

# ***BORDERNET*work**

**Highly active prevention: scale up HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, diagnostic and therapy across sectors and borders in CEE and SEE**

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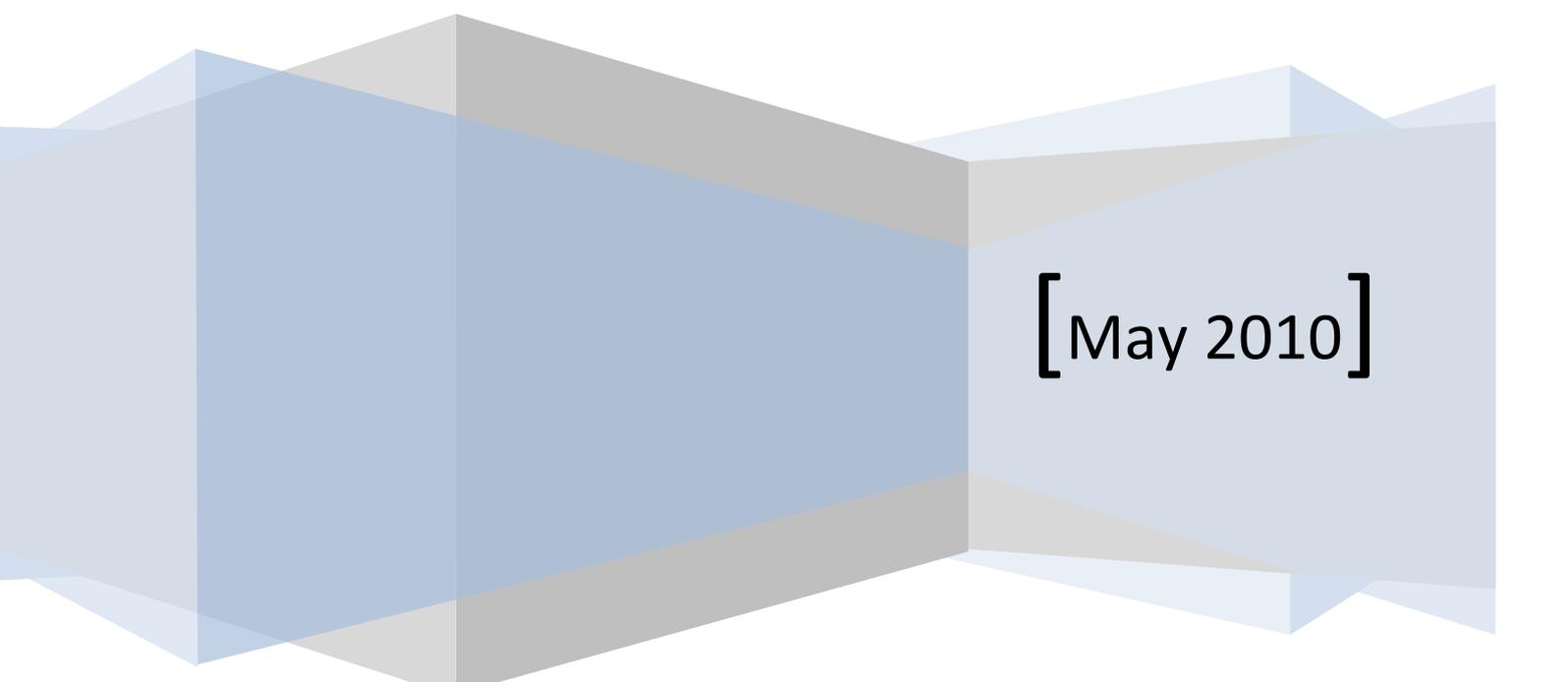
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## Identity of Material Studied

