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,

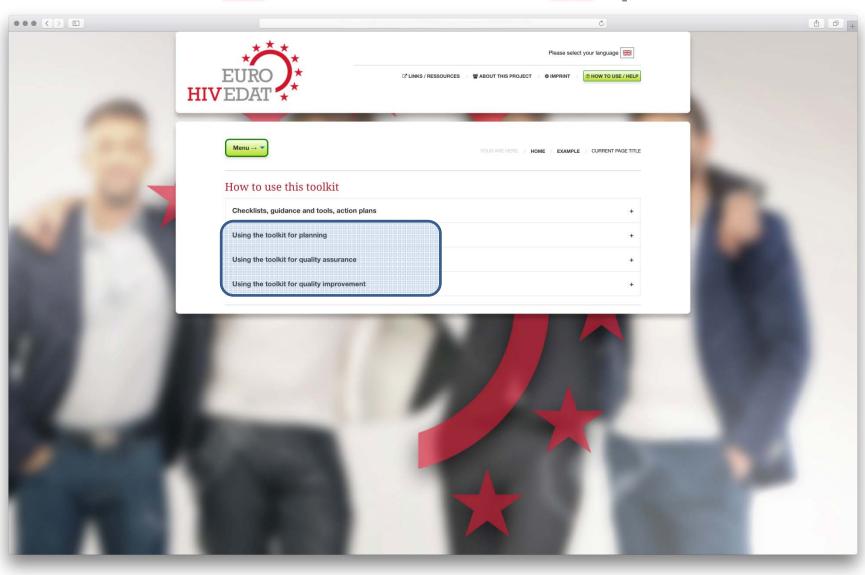 **to increase early HIV/STI diagnosis and treatment** among the most vulnerable groups.“

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**

Toolkit for MSM Checkpoints

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

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Linkage to Care

IV Communication
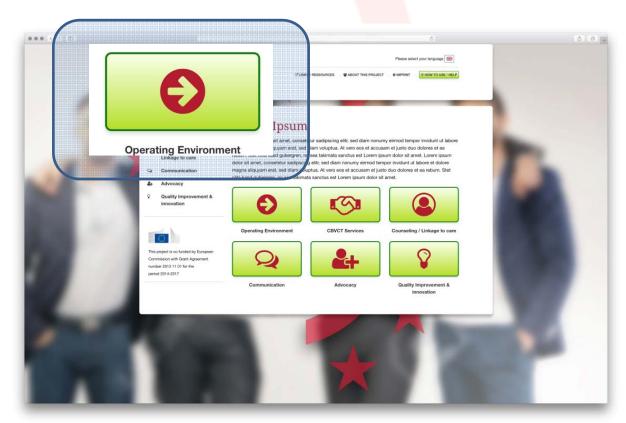
V Advocacy

VI Quality improvement an innovation

Improving Quality

Innovation and Expansion

Toolkit for MSM Checkpoints

Chapter structure

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

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    Financial viability and sustainability

