

Development of a Toolkit for the implementation and evaluation of Checkpoints for MSM

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Purpose:

„To **generate operational knowledge** to better understand the role and impact of Community Based Voluntary Counselling and Testing services (CBVCTs) across Europe, as well as to study the use of **innovative strategies** based on new technologies networks, **to increase early HIV/STI diagnosis and treatment** among the most vulnerable groups.“

Workpackage 7:

To develop a **Toolkit** to improve the **implementation** of CBVCT services specifically adressed to **MSM** in Europe.

MSM Checkpoints



- Implementation of many CBVCT centers that specifically address MSM in Europe
- **Checkpoints** – CBVCT and health centers for MSM
- **Great diversity**
 - Adapted to local needs, local conditions and local restrictions
 - Great variety in services
 - Different structures

Toolkit for MSM Checkpoints



- Internetbased Toolkit to support NGOs that **recently established or want to start** a CBVCT Service/Checkpoint for MSM
- Main information needed
 - for **planning** and **operating** a Checkpoint
 - to **assure quality of services**
- **Systematic self-evaluation-tool**
- Not adapted to a specific health system or environment
- **Suggests to take into account what is locally needed**

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The screenshot displays the website interface for the EURO HIV EDAT toolkit. The background features a blurred image of a group of people. The website header includes the logo on the left and a language selection dropdown on the right. A navigation menu is located below the header, and a breadcrumb trail is visible above the main content area. The main content area is titled 'How to use this toolkit' and contains a list of expandable sections. A blue dashed box highlights the first three items in this list.

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How to use this toolkit

- Checklists, guidance and tools, action plans +
- Using the toolkit for planning +
- Using the toolkit for quality assurance +
- Using the toolkit for quality improvement +

6 Toolkit chapters



I Operating Environment

Regulatory and Legal Frameworks
Financial viability and sustainability
Participation and empowerment
Collaboration

II CBVCT Services

Infrastructure
Materials
Human Resources
Monitoring and Evaluation



Toolkit chapters

III Counselling and Linkage to Care

Counselling

Linkage to Care

IV Communication

V Advocacy

VI Quality improvement and innovation

Improving Quality

Innovation and Expansion

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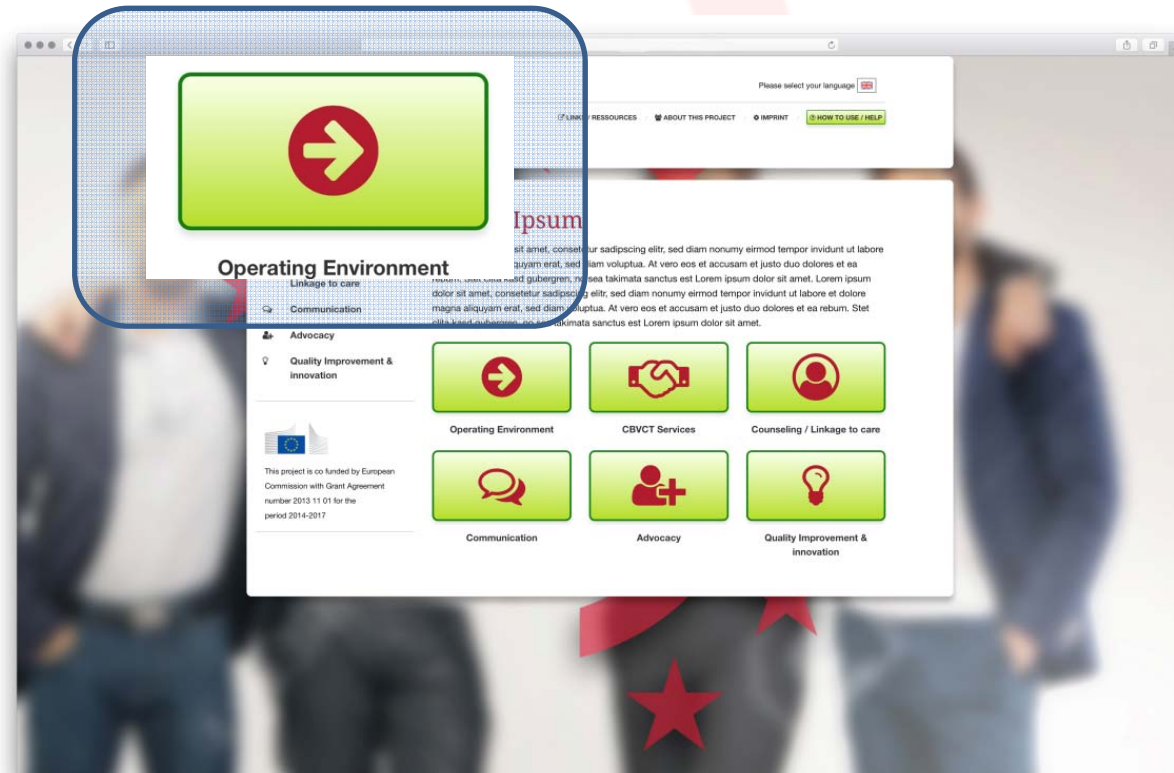
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The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a vertical navigation menu with the following items: "Operating Environment", "CBVCT Services", "Counseling / Linkage to care", "Communication", "Advocacy", and "Quality Improvement & innovation". A red star icon is positioned to the left of the "Counseling / Linkage to care" item. Below the menu is the European Union flag and a text block: "This project is co funded by European Commission with Grant Agreement number 2013 11 01 for the period 2014-2017".

