

Joint Action on Integration of Testing and Linkage to Care for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, TB and STIs in Europe “INTEGRATE”

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Joint Action



- Joint Action (HP-JA-2016), 3rd Health Programme and 2016 Work Programme
- 34 nominated partners from 18 EU countries (+ Serbia and Moldova)
- RegionH/CHIP is coordinator
- Participation from Public Health institutions (20), Hospitals (Infectious disease and research departments) (6), NGOs (7) and Universities (1)
- First draft submitted November 2016
- Currently working on third submission
- Tentative launch September 2017
- 36 Months (2017-2020)
- Overall budget 2,4 mill Euro (80% EU)

INTEGRATE - Objective

Overall objective:

- Increase integrated early diagnosis and linkage to prevention and care of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs in EU member states by 2020.
- INTEGRATE builds on a number of previous and current EU-funded projects in which different INTEGRATE partners are also active (Quality Action, OptTEST, EuroHIVEdat, HA-REACT, HEPCARE)

Relevance

- Focus on increasing testing awareness and increasing linkage to care especially focusing on key populations.
- INTEGRATE supports collaboration between health care institutions, policy institutions and civil society organizations in support to health policy planning development and sustainability.
- Focus on member states in Europe with high rates of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB or STIs and/or low access to care – addressing the relevant gaps depending on the needs and setting in the participating countries.

