

# 2014

## One Year of Community-Based Testing Activities in Milan, Italy

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## Community based HIV testing activities were possible thanks to three projects:



- "DETECT-HIV – Study on experimental interventions and strategies aimed at accompanying people belonging to key affected groups in the Milan metropolitan area to take the test for HIV"
- "Definition of operational instruments and contexts and evaluation of the economic impact of the offer of HIV testing outside of consolidated healthcare settings, through the use of rapid tests – Proposal of technical data to policy makers who define operative strategies"
- "TESTIN' LILA - CBVCT – The first Milanese site for the offer of HIV and HCV tests, partner of the "Community Based Voluntary Counselling and Testing" (CBVCT) Cobatest network, aimed at the early detection of the infections in people belonging to key affected groups in the metropolitan area"

and to the cooperation with other organizations and institutions

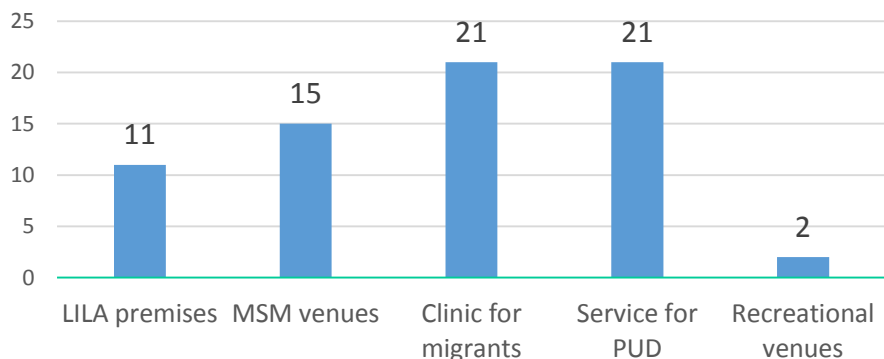


# RESULTS

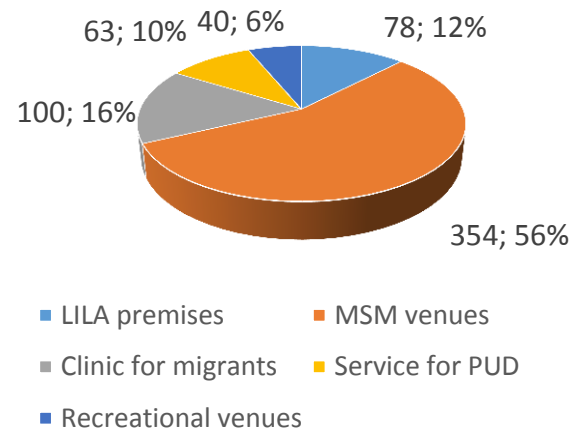


635 oral rapid tests for HIV were offered in 2014

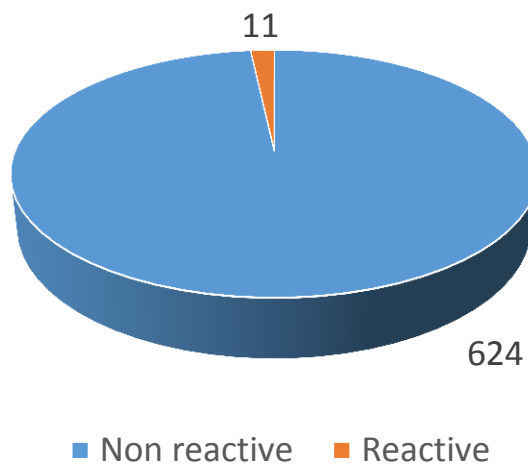
Total testing sessions/days: 70  
Setting description



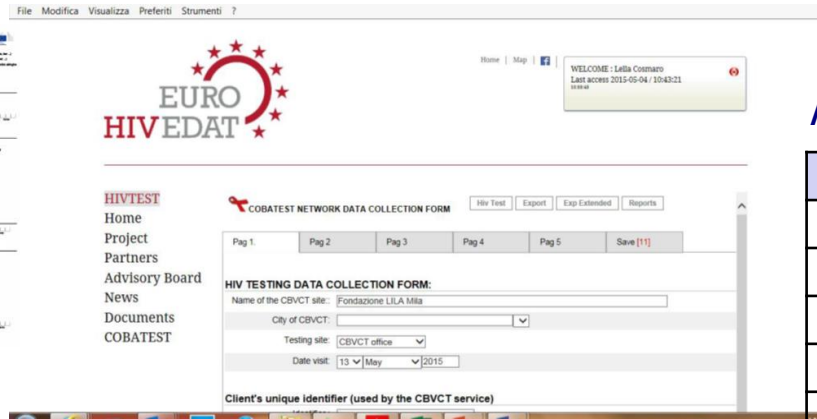
Number of tests per setting - Total 635 tests