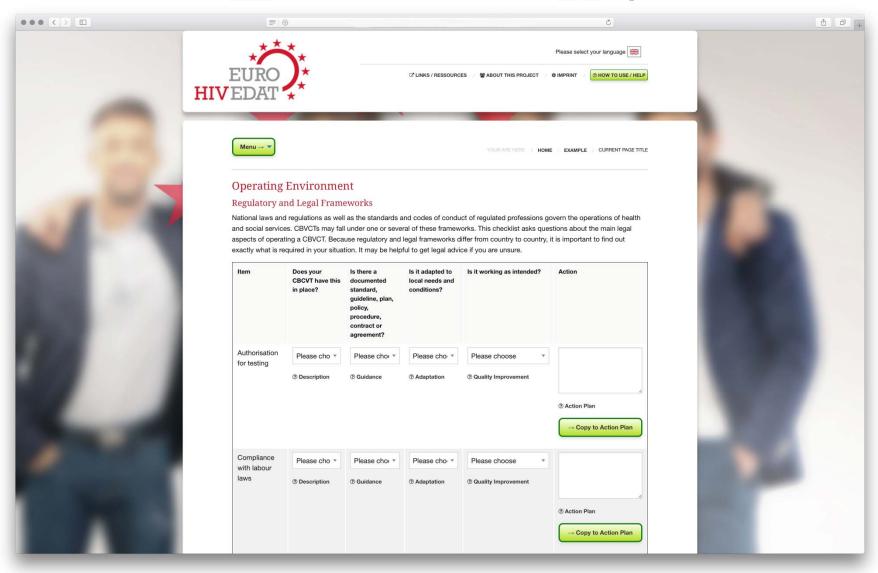   Participation and empowerment

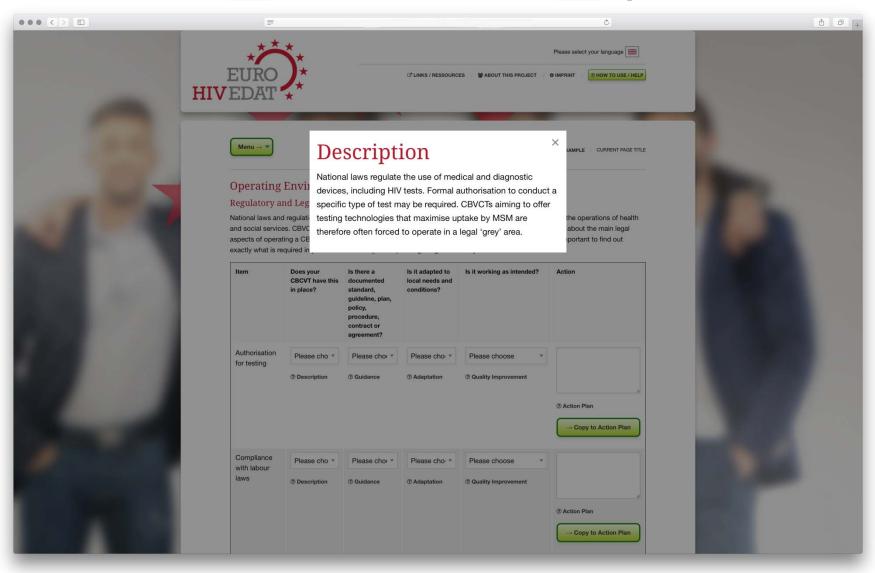