



OptTEST Kick-off Meeting. 2nd Sept 2014 Jean Monet Building, EU Commission, Luxembourg

Morning session (Closed)

Agenda

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- 09.00 Introductions
- 09.10 Work package discussions:
 - **WP 4**: Linkage to HIV care
 - **WP 5**: Indicator condition guided HIV testing
 - **WP 6**: Cost-effectiveness of HIV testing strategies
 - WP 7: Stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing
- 11.50 Administration/coordination issues WP1 (RH)
- **12.15** AOB/close of session
- 12.15 12.45 Lunch





Welcome Partners



























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Morning session: Objectives

- Discussions per WP (45 min each) re:
 - Detailed work plan: outlining tasks and steps necessary to reach milestones and deliverables
 - Evaluation: determine relevant baseline data, relevant indicators (SMART)
 - Interlinkage between WPs
 - Integration of criminalisation
- For afternoon
 - Stakeholders: Primary/secondary; How can they be reached/addressed?
 - Dissemination: Key messages, tailored to audiences; dissemination of milestones/results





Advisory Board

- Brian West, HIV in Europe Steering committee
- Laura Fernandez (for Jordi Casabona), EURO HIVEDAT
- Eberhard Schatz, Correlation Network
- Dr Lara Tavoschi (for Andrew Amato), ECDC
- Luís Mendão, CSF
- Matthias Wentzlaff-Eggebert, Quality Action
- Martin Donoghoe, WHO Europe
- Jeff Lazarus, HIV in Europe Steering Committee





Consultant on criminalisation

Contract made with Lisa Power

The position was advertised via mailing lists and 6 applications received in August, a committee scored the applications and the successful candidate chosen

Deliverables

 The 'best-practice toolkit' to address legal and policy barriers to testing and timely treatment for key groups (Deliverable April, 2017).

Tasks

- Develop a methodology for the data collection and the organisation of the data in the best-practice toolkit;
- Literature review, in collaboration with the leads of "linkage to care" and "indicator condition guided HIV testing", to identify legal/criminalisation barriers;
- Develop questionnaires and carry out interviews with identified stakeholders;
- Develop a toolkit with evidence, comparative tables, scoreboards and useful resources, amongst others.





Partners involvement and interlinkage WPs

	P 0 Region H	P1 AIDS Fonds	P2 EATG	P3 PHE	P 4 SSAT	P 5 MEDFAS H	P 6 INSERM	P 7 GNP+	P 8 ISCIII	P 9 NIHD
WP 1	WP lead: CHIP									
WP 2	WP lead: CHIP									
WP 3		WP lead: Jorrit Kabel								
WP 4				WP lead: Valerie Delpech						
WP 5					WP lead: Ann Sullivan					
WP 6							WP lead: Yazdan Yazdanpanah			
WP 7								WP lead: Julian Hows		

Countries

Partners

• UK, France, Estonia, Spain

Pilot sites

Greece, Czech Republic, Poland

WP7 (PLHIV networks)

 Greece, Poland, Estonia, Portugal and Germany





Horizontal work packages 1 - 3

WP 1 Coordina	tion	WP 2 Dissen	nination	WP	3 Evaluation
WP 4 Linkage to HIV treatment and care	and imp	evelopment olementation of or condition HIV testing	WP 6 Cost- effectivenes testing stra		WP 7 Stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing





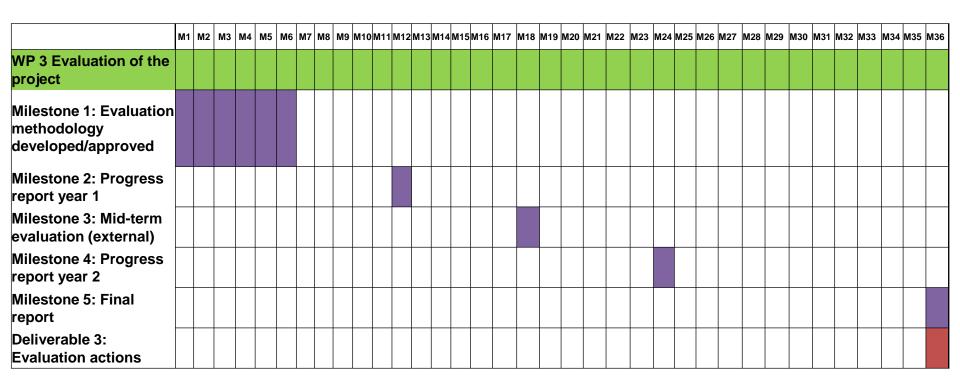
WP1-2: Coordination and dissemination

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Milestone 2: Construction of OptTEST website																																				
Milestone 3: Promotional leaflet (English, French, Spanish and Russian)																																				
Milestone 4: Press releases/position statements year 1, 2, 3																																				
Milestone 5: Public final project report (English, French, Spanish and Russian)																																				
Deliverable 2: Dissemination Activities																																				