Screening test results



# 635 tests - 622 people



## Age of clients

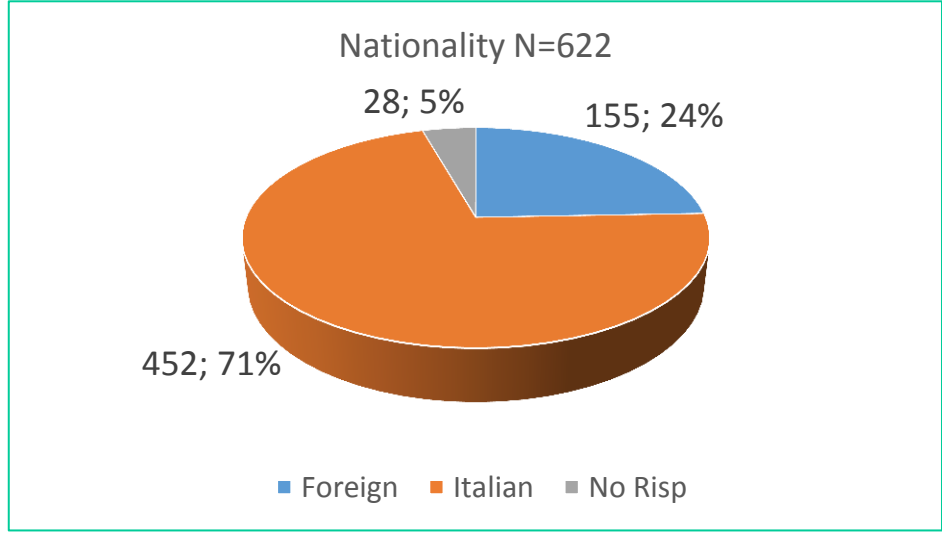
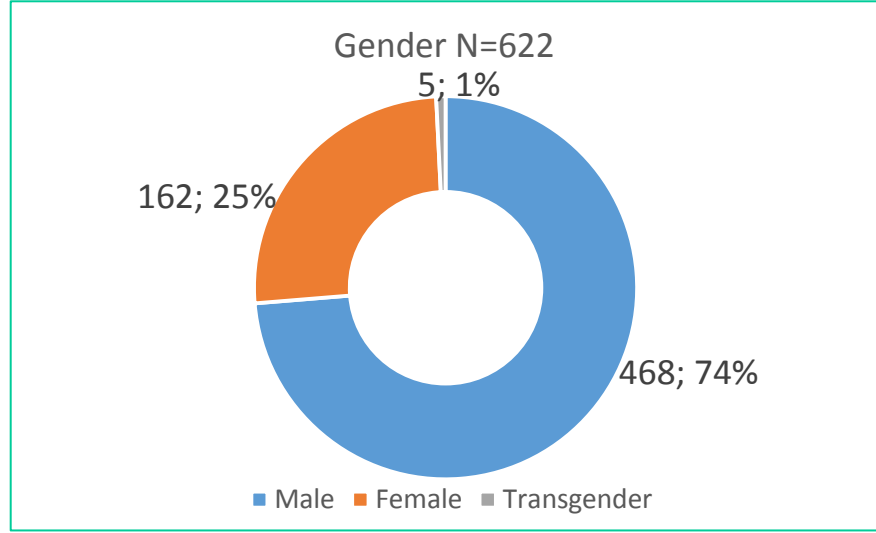
Setting	Avg age	Range
• LILA premises	30,74	17 - 67
• MSM venues	38,78	17 - 83
• Clinic for migrants	36,02	19 - 61
• Service for PWID	40,71	23 - 63
• Recreational venues	31,22	21 - 52

## CBVCT identifier code

Codice Univoco del cliente:  
 (0 M - 1 F - 2 Transessuale)