I. Survey/Research Report	
Title	CORRELATION network
Author/Organisation	Foundation De Regenboog Groep
Year of Publication	2009 f.
Source of Publication	<p>Newsletter I (2009)</p> <p>Newsletter II (2010)</p> <p>Flyer: CORRELATION 2009-2012, (2010)</p> <p><a href="http://www.correlation-net.org/images/stories/pdfs/wp_descriptions/web_wp_hepc_description.pdf">http://www.correlation-net.org/images/stories/pdfs/wp_descriptions/web_wp_hepc_description.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.correlation-net.org/images/stories/pdfs/wp_descriptions/web_HIVpolicy_description.pdf">http://www.correlation-net.org/images/stories/pdfs/wp_descriptions/web_HIVpolicy_description.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.correlation-net.org/images/stories/pdfs/wp_descriptions/glossary_good_practice.pdf">http://www.correlation-net.org/images/stories/pdfs/wp_descriptions/glossary_good_practice.pdf</a></p>
Country of Origin	The Netherlands
Executive Summary	
Key Topics	The key topic is to improve the outreach and early intervention among the youth in the field of intravenous drug use, especially in the field of Hepatitis C.
Target Setting/Location	The location of the intervention is the EU.
Target Groups	The core target group is the group of injecting drug users as a vulnerable group. As part of this core group young people are in the focus of the intervention. Additional to that, politicians and decision makers should be included by lobbying.
Methods Used	<p>The methods are divided in different fields:</p> <p>Expert meetings and flash meetings via internet building the basis of coordination and communication of the acteurs.</p>

	<p>Interviews and questionnaires were realized to get an overview.</p> <p>Work shops are the practical outcome of the interviews and questionnaires.</p> <p>The aim is to develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- social intervention tool</li> <li>- peer support Manual 2.0</li> <li>- good practice toolkit on Hepatitis C</li> </ul>
Instruments Used	<p>open source flash software</p> <p>interviews</p> <p>questionnaires</p> <p>toolkits</p> <p>manuals</p>
<b>Key Findings</b>	
Outline of main results	<p>The CORRELATION network uses in a large scale the new media for the coordination and conduct of the project. They save resources through virtual meetings. Another new media approach is to provide the materials and practice-tools via internet. This approach demands a high level of individual initiative (self-evaluation, motivation, learning) and an access to the internet.</p>
Overlaps of topics/findings with BORDERNETwork	<p>It's an aim to develop an self-evaluation-tool in WP9 of the BORDERNETwork. An overlapping part is indirectly the good practice toolkit on HCV, which is concentrating on HCV prevention of HCV especially for the target group of IDUs. As transmission way the drug usage is a very important fact.</p>
Relevant recommendations to be considered by BORDERNETwork	<p>WP7 is dealing with the treatment of HIV/co-infection. An important aspect is to clarify the medical handling of drug users in the field of HIV/HBV/HCV-treatment.</p>

<b>II. Project/Intervention</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Work package 7: Hepatitis C intervention strategies</b>
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<b>Geographical Area of Coverage</b>	<b>Europe</b>
<b>Partnership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foundation De Regenboog Groep, The Netherlands</li> <li>- Centrum voor Verslavingsonderzoek (CVO); The Netherlands</li> <li>- City of Oslo Agency for Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (CC- AADAS); Norway.</li> <li>- Municipal Public Health Service Rotterdam-Rijnmond (MPHS); The Netherlands</li> <li>- Trimbos Institute, The Netherlands</li> <li>- European Aids Treatment Group (EATG); Belgium</li> <li>- Developing Initiatives Supporting Communities (DISC); UK</li> <li>- Svenska Brukarföreningen (SBF); Sweden</li> <li>- ASUD; France</li> <li>- Fixpunkt; Germany</li> <li>- DHAGC; Spain</li> </ul>