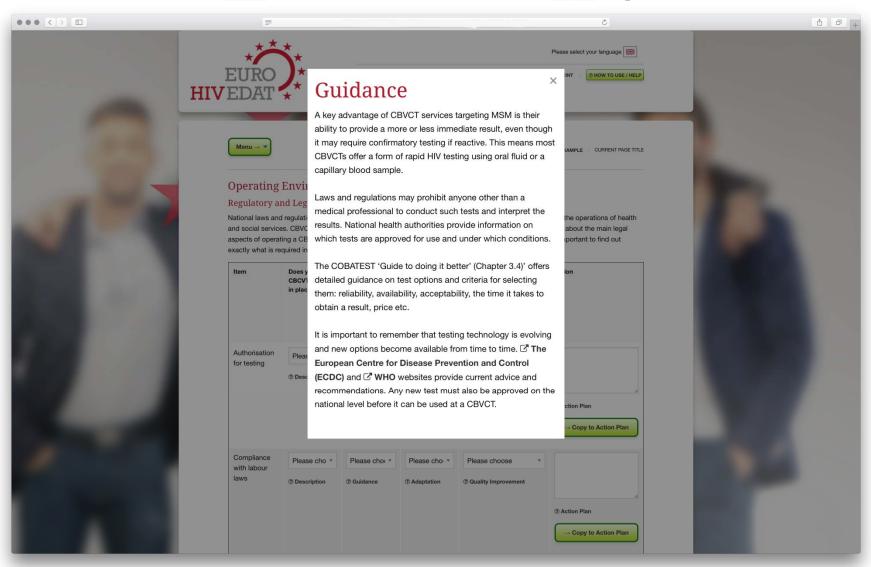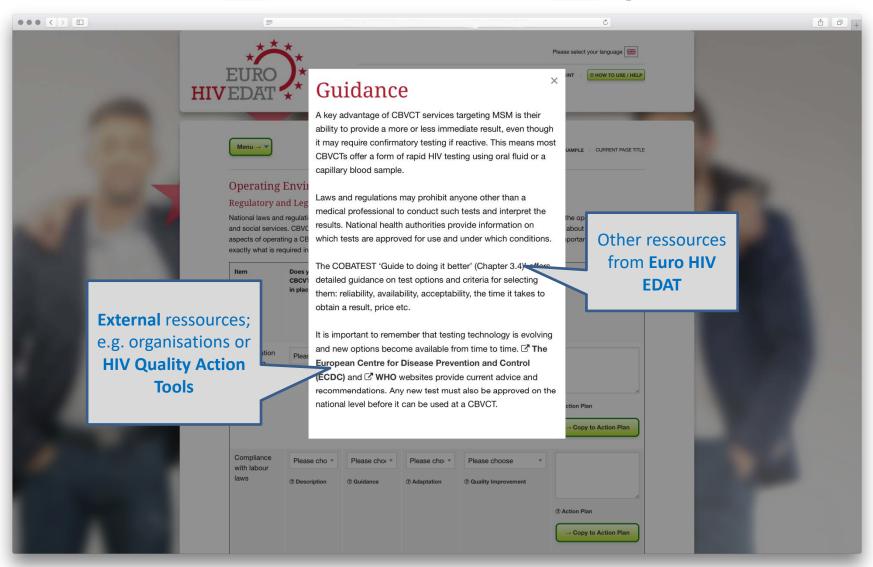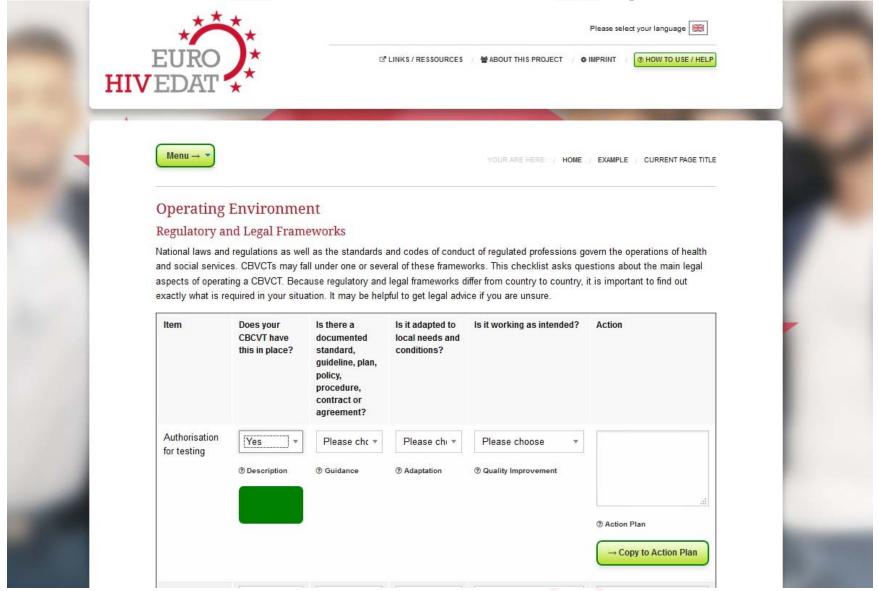   Collaboration