The right column features a heading "Lorem Ipsum" followed by a paragraph of placeholder text: "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consetetur sadipscing elitr, sed diam nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam erat, sed diam voluptua. At vero eos et accusam et justo duo dolores et ea rebum. Stet clita kasd gubergren, no sea takimata sanctus est Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consetetur sadipscing elitr, sed diam nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam erat, sed diam voluptua. At vero eos et accusam et justo duo dolores et ea rebum. Stet clita kasd gubergren, no sea takimata sanctus est Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet." Below the text is a grid of six green buttons with red icons, each representing a project component: "Operating Environment" (arrow icon), "CBVCT Services" (handshake icon), "Counseling / Linkage to care" (person icon), "Communication" (speech bubble icon), "Advocacy" (person with plus sign icon), and "Quality Improvement & innovation" (lightbulb icon).

Chapter structure

- Description
- Checklist(s)
- Guidance and tools
- Action Plan(s)



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Operating Environment

Regulatory and Legal Frameworks

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A "Menu" dropdown is visible on the left side of the main content area. The main content area features a section titled "Operating Environment, Regulatory and Legal" with a sub-heading "National laws and regulations and social services. CBVCTs aspects of operating a CBVCT exactly what is required in...".

A white tooltip box titled "Description" is overlaid on the page, containing the text: "National laws regulate the use of medical and diagnostic devices, including HIV tests. Formal authorisation to conduct a specific type of test may be required. CBVCTs aiming to offer testing technologies that maximise uptake by MSM are therefore often forced to operate in a legal 'grey' area."

Below the text, there is a table with the following structure:

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The image shows a screenshot of the EURO HIV EDAT website. A pop-up window titled "Guidance" is open, displaying text about CBVCT services. The background website content is partially visible, including the logo, a menu, and sections on "Operating Environment" and "Regulatory and Legal".

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Guidance

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Laws and regulations may prohibit anyone other than a medical professional to conduct such tests and interpret the results. National health authorities provide information on which tests are approved for use and under which conditions.

The COBATEST 'Guide to doing it better' (Chapter 3.4) offers detailed guidance on test options and criteria for selecting them: reliability, availability, acceptability, the time it takes to obtain a result, price etc.

It is important to remember that testing technology is evolving and new options become available from time to time. [The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control \(ECDC\)](#) and [WHO](#) websites provide current advice and recommendations. Any new test must also be approved on the national level before it can be used at a CBVCT.

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External resources; e.g. organisations or HIV Quality Action Tools

Other resources from Euro HIV EDAT

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Conclusion

- Useful and practical Toolkit
- Adaptable to local needs
- Helps to establish and provide low-threshold, quality based CBVCT Services for MSM
- Enables Checkpoints to optimize and develop their services

- Available from June 2017 on

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