Year of Implementation	2009
<b>Executive Summary</b>	
Key Objectives	<p>The key objective is to improve HCV services, HCV prevention, treatment and care for IDUs with elements of advocacy by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting effective and appropriate prevention and management of HVC among IDUs</li> <li>• Capacity building in field of harm reduction and other drugs services on HCV prevention and counselling</li> <li>• Improving treatment literature among IDUs</li> </ul>
Target Setting	<p>The following target settings are notified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy change</li> <li>• Building up services</li> <li>• Assessing environments</li> </ul>
Location/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The geographical area of the project's intervention is Europe.</li> </ul>
Target Group/s	<p>The target groups are injecting drug users, which are defined as a vulnerable group.</p>
Approaches implemented	<p>The CORRELATION network wants that the good practice descriptions will be based on <u>UNAIDS identifies best practices</u>.</p> <p>One big approach is the <u>evidence based</u> foundation of the project.</p> <p>The aim is to looking especially for weaknesses to overcome them.</p>
Methods Used	<p>The following methods were used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questionnaires</li> <li>• Best practice tool kits</li> <li>• Training guide</li> <li>• HCV trainings</li> </ul>

<b>Key Findings</b>	
<b>Outline of main results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Target groups are IDUs and vulnerable groups in Europe, for BORDERNETwork important in CEE;</b></li> <li>• <b>Results of training guide are partly important for own trainings; IDU as one of the transmission ways</b></li> <li>• <b>Concentration on prevention and counselling, not directly on treatment</b></li> </ul>
<b>Overlaps of topics/findings with BORDERNETwork</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>especially HCV trainings concentrating on drug use and harm reduction as part of the transmission ways of HCV;</b></li> <li>• <b>HIV/HCV coinfections is one topic there;</b></li> </ul>
<b>Relevant recommendations to be considered by BORDERNETwork</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A big difference is our concentration on the treatment on HIV and coinfections (HBV/HCV).</b></li> <li>• <b>The work of CORRELATION network is good supplement to our concentration on treatment.</b></li> </ul>

**Additional comments:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Work package 8: Policy review and policy recommendations on HIV/AIDS</b>
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<b>Executive Summary</b>	

Key Objectives	<p>Formulate policy recommendations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing evidence-based health arguments for full access to HIV/AIDS services for all</li> <li>• Transferring results and findings of Correlation II to the policy level by formulating policy recommendations with respect to the various health promotion interventions in the field of BBID</li> <li>• Stimulating and organising the dialogue with policy and decision makers at European and national levels</li> </ul>
<p>Target Setting</p> <p>Location/s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target is to change the behaviour and attitudes of political decision makers: Policy change.</li> <li>• The overall aim is to enable an universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.</li> <li>• Therefore the focus lies on reducing existing health inequalities.</li> <li>• Europe</li> </ul>
Target Group/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target group are decision makers and stakeholders on the European and the national level.</li> </ul>
Approaches implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good practice examples will be turned into policy recommendations to stimulate dialogue with decision makers.</li> <li>• The activities should be evidence based.</li> <li>• The idea behind is: with better information of decision makers should change the policy.</li> </ul>
Methods Used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy recommendations</li> <li>• European policy seminar</li> <li>• Expert groups coordinated by EATG with health economist</li> <li>• Collection of data and policy documents for research and argumentation</li> </ul>
<b>Key Findings</b>	
Outline of main	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most important idea is to involve an health</li> </ul>

<p>results</p>	<p>economist in the project and to give an overview about the social and economic costs of HIV/Aids and STIs especially in CEE &amp; SEE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The idea is to convince political decision makers by evidence based and economic arguments.</li> </ul>
<p>Overlaps of topics/findings with BORDERNETwork</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project of EATG overlaps with our dissemination work package. It is necessary for the success of the project to build up contacts to decision makers as a kind of lobbying.</li> </ul>
<p>Relevant recommendations to be considered by BORDERNETwork</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most important idea is to involve an health economist in the project and to give an overview about the social and economic cost of HIV/Aids and STIs especially in CEE &amp; SEE. The prices of medical products, the costs of therapy and diagnostic, and the consequential costs for the whole society can be a strong argument.</li> <li>• Other important partners for us could be international NGOs, economic leaders (health insurances...) and grass root activists, who become informed by understandable material by us.</li> </ul>