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Guidance

A key advantage of CBVCT services targeting MSM is their ability to provide a more or less immediate result, even though it may require confirmatory testing if reactive. This means most CBVCTs offer a form of rapid HIV testing using oral fluid or a capillary blood sample.

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.

External ressources; e.g. organisations or **HIV Quality Action Tools**

Other ressources from **Euro HIV EDAT**

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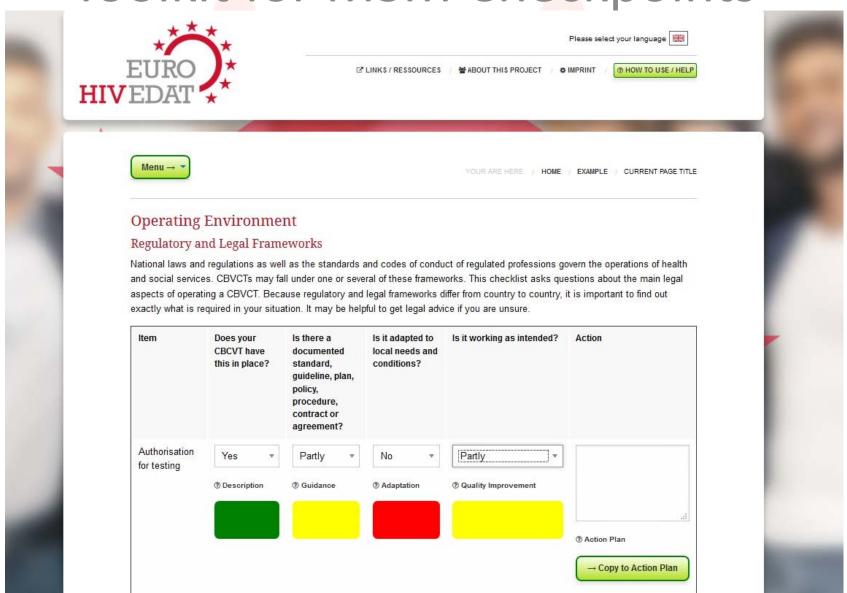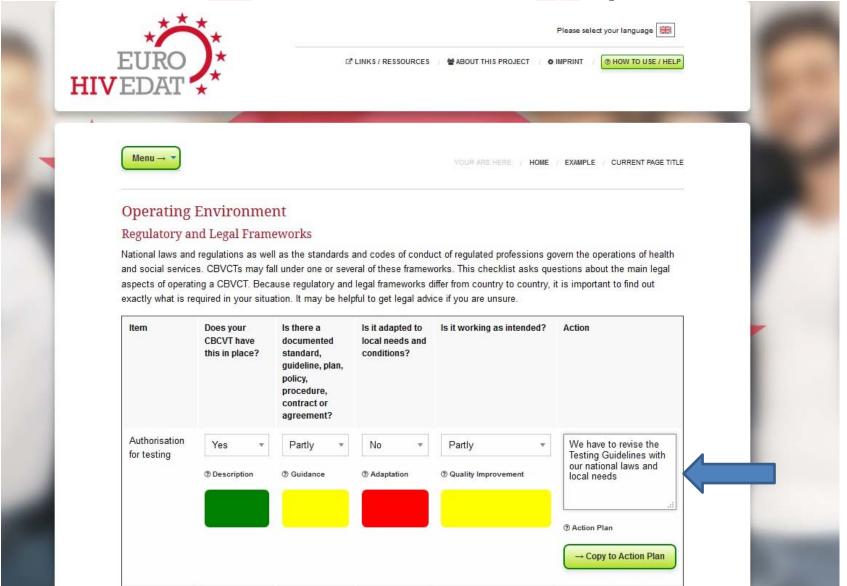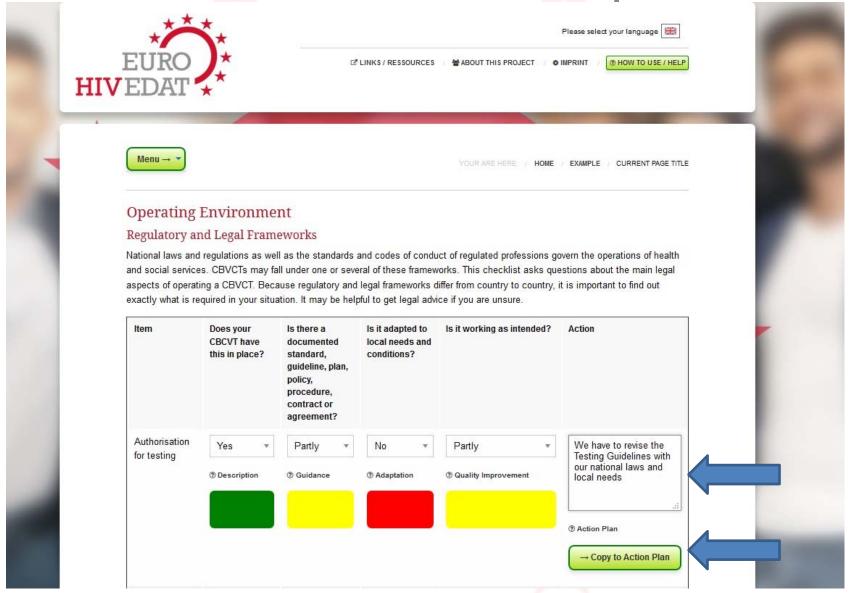# Toolkit for MSM Checkpoints
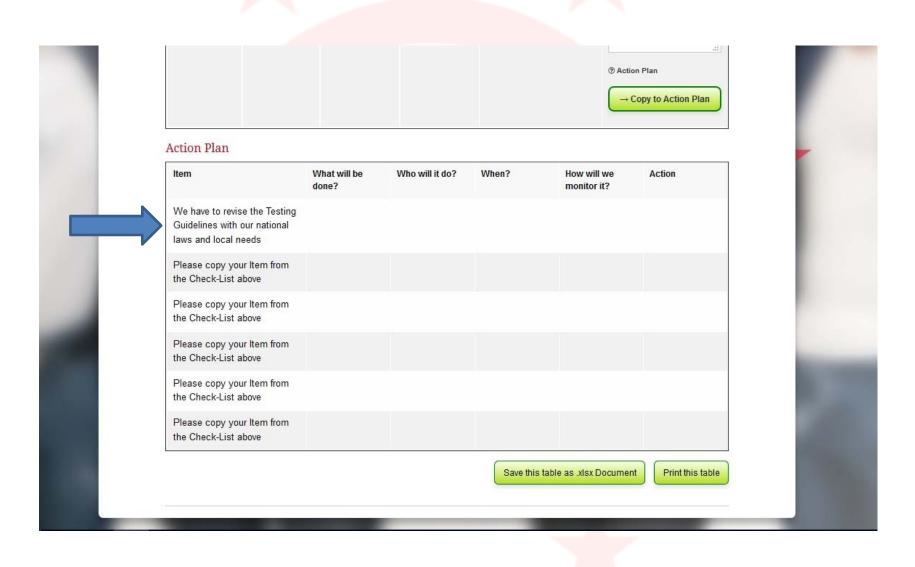
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Conclusion

- 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

  www.msm-checkpoints.eu

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