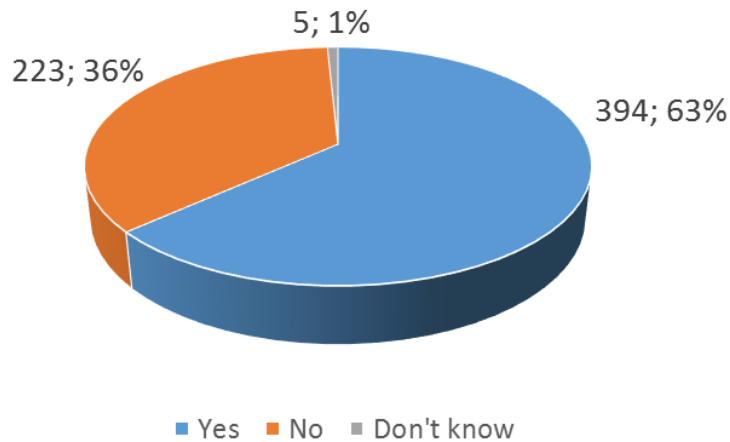
Genere | Giorno | Mese di nascita | Anno | n. fratelli maggiori | n. sorelle maggiori | Iniziale nome di battesimo della madre

## 13 clients returned to take a 2nd test during the course of the year

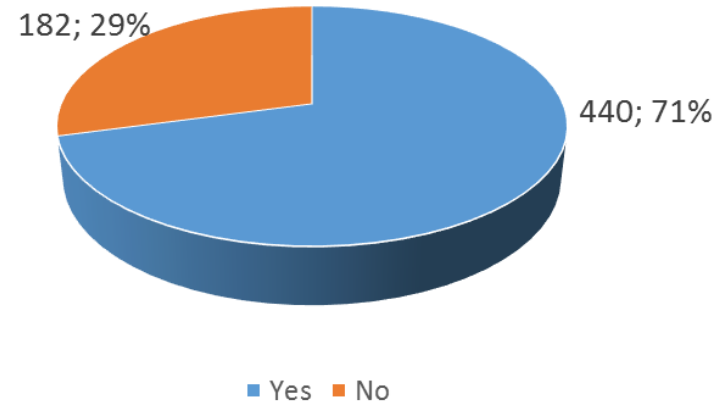


# Data collected on clients' behaviors

Previous HIV test



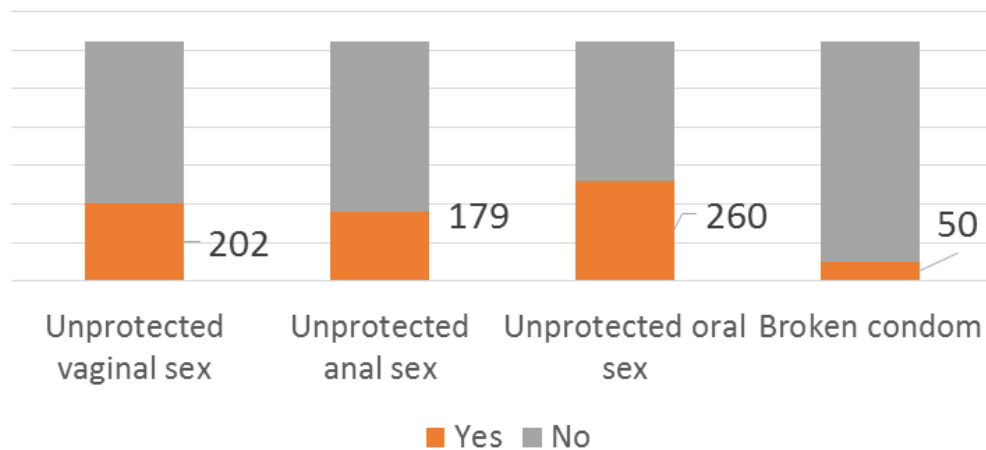
Risk exposition