WP 3:Evaluation of the project







WP 4: Linkage to and retention in HIV care after diagnosis

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Specific objective 2: To increase knowledge on linkage to and retention in HIV care after diagnosis across geographical and health care settings and target groups by 2016																																					
Milestone 1: Literature review of current evidence and definitions used to measure link to and retention in HIV care and patient experience, as well as experienced barriers																																					
Milestone 2: Agreed surveillance definitions																																					
Milestone 3: Collation of service data from 7 European countries																																					
Milestone 4: Report of treatment cascade evidence across 7 European countries																																					
Milestone 5: Best practice guidelines																																					
Deliverable 4: Assessment method of treatment cascade																																					





WP 5: Development and implementation of tools and strategies for indicator condition guided HIV testing

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Milestone 2: Implementatin of region-specific tools (at least 1 for each of the IC)																																							
Milestone 3: Training modules with competency assessments and certifications available online																																							
Milestone 4: Results to contribute to the finalising of Stigma good practice manual																																							
Milestone 5: Publication of findings in peer-reviewed journals																																							
Deliverable 5: Indicator condition guided HIV testing tools and training materials																																							





WP 6: The cost-effectiveness of HIV testing strategies in priority groups and regions

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Milestone 2: Development of assessment tool for cost-effectiveness of testing strategies (different settings/epidemics)																																						
Milestone 3: Publication in non-technical language to policy makers, NGOs etc																																						
Milestone 4: Data made available on survival benefits, cost and cost-effectiveness																																						
Milestone 5: Publication in peer-reviewed journal																																						
Deliverable 6: Paper on outcomes, costs, and cost-effectiveness of different HIV testing strategies in different European settings																																						





WP7: Stigma and criminalisation as a barrier to the provision and uptake of HIV testing services

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address HIV related stigma																																				
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New advocacy resources s																																				
Website																																				
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innovative strategies (25)																																				
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manual on evidence based																																				
interventions to reduce HIV																																				
related stigma																																				
Deliverable 8: Best-practice																																				
toolkit to facilitate more																																				
supportive legal and policy																																				
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OptTEST: Common reporting deadlines

Month 12:

- Year 1 annual meeting and report/ work plans to EC
- Progress report (evaluation)

Month 18

- Mid-term external evaluation
- Interim technical and financial report

Month 24

- Year 2 annual meeting and report/ work plans to EC
- Progress report year 2 (evaluation)

Month 36

- Year 3 annual and final meeting and report
- Final technical and financial report
- Public final project report (evaluation)





М1 M2 М3 Μ4 M5 M6 M7 M8 М9 M10 M11 M12 1st Dec 4th June 2014 July August 2014 CHIP reimburse all EU pay 30% partners after signing (428,995.20 **Payments** of individual euros) initial contracts funding Reporting to EU Annual (from report CHIP) Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Internal reporting reporting reporting reporting reporting on person on person on person on person (Partners' days, days, days, days, to CHIP) activities activities activities activities and costs and costs and costs and costs





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- 1st further pre-financing (20%)
 - paid when at least 30% of pre-financing is used
 - if less than 70% of pre-financing is used the payment will be reduced by the unused amount
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 - paid when at least 30% of pre-financing is used
 - if less than 70% of pre-financing is used the payment will be reduced by the unused amount
- Balance payment after accepted final report (20%)





Pre-financing by partner

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	installment	installment	installment	payment
Partner	(30%)	(20%)	30%	(20%)
UCPH	123.574,46	82.383	123.574,46	82.383
Aids Fonds Netherlands (WP3)	17.083,14	11.389	17.083,14	11.389
EATG (WP1,2,8)	21.450,83	14.301	21.450,83	14.301
PHE (WP4)	48.515,17	32.343	48.515,17	32.343
SSAT/C+W (WP5)	41.211,53	27.474	41.211,53	27.474
MedFASH (WP5)	40.756,60	27.171	40.756,60	27.171
INSERM	57.294,24	38.196	57.294,24	38.196
GNP+ (WP7)	35.612,44	23.742	35.612,44	23.742
Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Madrid, Spain	26.251,82	17.501	26.251,82	17.501
National Institute for Health Development ; Tallinn ; Estonia	17.244,88	11.497	17.244,88	11.497
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Time sheet – to be reported to CHIP every 3 months (drop box)

