

BORDERNETWORK KICK-OFF MEETING**MINUTES****Thursday, 01.07.2010, 14:30 – 16:00 h****Working Group on WP7 Referral/management HIV/STIs and co-infections,**

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Duration: The WP will start in M 8 and ends in M 28. The working group takes place two month prior the WP's start

Power point presentation and handouts (Two questionnaires, developed by Dr. Güthoff in cooperation with RKI Berlin: "Questionnaire for diagnostic & treatment centres of patients with HIV/STI" and "questionnaire for diagnostic and therapy of HIV/AIDS and STI (Hep B/C))

The power-point presentation was divided into two parts and included the topics: the impact of viral hepatitis and other co-infections on mortality of HIV positive patients (Dr. Güthoff), the work plan under WP7 (Alexander Leffers). The questionnaire to assess the experiences and practices of each country has been presented.

Especially hepatitis C but also other co-infections have a big negative impact on the mortality of HIV positive patients. There are European standards (treatment guidelines) for HIV co –infections (Gold standard), but as experiences and therapeutic possibilities of the involved countries are rather different, it is not known yet if all clinics and physicians work or are able to work on the back ground of these standards. Additionally drug resistance is an increasing problem for some of the co-infections, as therapeutic drugs are the same as for HIV.

The objective of this WP 7 is therefore, to assess the situation in the field of management of HIV-co-infections in the co-operating countries, to exchange experiences and to develop country specific guidelines on the back ground of the European guidelines

In the following the assessment questionnaire has been discussed:

Problems:

Do we really need the overview over the national data in this field?

Romania and Bulgaria have no access to data of the respective Ministry of Health. In these cases, a HIV specialist will be asked to provide his or her specific data.

The heading of the questionnaire should be reformulated: The focus should be on Co-infections and HIV/AIDS

Why no questions on TBC? TBC is known as AIDS-defined infection and not as co-infection and there are a lot of initiatives in this field (ec. Global fund). Most countries have a good therapy regime for TBC, one problem might be drug-resistance. Also the thresholds are in some regions/countries hindering an effective therapy of HIV-patients with TBC-

Next steps:

Remarks, changes etc. on the questionnaire till beginning of August

The inclusion of TBC has to be decided

Because the Questionnaire should be filled in from one expert on national level, translation is not needed in all countries (should be decided individually)

The deadline for the questionnaire is End of September