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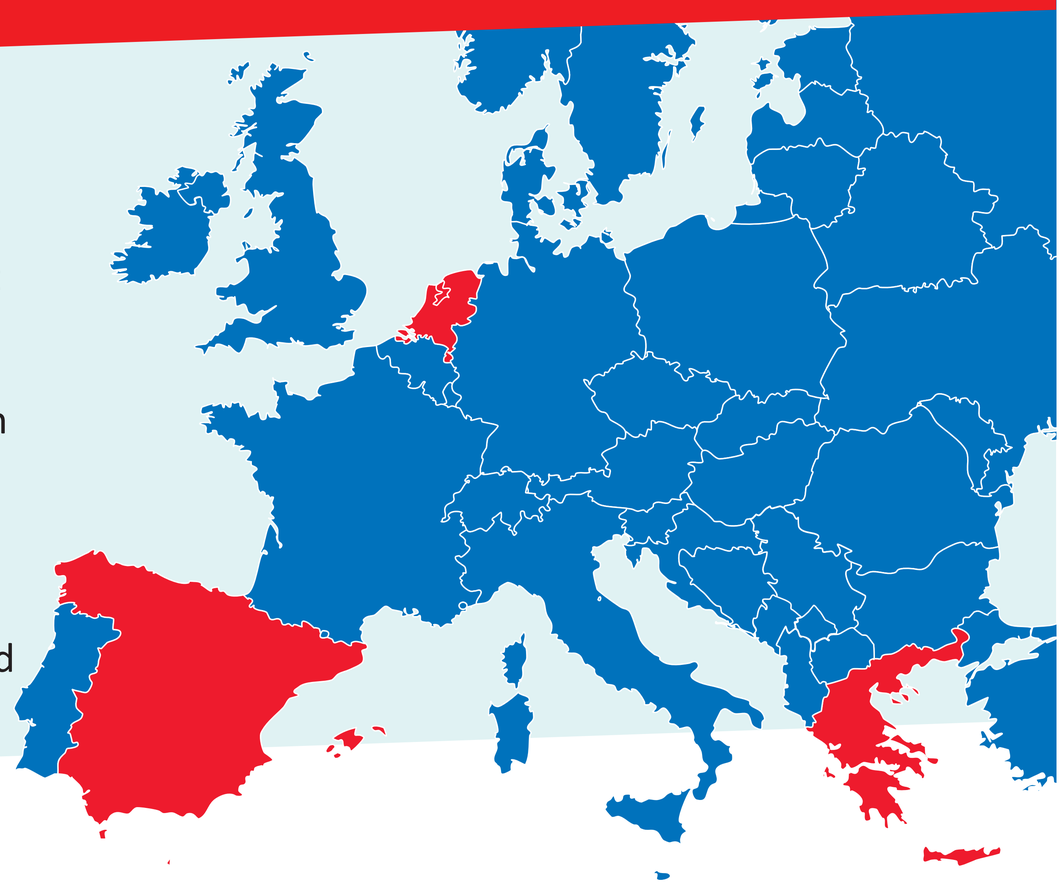
Crosslink: Building on Lessons Learned to Improve Access to HIV/STI Services for Mobile and Migrant Populations