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• **Budget report** — to be reported to CHIP every 3 months (drop box)

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- Beneficiaries can transfer budget items to other beneficiaries, but if the overall sum of the budget for a beneficiary is changing due to these transfers, this will require an amendment
- Cost incurred in other currencies than
 - Euro must be converted using the monthly accounting rate: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts grants/info contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro en.cfm
- Deadline for internal reporting (3 monthly): 3 weeks after passing the month.
- Part time employees; to be hired as consultants? No, consultants are considered subcontractors





Agenda

Morning (closed session)

- **09.10 WP 4**: Linkage to HIV care
- **09.50 WP 5**: Indicator condition guided HIV testing
- **10.30 WP 6**: Cost-effectiveness of HIV testing strategies
- **11.10 WP 7**: Stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing
- **11.50** Administration/coordination issues (RH)
- 12.15 AOB/close of session
- 12.15 12.45 Lunch









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Afternoon session (Open)

Agenda: Afternoon (open) session

- **12.45** Introduction (RH)
- 13.00 Brief overview of individual work package/work plan presentations
 - 13.00 WP 4: Linkage to HIV care
 13.30 WP 5: Indicator condition guided HIV testing
 14.00 WP 6: Cost-effectiveness of HIV testing strategies
 14.30 WP 7: Stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing
- 15.00 Refreshment break
- 15.15 Identify overlaps and linkage with other EU projects/actions
- 15.45 Agree next steps/actions
- 16.00 AOB and close





Background

- Undiagnosed HIV and late presentation for HIV care remains a public health challenge across Europe and novel testing strategies are needed to address this
- The OptTEST project stems from the HIV in Europe initiative, an initiative of clinicians, patient organisations and policy organisation created in 2007 to address how to improve access to testing and care for HIV in Europe
- The workpackages in OptTEST are developed based on outcomes of pilot projects implemented by HIV in Europe partners
- OptTEST will be implemented under the EU 2nd health programme having as overall aims to improve health security, reduce health inequalities, disseminate health information & knowledge





Project Objectives

- To develop strategies to improve early diagnosis and care of people with HIV across Europe
- To increase knowledge on linkage to and retention in HIV care after diagnosis across geographical and healthcare settings and target groups (WP4)
- To Implement a novel HIV testing strategy (indicator condition guided HIV testing) in selected European healthcare setting (WP5)
- To assemble and evaluate the cost-effectiveness of various existing HIV testing strategies in Europe (WP6)
- To increase knowledge of how stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing affects the uptake of HIV testing and treatment (WP7)





Main target groups

- Health care professionals and (non) HIV clinicians
- Health care managers and researchers
- Social workers and civil society organization staff
- Policy makers and government officials
- Relevant press/media
- (Undiagnosed) PLHIV and most affected populations





Countries

Partners

• UK, France, Estonia, Spain

Pilot sites

Greece, Czech Republic, Poland

WP7 (PLHIV networks)

 Greece, Poland, Estonia, Portugal and Germany





Horizontal work packages 1 - 3

WP 1 Coordina	tion	WP 2 Dissen	nination	WP	3 Evaluation
WP 4 Linkage to HIV treatment and care	and imp	evelopment olementation of or condition HIV testing	WP 6 Cost- effectivenes testing stra		WP 7 Stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing





Afternoon Session Itinerary & Objectives

Brief WP presentation to Advisory Board

(5-10 mins per Work Package)

Open discussions with Advisory Board

(20-25 mins per Work Package)

- Goals
- Stakeholders/Key messages/Dissemination
- Evaluation
- Synergies with other (EU) projects





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It is still possible to **register** for the **HepHIV 2014 Conference**Barcelona, 5-7 October 2014

OptTEST meeting 5 October 13:00-15:30

Conference venue: Fira Palace Hotel

Exhibition

Interested parties have the opportunity to exhibit materials.

Contact: Dorthe Raben or conference secretariat: rh-hephiv2014@regionh.dk









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