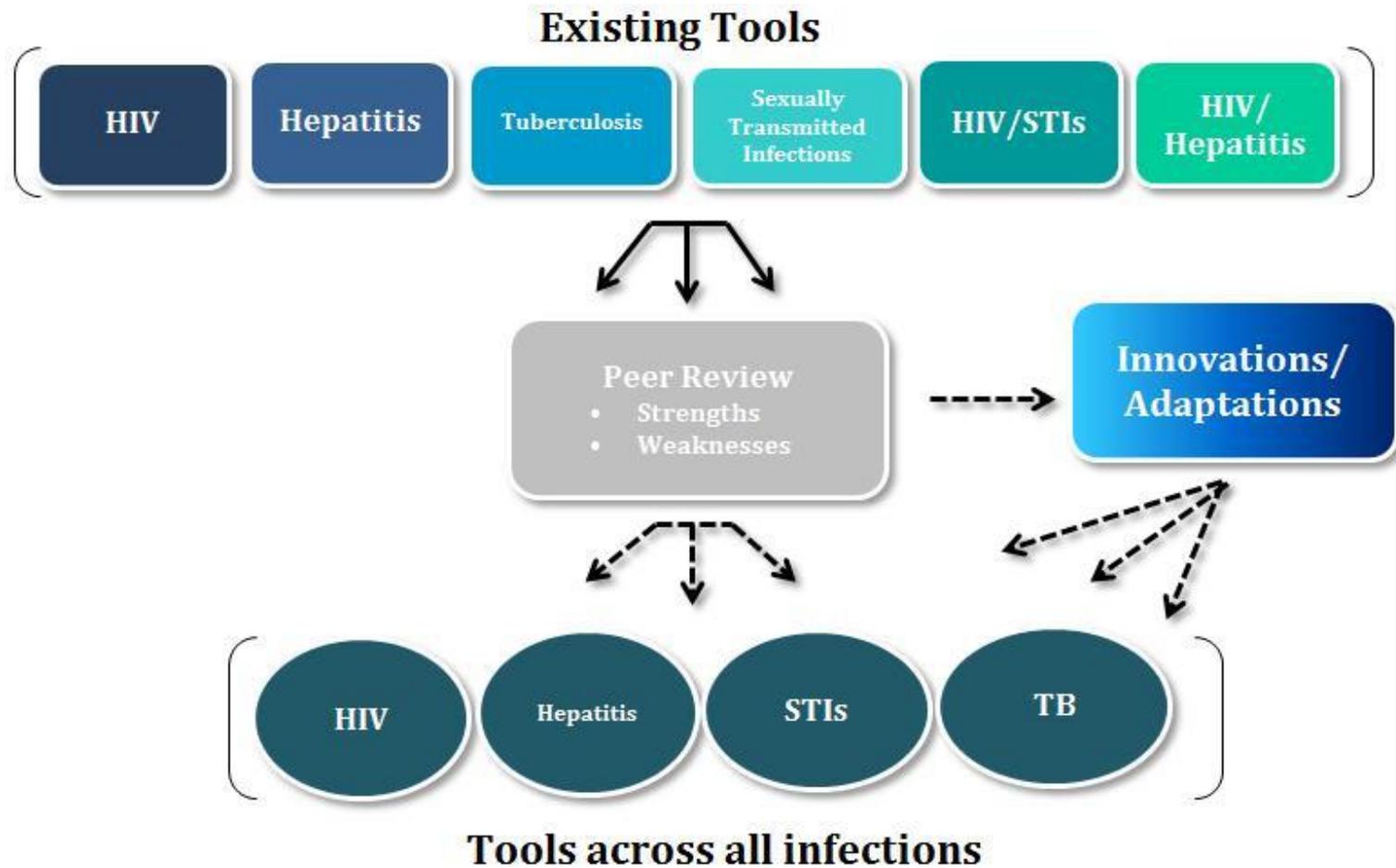
Work Packages

WP		LP/Co-LP
Horizontal Work Packages		
1	Coordination	LP: RegionH/CHIP (Denmark)
2	Dissemination	LP: CERTH (Greece)
3	Monitoring and Evaluation	LP: IPMN (Romania) Co-LP: PHE (UK)
4	Policy development and sustainability	LP: ARCIGAY (Italy) Co-LP: TAI (Estonia)
Core Work Packages		
5	Integrating testing and linkage to care	LP: RegionH/CHIP (Denmark) Co-LP: PHE (UK)
6	Monitoring of HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis testing and linkage to care	LP: ICO (Spain) Co-LP: NIJZ (Slovenia)
7	Improving use of ICT tools and partner notification in combination prevention	LP: UCD (Ireland) Co-LP: LILA MILANO (Italy)
8	Capacity building	LP: FVM (Italy) Co-LP: NAC (Poland)

Four disease areas – need to combine efforts

- Continued challenges with controlling and preventing further transmission of HIV, Hepatitis, TB and STIs
 - High prevalence of co-infection due to overlaps in key populations and mode of transmission
 - Challenges ensuring that people are diagnosed early and enter the care system
- INTEGRATE will focus on how effective tools for diagnosis and linkage to care in one disease area can be used in other – in particular from HIV since this area has the most knowledge and experience regarding diagnosis and best practices.

Mapping and adapting tools



Pilots

WP	Pilot	Countries
4	Patient experience survey	Serbia, Romania, Spain and Croatia
5	Integrated tools – integration of STI testing and linkage to prevention activities in CBVCT for MSM	Slovakia, Greece, Croatia and Slovenia
	Integrated tools – TB and HIV testing in migrant population	Greece and Italy
	Integrated tools – HIV/Hepatitis testing of PWID and MSM	Lithuania, Greece and Poland
	Indicator Guided testing (<i>Specialty guideline review as part of WP4</i>)	Serbia, Romania, Lithuania and Spain
	Home/self-testing	Lithuania, Italy and Ireland
6	ETW indicators/impact	Serbia, Poland, Estonia
	Integration of CBVCT in national surveillance an M&E systems (<i>Policy review part of WP4</i>)	Serbia, Spain, Slovakia, Poland, Estonia and Slovenia
7	ICT tools for combination prevention	Lithuania, Italy, Croatia
	Partner notification (<i>Policy review as part of WP4</i>)	Romania, Greece, Italy, Bulgaria and Ireland