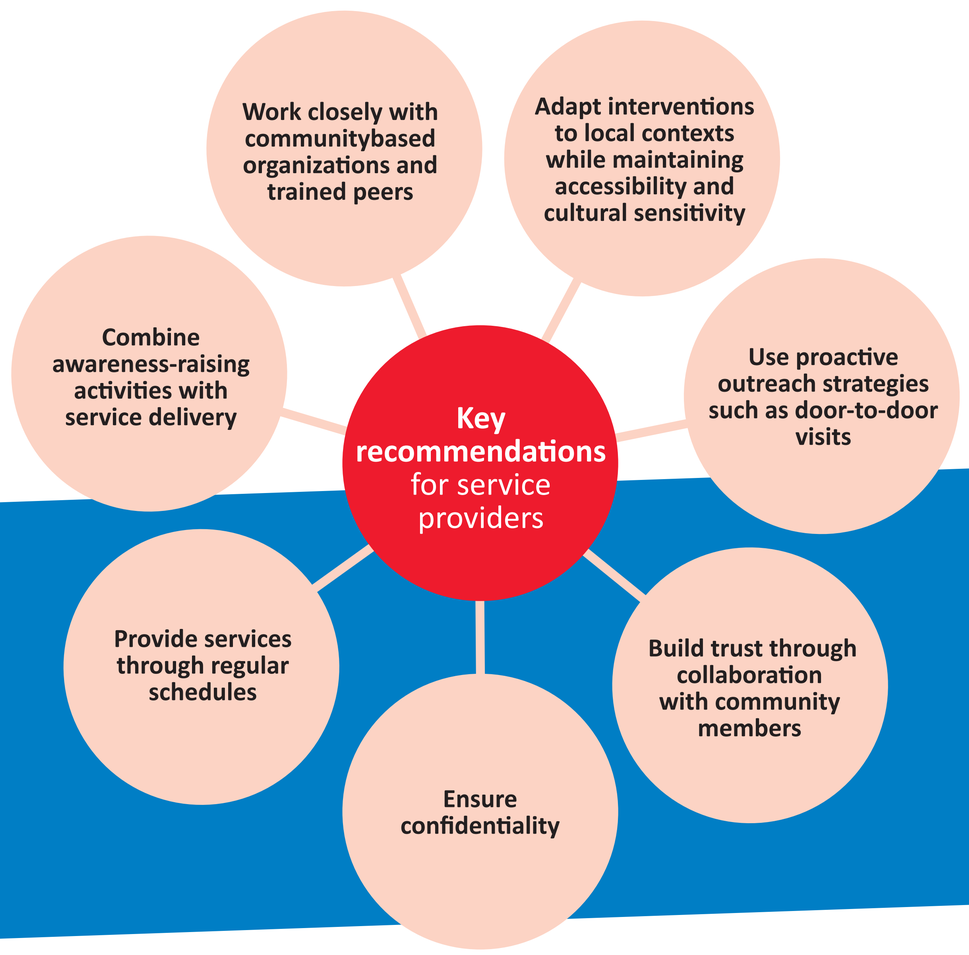


Objectives

To address persistent barriers to HIV/STI services among mobile and migrant populations, two European collaborative projects were implemented: *Crossing Countries, Crossing Communities (4C; 2023-2024)* and *Crosslink (2026-2027)*. Funded through the European Commission's EU4Health Program and implemented in Greece, Spain, and Netherlands, these projects aimed to strengthen community-based organizations in improving access to HIV/STI testing and hepatitis-B vaccination for migrants, including refugees and undocumented individuals. Crosslink was developed to build on and scale up the successful approaches, lessons learned, and recommendations generated through the 4C project.

Methods

HIV/STI testing and prevention activities targeting MSM, transgender individuals, and other migrants were implemented through community-based practices. Across the three participating countries, interventions were adapted to local contexts, structural barriers, and health system characteristics. Central to both projects was the use of low-threshold, outreach-based approaches aimed at improving access to services and increasing engagement among migrant populations.



Results

Implementation across the three countries generated important insights into how outreach-based service models can be adapted and transferred across different European contexts. These experiences were documented and translated into practical recommendations to support improved access to testing, vaccination, and care for migrant populations. As Crosslink started in 2026, outcome data are not yet available. The findings presented here therefore relate exclusively to the 4C project and informed the design and implementation of Crosslink.

Tests	Number	Positivity rate
STI-tests	100,815	7%
HIV-tests	54,006	0.7%

Linkage to Care Rate among HIV cases	95%

HBV Vaccination	2,329

Conclusions

The cross-country implementation of 4C generated practical lessons for improving access to HIV/STI services among migrant populations.

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