

INTEGRATED APPROACHES IN TREATMENT OF HIV AND RELATED CO-INFECTIONS (TB/HCV)

29 – 31 March 2013 • Saint-Petersburg

Call for Applicants from Russian Federation

The European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG) is patient-led advocacy NGO that represents and defends the treatment-related interests of people living with HIV (PLWH) and AIDS in Europe. For over 20 years, our organization has been at the forefront of the development of the civil society response to the HIV and AIDS epidemics in Europe.

With approximately 140 members from over 30 different European countries, we aim at achieving the fastest possible access to state of the art medical products, devices and diagnostic tests that prevent or treat HIV infection and related co-infections as well as improve the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS in Europe and worldwide. More information about our activities you can always find at our webpage <http://www.eatg.org>

Our training and capacity building activities focus on Treatment Literacy and Treatment Advocacy. EATG regards these two pillars to be crucial and indispensable for enhancing and fostering capacity building, and community as well as civil society involvement in influencing the response to treatment of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections. We believe that effective and feasible policy-making decisions, which are pertinent to the issues of treatment, care and prevention of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections in the countries of East Europe can be reached by linking national authorities and HIV-positive communities.

The European AIDS Treatment Group has developed and designed this training specifically for the cohort of professionals from the Russian Federation. Taking into consideration country- and region-specific issues, including fewer resources, greater stigma and discrimination of people living with HIV/AIDS and related co-infections, weaker understanding of the issues of treatment and prevention as well as fragmental or insufficient support from the national governments, the European AIDS Treatment Group believes that this training will augment capacities of local HIV-positive communities in their response to HIV/AIDS and related co-infections.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

This training is designed to:

- enable newly trained participants to apply acquired skills on the treatment of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections, such as TB and HCV on both local and regional levels in Russian Federation;
- further promote the adherence to the treatment, care and support of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections across the Russian Federation by increasing the treatment literacy of PLWH and vulnerable groups, their supporters and, consequently, national organizations and relevant federal health authorities;
- reduce stigma, health inequalities, and discrimination for PLWH in their access to treatment and other services;
- build, support and enhance capacities and treatment literacy strategies of local, regional, and federal community-based organizations in order to achieve long-terms and sustainable response to the needs of PLWH;
- foster synergies with other pertinent initiatives and projects on the empowerment of local communities for the long-term response to needs of PLWH; and
- strengthen the potential of local communities to influence national decision-makers in their policies and responses for the universal access to HIV/AIDS treatment.

TRAINING TOPICS

Treatment Literacy of HIV/AIDS and Related Co-infections

- Introduction to virus and micro bacterial diseases (TB and HBV/HCV);
- Clinical care for HIV-positive patients and patients with TB and/or HCV;
- Epidemiological overview of HIV/AIDS related co-infections;
- Reporting system of HIV/AIDS related co-infections;
- Diagnostics and treatment of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections ;
- Therapeutic approaches to treatment of HIV/AIDS co-infections;
- Standards of treatment of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections.

By the end of the training the participants will be able to:

- understand implications of different treatment options of HIV-related infections;
- share information and skills within local, regional, and national communities on treatment options of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections;
- develop and launch strategies for leverage at local and national levels of best options and policies for the treatment of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections.

The methodology of the training builds on interactive and participatory approaches, accompanied by lectures, training modules, workshops and open discussions in groups. The participants will receive training manuals, direct feedback from trainers and a full report at the end of the meeting. Cross-country exchange and sharing of experiences represents an integral part of the training. In addition, EATG will support post-training follow-up activity initiatives by local communities. Preference will be given to projects that are in the process of implementation.

PARTICIPANTS

The training is designed for community groups, based service providers, social workers, treatment counselors, and health care providers who deal with HIV+ patients and vulnerable populations (women, IDUs, sex workers, to mention a few) in Russian Federation. We particularly encourage applications from PLWH, HIV local, national, and regional advocates with some experience in HIV/AIDS treatment issues, information development and management. We also invite candidates from health care workers who provide clinical care to PLWH and related co-infections.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The successful candidates will:

- represent the community of PLWH and/or health care providers in Russian Federation. Please be advised that this training is designed for representatives of community organizations that are located in Russian Federation;
- have working knowledge of English and/or Russian, ideally both;
- have at least basic knowledge and understanding of treatment of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections;
- have affiliation with a local, national or regional organization; or volunteer/employee of a hospital, treatment center, clinic, youth center, counseling center, drug dependency entity or similar organization;
- be sensitive to and tolerant about cultural, social, and individual differences;
- be willing to and capable of working in team.

The following table outlines timeframe of the training activities:

Date	Activity
10 February 2013	Application deadline
11 - 13 February 2013	Review of applications
14 - 17 February 2013	Interview with semi-finalists
18 - 19 February 2013	Notification of the selection process
29 - 31 March 2013	Training in St. Petersburg
April - July 2013	Post-training activities

LANGUAGES AND EXPENSES

The working language of this training will be English and Russian. Qualified candidates are expected to have a working command of either English or Russian (or ideally both) languages. Interpretations will be provided.

All expenses (traveling, accommodation, and living costs) will be covered by the European AIDS Treatment Group.

APPLICATION

European AIDS Treatment Group will only consider complete applications received by 10 February 2013 23:59 CET. Interested candidates are invited to submit their [applications online](#) (application form is available in Russian) or submit .doc application by email to Oleksandr Martynenko at oleksandr.martynenko@eatg.org

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For further information on this training, please contact Oleksandr Martynenko at oleksandr.martynenko@eatg.org

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