



# Health programme 2014-2020 - Chafea update on Joint actions and projects

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# Update on HIV ongoing actions

- 2014 - HA REACT Joint Action
- Call 2015 – preliminary results
- 2012 - Quality action Joint action,  
<http://www.qualityaction.eu/>
- 2013 - OPTEST HIE project,  
<http://www.opttest.eu>



# **Joint Action on HIV and co-infection prevention and harm reduction (HA-REACT)**

- **Improvement of HIV and co-infection prevention and treatment in priority regions and priority groups in the European Union**
- **Starting date 01/10/2015- Ending date 31/09/2018**
- **EC co-funding 2.9M (80%)**

# HA-REACT Objective and purpose

## Overall objective:

- Improved prevention and treatment of blood-borne infections and TB in priority regions and priority groups in the European Union

## Purpose:

- Improved capacity to respond to HIV and co-infection risks and provide harm reduction with a specific focus on people who inject drugs (PWID) in the EU

# 8 Work Packages to reach our objectives

*WP 1: Coordination*

*Lead THL, Finland*

*WP 2: Dissemination*

*Lead Chip, Denmark*

*WP 3: Evaluation*

*Lead ZIS, Hamburg, Germany*

*WP 4: Testing and linkage to care*

*Lead Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe, Germany*

*WP 5: Scaling up harm reduction*

- **Lead ISCIII/CIBER, Spain**

*WP 6: Harm reduction and continuity of care in prisons*

- **Lead ISFF, Frankfurt**

*WP 7: Integrated care*

- **Lead NIHD, Estonia**

*WP 8: Sustainability and long-term funding*

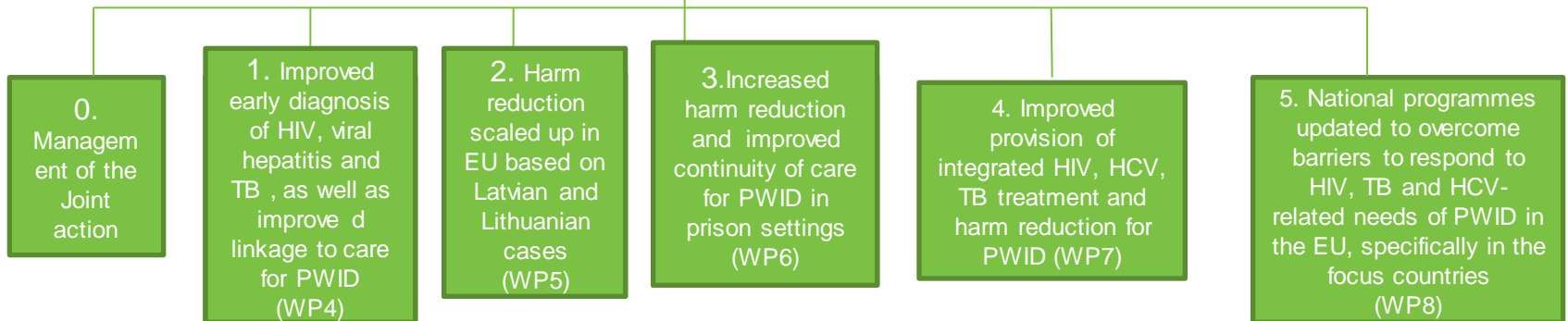
- **Lead CHIP, Denmark**

Altogether 23 associated partners from 18 countries and 12 collaborating partners including the ECDC and EMCDDA!

**Zero new HIV, reduced HCV and TB among PWID in the EU by 2020**

**Improved prevention and treatment of blood-borne infections and TB in priority regions and priority groups in the European Union**

**Improved capacity to respond to HIV and co-infection risks and provide harm reduction with specific focus on people who inject drugs (PWID) in EU**



## **Structure and specific objectives of the Joint Action**

The project takes a practical rather than a theoretical or purely guiding approach. It will implement concerted, multi-country, and multi-actor actions, strengthening evidence-based practices in the focus countries, where the situation and needs are particularly challenging.

## Next steps

- Steering group meeting on 08-09/12/2015, in Luxembourg
- Kick-off and Advisory Board meetings in Vilnius on 14-15 January 2016



# Call 2015 – negotiation started

## HP-ADHOC-2014-2020-SGA-2015 – 13 proposals evaluated

- **AAE SGA FY 2015** - AIDS Action Europe - Continuity and Innovation 2016
- **TBEC SGA FY 2015** - Strengthening the role of civil society within the TB response in Europe

**PJ-02-2015 – Early diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis** – 4 proposals evaluated, **1 proposal on the main list**, 1 proposal on the reserve list and 2 below the threshold. Negotiation letters will be send this week.

**PJ-03-2015 – Early diagnosis of tuberculosis** – 2 proposals evaluated, **1 proposal on the main list** and one below the threshold. Negotiation letters will be send this week.



# Call 2015 – tender evaluation

- **4.1.3. Surveys and target prevention projects for training of health professionals in the area of HIV/AIDS (Open Call)**
- Two offers received, evaluation carried out, resulting in a non-award. Letters sent this week.
- It will be re-launched in December 2015.
- Interested to know about the call for tenders, please register at: <http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/tenders.html>

# QUALITY ACTION

## Improving Quality in HIV Prevention



Quality Action  
Improving HIV Prevention in Europe





# Need

Not getting the desired results from HIV prevention? Did we select the wrong intervention? -  
or did we select the right intervention, but didn't give it a chance to succeed?