## I motivi per cui ti sottoponi al test

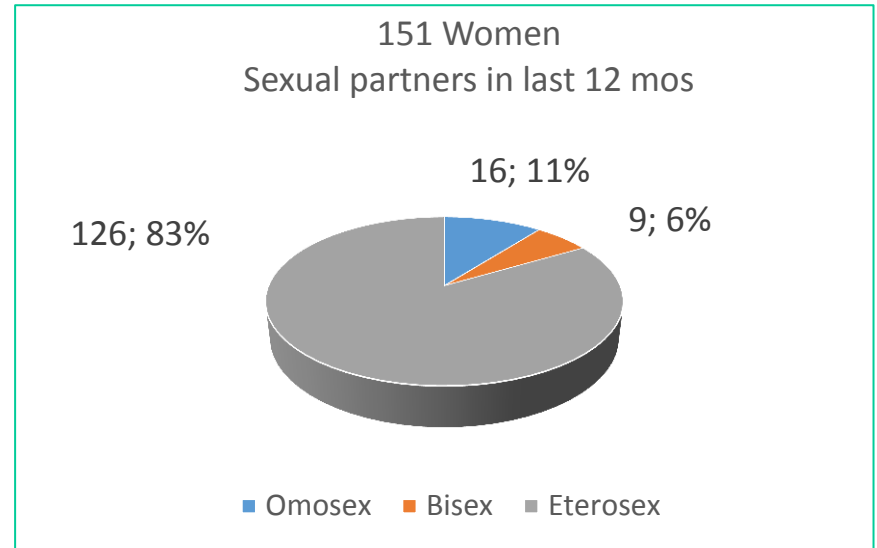
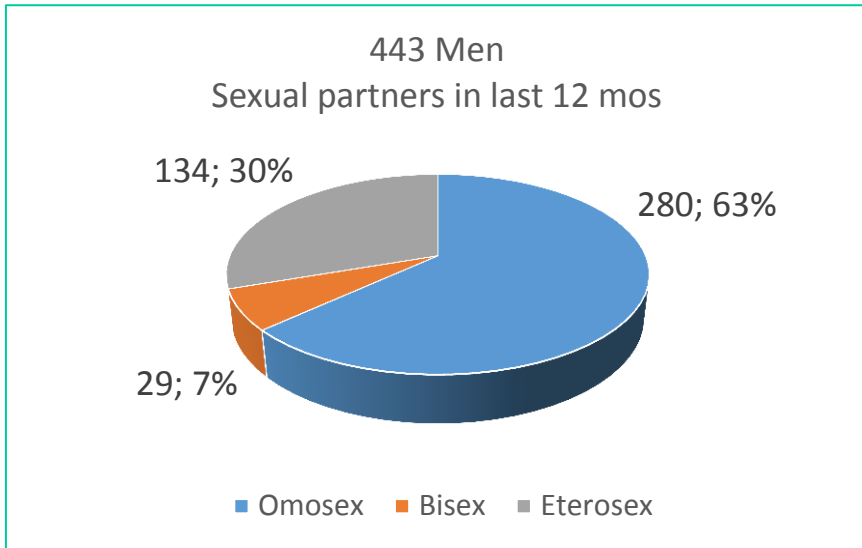
- Esposizione a rischio:
- Penetrazione vaginale senza cond.
  - Penetrazione anale senza cond.
  - Sesso orale senza condom
  - Rottura del condom
  - Rapporto non protetto con SW
  - Il/la partner è risultato positivo all'HIV
  - Scambio siringhe o altri materiali per il consumo di droghe per via iniettiva
  - Altro: .....

