

**ORIGINAL AMENDMENT: 05.11.2010**

**WP 4**

**Title: Interdisciplinary networking**

**Leader: SPI**

**Associated partners involved:** AHW, HESED, NIHD, AISC, MAT, AHP, PZ, SPWSZ, POMOST, ARAS, PRIMA

**Collaborating partners:** BZgA, BMG, DAH, LRAC, UNZG, LIC

Duration: 34 months                                      Start:M3                                      End: M36

**Specific objective linked to WP4:**

| Number | Title  |
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| 1      | <p>Interdisciplinary networks:</p> <p>To scale up the implementation of highly active prevention through boosting network cooperation on national, model regional and cross-border level in CEE and SEE in a three-year period</p> |

**Indicators:**

**Process Indicators:**

- 1) 5 model cross-border regional networks established, most relevant stakeholders per region involved (e.g. letter of intent signed), regional committees meet regularly (twice yearly) and implement at least one common cross-border action.
- 2) 25 to 30% of the network members are civil society representatives (NGOs and representatives of target groups and affected communities).

**Output Indicators:**

- 3) 2 concepts for highly active prevention (with foci according to the relevant core WPs) approved by the regional committees against the background of the common health objectives are available at M25;
- 4) 120 medical professionals (incl. students) in 1 model region (Germany and Poland) are trained (12 pilot courses) in communication/counselling competence in M18;
- 5) 40 professionals trained (4 Train-the-Trainer courses) to deliver courses on counselling in HIV/STI/sexual health in medical high schools and colleges in 1 model region (Germany-Poland) M25.

6) Sensitisation among medical universities in other selected cross-border model regions on training curriculum in communication and counselling competence for medical students.

**Outcome Indicators:**

7) Concepts of highly-active prevention (D5) are planned to be introduced at local public health policy (e.g. letter of intent for support of the implementation signed) in M32-34;

8) Concept for Training in Counselling for medical (future) professionals is planned to be introduced/introduced in study courses/curricula in medical high schools in 1 model region (Germany and Poland) in M32;

**Description of the work:**

Interdisciplinary regional cross-border networks - build in the 5 EU model regions:

1. Set up of interdisciplinary cross border networks to act as regional committees for the whole project's life-span (Annex II, travel costs: reg. cross-border network. (WP4))

They will be composed by associated and collaborating partners and by selected stakeholders. Enrolment criteria: the experts invited draw on competence in HIV/STI prevention, diagnostics and therapy and have knowledge on local situation. The civil society representatives (communities, self-help groups) play an important role in the regional bodies. The committees chaired by the main associated partner in the region meet ca. twice yearly in order to:

- Revise and update the detailed working plans (activity 5), review reports (annual basis);
- Discuss and exchange expertise for implementation of common cross-border activities (activity 6);
- Review and approve selected concepts for implementation of highly active prevention, based on the bilateral health objectives (activities 2 and 7)

2. Implement common health objectives – only in Model Region I: Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, DE - Zachodniopomorskie, PL

The regional committees agree on common health objectives to be reached in the frame of 3- year cooperation. These should be politically signed to assure solidification of network commitment. The activity takes place in the cross-border region between Germany and Poland, with the involvement of the relevant regional and municipal health authorities (i.e. Province's Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Marshall Office etc.)

3. Present and discuss health objectives and prevention concepts at regional committee meetings, to stake-holders and political decision-makers – only MR I.

4. Conduct assessments to sort out gaps in and between the core strands HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, diagnostic and therapy – within selected border regions among the 5 EU model regions and in the non-EU country regions:

**Fact Finding Missions for assessments in non EU countries:**

For the purpose of the assessments along the external EU border the project envisages subcontracting 4 suitable organisations (all NGOs) to conduct *Fact Finding missions*. They will take place outside of EU, but will meet the requirements of EU having a direct benefit to the EU citizens and will implement the methodology and instruments developed by the work package leaders (EU partner, see Annex II, subcontracting costs for SPI and AHW). SPI will conduct on-site visits related to the fact finding missions to two non-EU countries (Lviv, UA, Chisinau, MD), authorisation will be requested by EU.

Additionally experts from ENP countries will be invited as collaborating partners to expert meetings, conferences and workshops in the EU.

5. Develop and implement work plans on the basis of the assessments.
6. Implement exchange of good practice and capacity building (multipliers' training, recurrent workshops).
7. Discuss, evaluate and transfer selected prevention concepts .

Activity 8 is task only for the partners in MR I: MAT, DE and SPWSZ, PL (as activities 2 and 3):

8. Develop and pilot curriculum for communication training for physicians/medical students and Train-the-trainer concept (Annex II- other costs for MAT,DE and SPWSZ, PL and subcontracting costs for MAT, DE).

The Universities of Rostock and Greifswald, DE, Pomerania Medical University and University of Szczecin /Public Health, PL will be involved in the activity.

The development of curriculum and study plan will be delivered as subcontracting task to the winner of tender.

