



HIV/AIDS, STI, hepatitis

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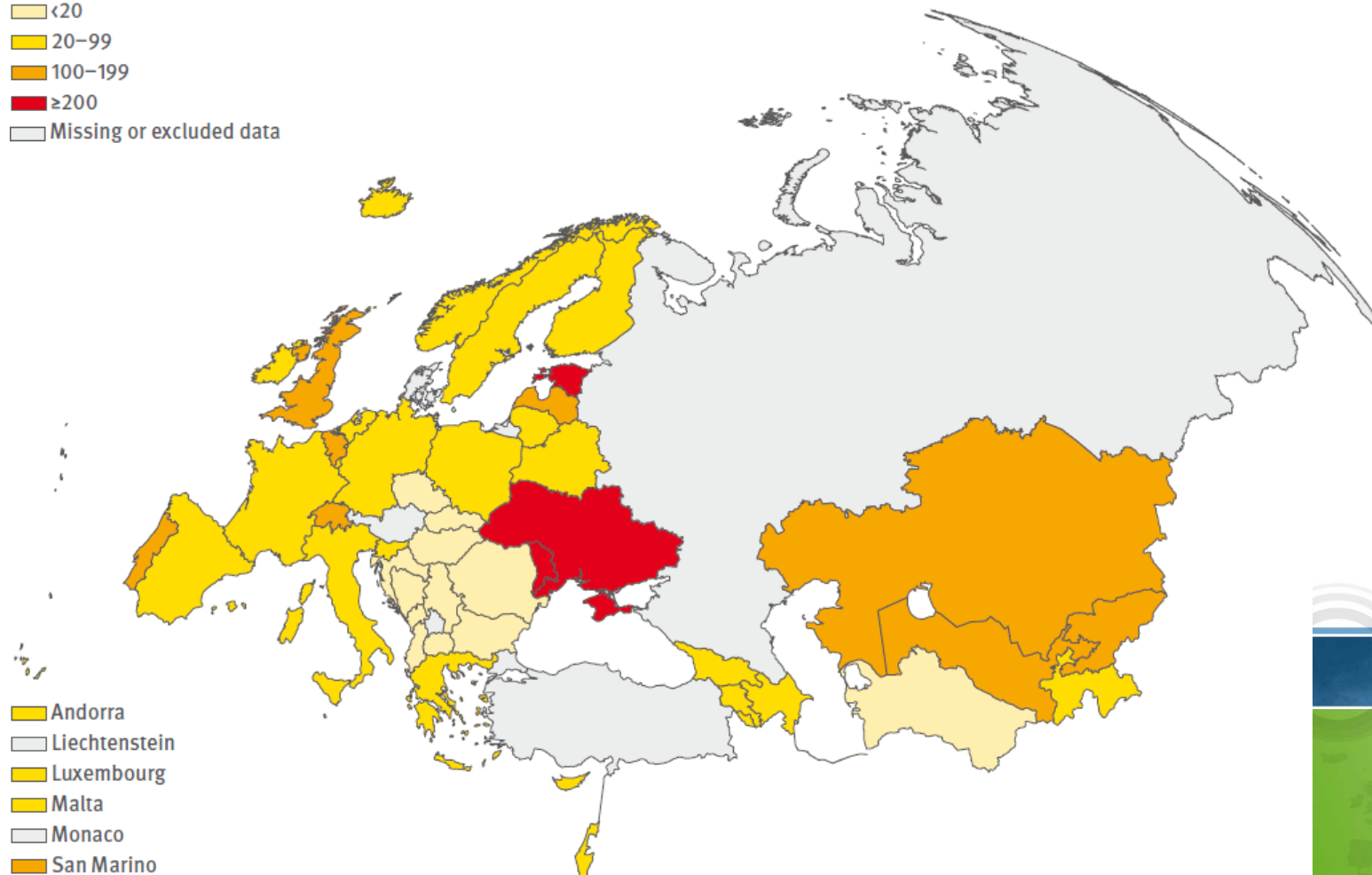


HIV infections diagnosed in 2008

Total population

Rate as number per million population

- <20
- 20–99
- 100–199
- ≥200
- Missing or excluded data



- Andorra
- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Monaco
- San Marino

SURVEILLANCE REPORT

HIV/AIDS surveillance in Europe

2008

www.ecdc.europa.eu
www.euro.who.int

HIV infections diagnosed in 2008

WHO European Region and EU/EEA



Characteristics of cases

	WHO European Region*	EU/EEA countries*
Number of HIV cases	51600	25656
Rate per million population	87	61
Percentage of cases:**		
Age 15-24 years	13%	13%
Female	35%	30%
Transmission mode***		
Heterosexual	37%	29%
Men who have sex with men	19%	40%
Injecting drug use	27%	6%
Unknown	15%	24%

* Missing data: Austria, Denmark, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Turkey, Russia

