chance to see how this HIV  
CSO Forum works

# Current TB Europe Efforts

- EP Working Group on Innovation, Access to Medicines and Poverty Related Diseases
- Assisting WHO Europe develop civil society components of Regional Action Plan on Multi and Extremely Drug Resistant TB (M/XDR)
- Pushing SANCO create TB CSO Forum/Think Tank
- New Tools research: FP8; EDCTP
- EP Written Declaration or Resolution
- Building up the Coalition. Series of meetings in Eastern Europe and beyond.

# Low / High Burden Countries Differing Advocacy Concerns

- *East (mostly in East):*

Advocacy aimed at recognising and supporting CSO contribution to operational activities.

- *Low (mostly in West):*

Advocacy aimed at liberating funds from EU Institutions and Governments for external use.

(Though some CSOs operational here too)

*How does HIV world respond?*

# Possible Collaboration Mechanisms

- Create a working group on TB/HIV in the HIV/AIDS CSO Forum
- Or organise yearly meeting with TB Europe Coalition
- Common campaign on HIV/TB (e.g: Needs of new treatment for PLHIV infected by TB; IDU access to HIV and TB prevention and care)
- Jointly present TB/HIV issues to Inter-Service Group on HIV/AIDS

# Maintaining Links between TB Europe Coalition and HIV CSO Forum

***Comments welcome on:***

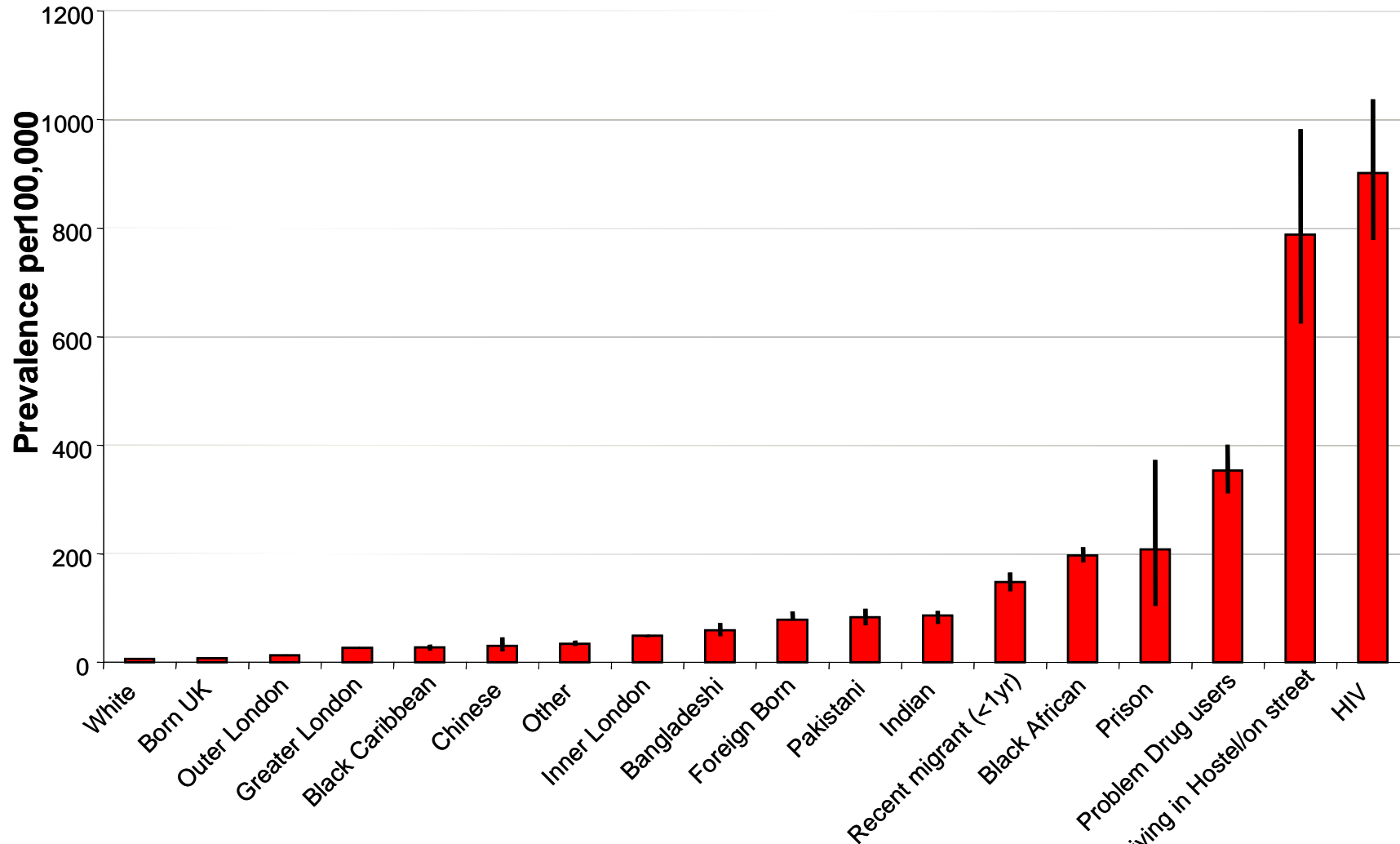
- What common actions we could undertake?
- How we should maintain links in future?

Join Us Too

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# Vulnerable populations.....beyond foreign-born

Prevalence of TB in different population groups in London 2003



Courtesy of *Alistair Story*