AIDS Action Europe releases a call for abstracts for AAE Member Meeting, which will take place on Saturday 5 November, 2016 in Berlin. The AAE Steering Committee wishes to introduce this meeting to identify needs and demands of AAE’s member organisations. Furthermore, AAE would like to involve its member organisations in the discussion on how to support civil society movement at national and European level and to build capacities for advocacy in the WHO European region.

With this call for abstracts, AAE tenders 10 scholarships to its member organisations to participate in the AAE member meeting. The abstract should address the following questions and develop concepts for improved civil society involvement:

- How can civil society maintain its role to advocate in the field of HIV policies?
- How can civil society in your region be strengthened in times when the influence of civil society organisations is pushed back?
- What should AAE’s role be to support advocacy and how passive, active or proactive should AAE be when it comes to advocacy at national level?

Four applicants will be invited to present their ideas in a presentation. The remaining six will be presenting their ideas on posters.

The scholarships include:

- Participation in AAE’s Member Meeting 2016, November 5, in Berlin
- The opportunity to participate in discussions about AAE’s further advocacy development and AAE’s way to the International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam 2018
- Accommodation in Berlin, Germany for two nights, return travel from country of origin and a subsistence allowance for two days
- The opportunity to meet the AAE Steering Committee, the AAE office staff and other AAE members to discuss and exchange ideas

Eligibility criteria:

- Your organisation is a member of AIDS Action Europe
- You work for this organisation as member of the board or staff
What to submit:

- An abstract that addresses the questions above and develops concepts for better involvement of civil society in HIV policies, max. 600 words in English or Russian
- A short description of the organisation you are working for
- Your CV

Candidates should send these documents in a PDF not larger than 4 MB to Michael.Krone@aidsactioneurope.org by midnight CET Sunday 24 July 2016.

Candidates will be selected by a committee, composed of an AAE Steering Committee Member, an AAE office staff member and an independent expert. The selection criteria will be the quality of the abstract (100%). All candidates will be informed by 21 August 2016 about the results. The selection of the ten scholarships will be based on the above criteria. Scholarships will be granted to 5 participants from European Union countries and 5 participants from non-EU countries.

For further information, please visit aidsactioneurope.org

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