** cases with unknown age/gender are excluded from the percentages

*** excludes individuals originating from countries with generalised epidemics



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ECDC events

World AIDS day

Men who have sex with men



- Growing number of newly acquired HIV infections in MSM.
- Increase in MSM who report unprotected anal intercourse.
- Reports on co-infection with hepatitis and STI in HIV-positive men.
- Reports of outbreaks of gonorrhoea, syphilis and LGV in MSM in several European countries.
- Special issue: HIV and STI in men who have sex with men



Eurosurveillance, Volume 14, Issue 47, 26 November 2009

Editorials

HIV/AIDS and other STI in men who have sex with men – a continuous challenge for public health



Seminar 27 November 2009

- Seminar with Swedish Board of Health and Welfare.
- Stigma and discrimination.
- Speakers from AIDS Action Europe, Swedish NGOs, ECDC, SMI.
- Movie about Swedish infected heterosexual woman.



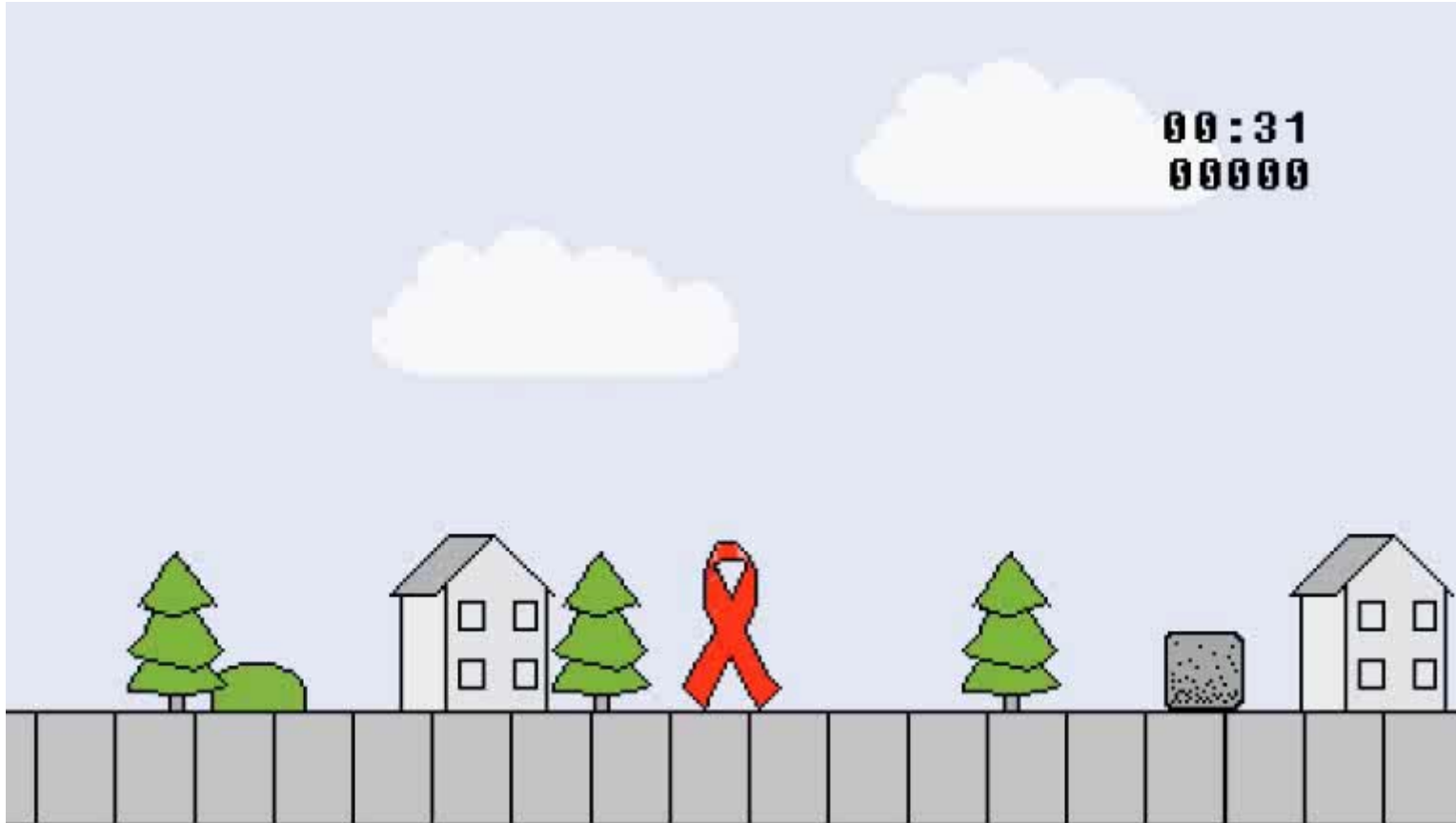
Seminar 1 December 2009



- Seminar on HIV in men who have sex with men in the European Parliament.
- Speakers from European Parliament, Commissioner, ECDC, SMI, civil society.