Type of exposure to sexual risk

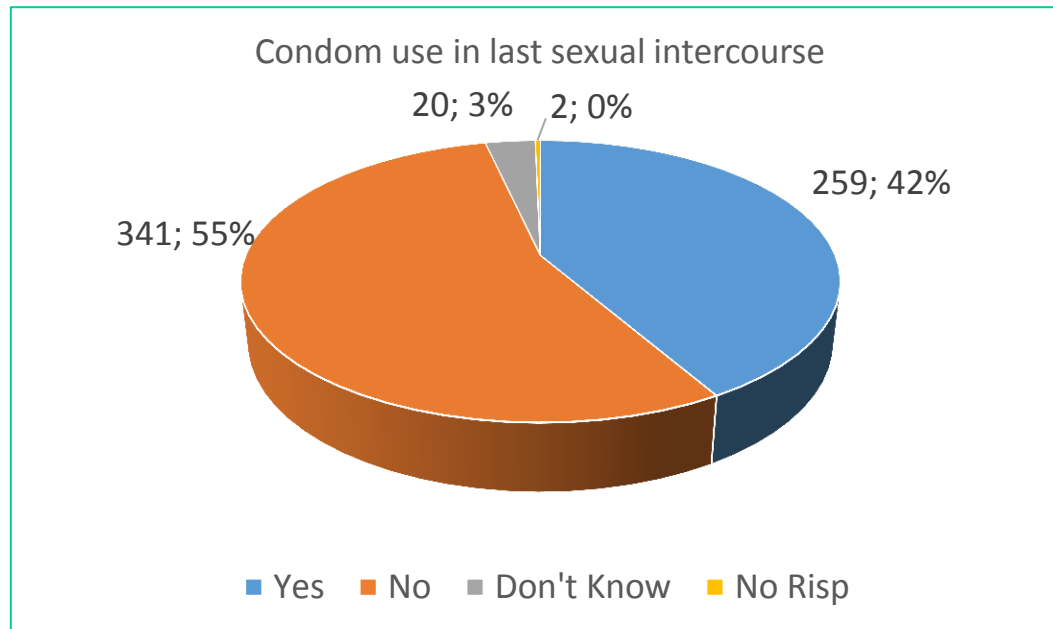


Sintomi clinici

# 599 people reported sexual activity in last 12 mos



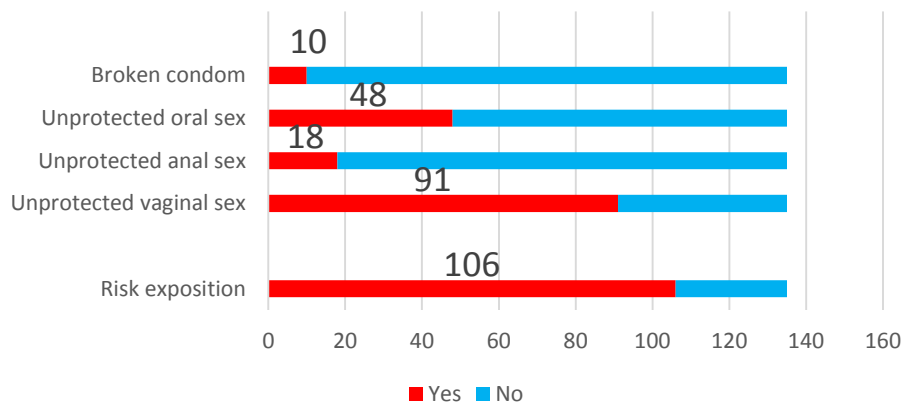
5 transgenders reported they had sex with other men in last 12 mos



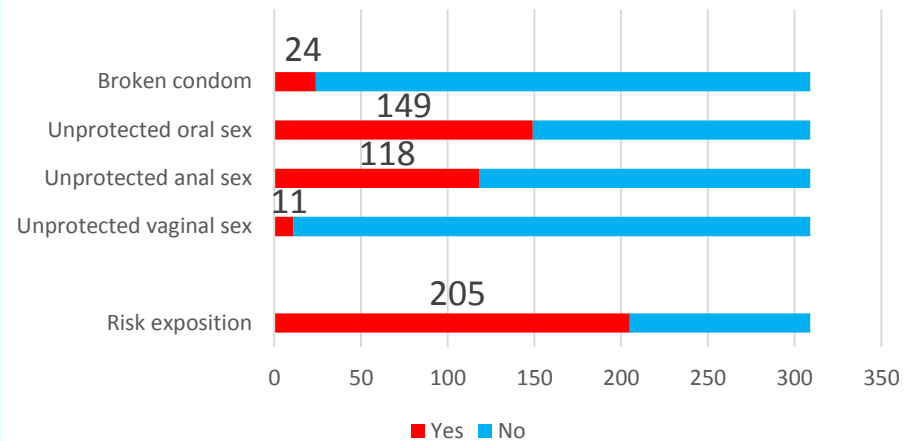
# Data on HIV risk exposure



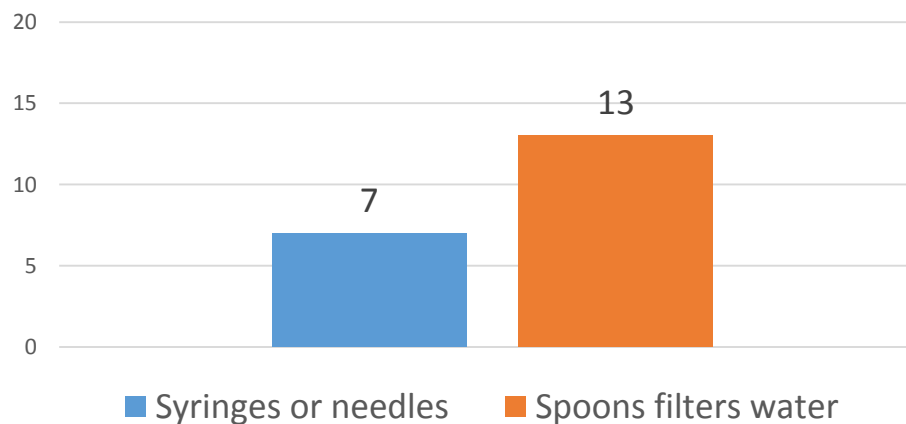
Exposure to sexual risk for etero-bisexual women  
N=135