#### Subcontractors from NON EU-countries in WP 4

To assess the situation in some restricted thematic fields, punctual fact finding surveys in cross border regions between EU and ENP countries are needed. These are undertaken in order to collect information on particularities of local epidemiological situation (e.g. HIV/STIS, Tuberculosis), patterns of risk related to social determinants and to analyse the dynamic of cross-border mobility between EU and ENP countries with direct implications to the HIV/AIDS situation. At same time the scope and barriers of the available prevention measures will be assessed. This will raise understanding about shortcomings of the measures undertaken so far and will study closer the needs related to prevention, medical and social offers, universal access to treatment, care and support for the affected communities. In order to take advantage of the existing local expertise by the fulfilment of the task the project will involve subcontractors in 4 ENP countries: Ukraine, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina/Republic Srpska.

**Activity subject to subcontracting (from the listed above):**

**Activity 4: Conduct assessments to sort out gaps in and between the core strands HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, diagnostic and therapy.**

| Subcontracted tasks by SPI<br>Forschung, DE   | Specific activities under the task  | Envisaged subcontractors from NON EU-countries | Time line           |
|---|---|--|---------------------|
| 1. Preparation, conduct and report on Fact-finding survey on situation in the EU border area East Poland- West Ukraine (Lviv Region) with regard to target group specific HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, including study of social determinants and patterns of cross-border mobility.                      | 1.1.Desk review;<br>1.2.Interviews with regional and community experts and stake-holders;<br>1.3.Translation of documents;<br>1.4.Report compilation  | SALUS, Lviv (Ukraine)                          | M9-M11 (2010)       |
| 2. Preparation, conduct and report on a Fact-finding survey on situation in the West Ukraine(Lviv Region) in the EU border area to Poland with regard to available models of early HIV/STIs diagnostic, prevention and harm-reduction services for mobile vulnerable groups (IDUs, incl. sex workers) | 2.1. Desk review;<br>2.1.Interviews with regional and community experts and stake-holders;<br>2.3.Translation of documents;<br>2.4.Report compilation and presentation at expert seminar on early HIV/STI diagnostic in Tallinn (EST) | SALUS, Lviv (Ukraine)                          | M12-M15 (2010-2011) |

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| <p><b>3.</b> Preparation, conduct and report on a Stock-taking and mapping survey in the West Ukraine(Lviv Region) in the EU border area to Poland with regard to HIV-treatment services, incl. organigram, management of HIV Co-infections (e.g. Tuberculosis), and social inclusion of affected groups and communities (PLHIV)</p>                      | <p>3.1.Desk review;<br/>3.2.Interviews with regional, community experts, stake-holders and PLHIV;<br/>3.3. Translation of documents;<br/>3.4. Report compilation and presentation at expert seminar on HIV Co-infections' Management in Potsdam (DE)</p> | <p><b>SALUS, Lviv</b><br/>(Ukraine)</p>                                 | <p>M16-M17<br/>(2010)</p>             |
| <p>4. Preparation, conduct and report on Fact-finding survey on situation of PLHIV in the EU border area Romania – Moldova with regard to community involvement, universal access to treatment, care and support, including social determinants and patterns of cross-border mobility.</p>  | <p>4.1.Desk review;<br/>4.2 Interviews with regional and community experts and stake-holders;<br/>4.3. Translation of documents;<br/>4.4.Report compilation</p>  | <p><b>CREDINTA, Chisinau</b><br/>(Moldova)</p>                          | <p><b>M9-11</b><br/><b>(2010)</b></p> |
| <p><b>Subcontracted tasks by AHW, AT</b></p>  |  |   |                                       |
| <p><b>1.</b> Preparation, conduct and report on Fact-finding survey on situation in the EU border area to the Balkan region (Serbia) with regard to target group specific HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, with emphasize on ethnic minorities, and outline of social determinants and patterns of mobility in EU of special target mobile population groups.</p> | <p>1.1Desk review;<br/>1.2.Interviews with regional and community experts and stake-holders;<br/>1.3. Translation of documents;<br/><b>1.4.</b>Report compilation</p>  | <p><b>JAZAS, Belgrade</b> (Serbia and Montenegro)</p>                   | <p><b>M9-11</b><br/><b>(2010)</b></p> |
| <p><b>2.</b>Preparation, conduct and report on Fact-finding survey on situation in the EU border area to the Balkan region (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic Srpska) with regard to target group specific HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, with emphasize on ethnic minorities, and outline of social determinants and patterns of</p>                            | <p>2.1.Desk review;<br/>2.2.Interviews with regional and community experts and stake-holders;<br/>2.3. Translation of documents;<br/>2.4. Report compilation</p>   | <p><b>AAA, Banja Luka</b> (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic Srpska)</p> | <p><b>M9-11</b><br/><b>(2010)</b></p> |

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| mobility in EU of special target mobile population groups. |  |  |  |
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**Deliverable(s) produced by WP4:**

| Number | Title   | Month of delivery |
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| D4     | Transferable concepts (good practice) for highly active prevention and list of common health objectives defined | 12                |
| D5     | 12 pilot communication training courses with medical students and 4 Train-the-Trainer courses                   | 18                |

**Milestones produced by WP4:**

| Number | Milestone title   | Month of achievement |
|--------|---|----------------------|
| 1      | Regional committee meetings with stakeholders for presentation of report on health objectives | 25                   |
| 2      | Training curriculum for medical students in communication competence                          | 30                   |
| 3      | Train-the-Trainer concept for medical universities  | 32                   |