Video clip





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STI and HIV related projects

Linking the networks

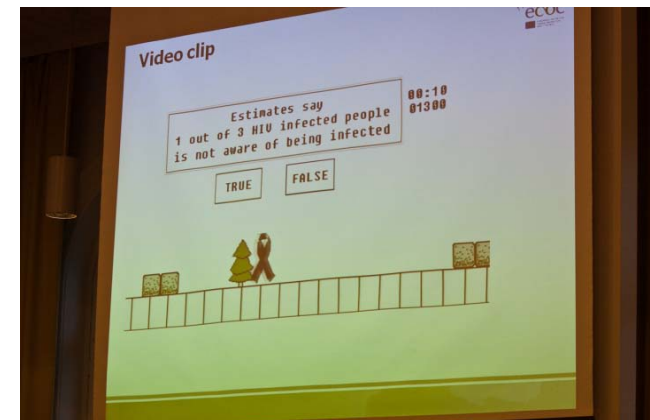


Annual meetings back-to-back for the first time

STI meeting

Seminar on HIV and STI in MSM

HIV meeting with 53 countries

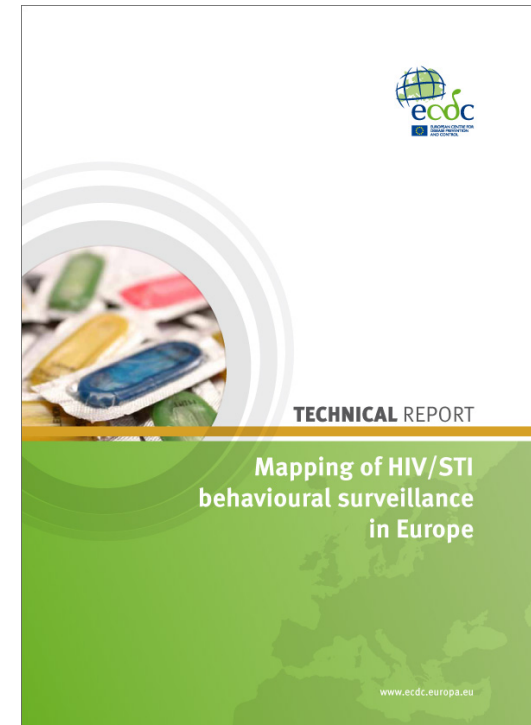


Behavioural surveillance



- 28/31 countries returned the questionnaire.
- 15/28 have established HIV/STI behavioural surveillance system.
- In most countries without a BSS, data collection on behaviour reported for one or more populations.
- Populations most regularly surveyed: General population, youth, men who have sex with men, injecting drug users, IDU > sex workers, patients of STI clinics and PLWHA > migrants and ethnic minorities.

Next steps: to develop a general framework for behavioural surveillance in EU 2010-2013 and provide technical assistance to MS.



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Migrant reports and HIV



- Migrants are one of the populations that are vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, stigma and discrimination.
- Migrant series reports show:
 - Burden of HIV in migrant populations in EU with high prevalence rates.
 - Barriers for migrants exist to access treatment.
 - Impact on HIV epidemic in EU is poorly understood due to the lack of accurate data.
 - Complex and sensitive situation to address migrants.
- ECDC suggested a set of key actions to address these challenges.



HIV testing

- Uptake of HIV testing is needed and reducing barriers to HIV testing is a priority.
- EU-wide survey on practices and barriers (2008):
 - HIV testing is covered by an extensive framework of regulations in most countries.
 - HIV testing regulations support a voluntary testing strategy, built around consent, confidentiality and counseling.
- ECDC will publish HIV testing guidance in 2010.



Technical consultation,
October 2009

Monitoring of commitments



- The European Commission asked ECDC to develop a framework for the monitoring of progress in implementing the actions set out in the Dublin Declaration.
- ECDC suggested an indicator-based and country-driven framework.
- Workshops and advisory group meetings.
- ECDC is currently receiving data from all countries of the European region; the report will be published in 2010.
- ECDC will support the Commission in monitoring the implementation of the new EU Action Plan against HIV/AIDS.

Work plan 2010 includes:



Surveillance programmes to be improved:

- HIV/AIDS surveillance: HIV and AIDS case reporting; HIV incidence studies (MSM as pilot population); ART resistance feasibility study.
- Develop protocol for enhanced hepatitis B/C surveillance
- STI surveillance: produce reports on STI surveillance
- Behavioural surveillance: to initiate the next steps by developing a general framework

Key prevention strategies

- STI and HIV Partner notification: public health benefits
- HIV testing guidance
- MSM: outbreaks of STI and surveillance of outbreaks
- Monitoring and evaluation programme



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