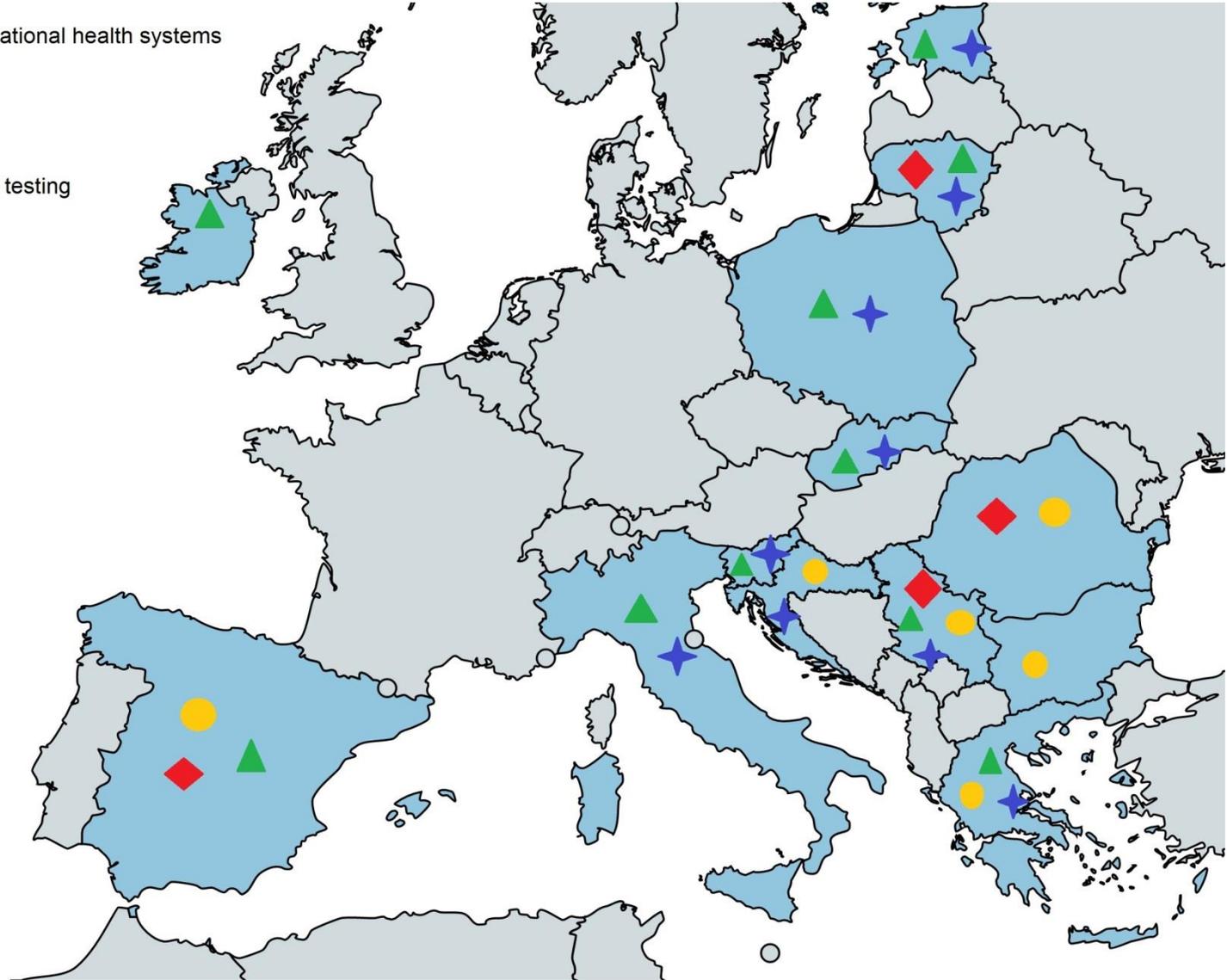
Link2Care Pilot Countries

▲ Integration of testing data into national health systems and home/self-testing

★ At-risk populations and ETW

◆ Provider initiated and IC guided testing

● QoL and Partner notification



Link to other EU initiatives

- Ambition is to get in dialogue and collaborate with other relevant (EU) projects working with HIV, Hepatitis, TB and STIs testing and linkage to care
- Important to involve countries that are not partners in the Joint Action and stakeholders other than the partners. The partners involved are often only representing one constituency (mostly public health institutes)
- Not to duplicate, but ensure synergies and sustainability – engagement with many collaborating and external partner

Thank you

Any questions?

Meetings and Pilot Activities

EU Presidencies during the Joint Action

Malta (Jan – Jun)	Estonia (Jul – Dec)	Bulgaria (Jan – Jun)	Austria (Jul – Dec)	Romania (Jan – Jun)	Finland (Jul – Dec)	Croatia (Jan – Jun)	Germany (Jul – Dec)
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