Exposure to sexual risk for MSM N=309

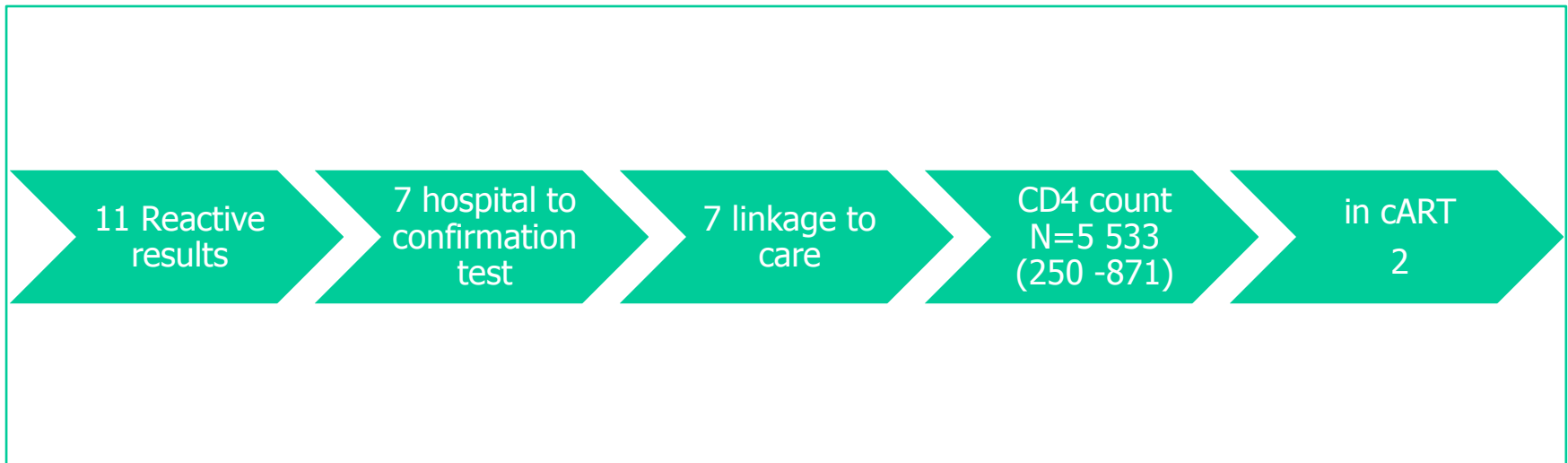


Exposure to risk for PWID (N=20)  
Sharing of injecting material



## Reactive test results: 11 – Some data:

- 2 reactive tests were detected at the drug treatment service (3,17% of 63), 8 at MSM venues (2.25% of 354), 1 at LILA premises (1.28% of 78)
- 9 out of 11 clients are men; of them, 8 reported having sex with men only, one with both men and women.
- 8 clients are Italian; 3 have a foreign nationality
- One of the two women with a reactive result is a PWID





# Conclusions



- 35,27% of total clients had never tested before and explained they had never found the right time or the sufficient motivation to do so
- 71% had exposed themselves at the risk of HIV infection
- 42% had not used/consistently used condoms/femidoms
- Clients appreciated the presence of non-medical staff and peer counselors in outreach settings
- 4 clients with reactive tests results were not linked to care, but linkage of the other 7 clients was successful
- Rate of reactive results above average in the different settings: 3,17% at drug treatment service; 2.25% at MSM venues; 1.28% at LILA premises
- Good cooperation was established with other ONGs. They were trained on community based testing activities and collaborated in the offer of rapid tests

# Suggestions for improvement

- The offer of outreach testing activities to clients of drug treatment services should be increased – 29% of them had never tested before
- More support should be given to community based testing activities so that the necessary continuity to services is ensured – both at NGO premises and in outreach settings
- Community based testing should be demedicalized, in favor of the adoption of UNAIDS screening criteria proposal
- Policy makers should be involved in the promotion of community based testing
- Dove possibile partnership tra ONG e centri clinici