**Quality Action addresses the need to assure and improve quality in HIV prevention.**



# Results

- 5 QA/QI tools and training materials
- > 105 trainers/facilitators
- > 80 QA/QI tool applications





# Next steps



Launch of the Charter for Quality in HIV Prevention  
Policy kit

**"Doing the right things right' Quality Action Final  
Conference in Berlin on the 26 and 27 January 2016,  
<http://www.qualityaction.eu/>**



**OptTEST**  
**Optimising testing and linkage to care for HIV**  
**across Europe**

**OptTEST main beneficiary: CHIP, Department of  
Infectious Diseases,  
Website: <http://www.opttest.eu>  
Start June 2014 – June 2017**

# OptTEST objective and WPs

## Primary Objective:

To develop strategies to **improve early diagnosis and care** of people with HIV across Europe

WP 1 Coordination				WP 2 Dissemination		WP 3 Evaluation	
WP 4 Linkage to HIV treatment and care	WP 5 Development and implementation of indicator condition guided HIV testing		WP 6 Cost-effectiveness of HIV testing strategies		WP 7 Stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing		

# WP4: Linkage and retention in care

**Objective:** to increase knowledge on linkage to and retention in HIV care after diagnosis across geographical and healthcare settings and target groups – **close collaboration with ECDC**

## **Results year 1:**

- Finalisation of literature review compiling current definitions for measuring linkage into HIV care in Europe.
- Development of plan of analysis for existing surveillance data.
- Contribution to expert meeting.
- Abstract submitted to European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) 2015 conference on “Linkage to care following HIV diagnosis in Europe”.



# WP5: Indicator Condition Guided HIV Testing

**Objective:** to implement a novel HIV testing strategy in selected European healthcare settings, utilising quality improvement methodology to increase testing

## Results year 1:

- HIV testing the pilot sites in: Estonia, France, Poland, Spain and UK (Czech Republic, Greece), IC= Hepatitis B&C, pneumonia and infectious mononucleosis-like syndrome
- Baseline Data collection Part 1 completed (by 8 collaborators),
- Staff questionnaires have been completed by 102 individuals – examining HIV knowledge, attitudes and barriers
- Two abstracts submitted to EACS 2015 on “Evaluation of HIV Testing Recommendations In Specialty Guidelines for the Management of HIV Indicator Conditions” & “Healthcare related costs of missed opportunities for HIV diagnosis: a potential driver to increase Indicator Condition guided HIV testing”

**Next steps:** Developing tools to support delivery of IC testing

# WP6: Cost-effectiveness

**Objective:** to assemble and evaluate the cost-effectiveness of various existing HIV testing strategies in Europe

## **Results year 1:**

- Undertaken data collection and described methodology for cost effectiveness modelling – Estonia, Spain and France
- Collection of data from pilot countries finalised.
- Strategies to be tested in priority groups and regions in each pilot country identified
- Collected data ready to be submitted to the HIV mathematical modelling exercise in order to develop the cost-effectiveness analyses.
- Two abstracts submitted to EACS 2015 on “AIDS-related costs of care vs. not AIDS in Estonia” and “Variability of ARV costs depending of the autonomous regions in Spain”.

# WP7: Stigma and legal barriers

**Objective:** to increase knowledge of how stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing affects the uptake of HIV testing and treatment

## **Results year 1:**

- Literature review.: consultation – description of barriers and case studies relating to stigma and regulatory and legal barriers
- A database has been created to contain and display data from Stigma Index countries.
- A database has been created to contain and display data regarding criminalisation of HIV transmission in countries in the region.
- 10 case studies on processes aimed at overcoming legal and regulatory barriers have been identified and approved.
- Distribution of online questionnaire on barriers by GNP+ to 600+ potential respondents across Europe.

# Future actions and planned outputs

**Linkage and retention in care:** Agreed surveillance definitions and data algorithms to produce treatment cascade for each country

**Indicator condition testing:** Established testing programmes for all 3 IC in all 7 countries. Locally adapted tools to support delivery of IC HIV testing, including a training and education package

**Cost effectiveness:** Cost-effectiveness of different testing strategies, in different at risk populations and different settings, locally adaptable. Working group meeting at EACS October 2015

**Stigma and legal barriers:** Best practice manual on evidence based interventions to reduce HIV related stigma and toolkit to facilitate a more supportive legal and policy environment

**Across OptTEST:** Mid-term evaluation end 2015, Communication and dissemination activities, sustainability plan

<http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/projects.html>



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## Call 2015: Projects

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### How to apply

**NEW call for proposals for projects on "Support Member States under particular migratory pressure in their response to health related challenges"**

**UPDATE on 09 November 2015: The deadline for submission has been extended today by 1 week until 19 November 2015, 17:00.**

The decision of the amendment to the work programme 2015 is available at the [Directorate General for Health and Food Safety website](#). Following the adoption of the amendment, a new call for proposals of projects has been launched by Chafea.

**Specific call HP-HA-2015:** "Support Member States under particular migratory pressure in their response to health related challenges" under the third Programme for Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020).

**The SPECIFIC CALL FOR PROPOSAL HP-HA-2015 has been published today, on 28 October 2015 and the deadline for submissions is**



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### Links and documents

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**Any questions?**