



Program

Second Regional Consultation on HIV among MSM and Trans People in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

*“New Challenges and Approaches in the Response to the HIV epidemic among MSM
and Trans People in Eastern Europe and Central Asia”*

May 31 - June 1, 2018
Tbilisi, Georgia
 Marriott Courtyard, 4 Freedom Sq.

Goal of the Regional Consultation:

Strengthen the regional response to HIV epidemic among MSM and trans people in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Objectives of the Regional Consultation:

- Review the progress in implementation of the recommendations of the 1st Regional Consultation in 2010;
- Present the results of recent research and use them to develop recommendations for improving the quality of strategic information on the HIV epidemic among MSM and trans people in EECA;
- Present the best regional practices and innovations in the response to HIV epidemic among MSM and trans people in EECA;
- Discuss the issues of funding and sustainability of HIV programs in the region;
- Present the regional advocacy strategy for the response to HIV epidemic among MSM and trans people in EECA and develop recommendations for its implementation at the national and regional levels.

Key topics of the Consultation

- Access to high-quality HIV services for MSM and trans people;
- Impact of the legal environment on the HIV epidemic among MSM in the region;
- Innovative approaches to the work with MSM and trans people;
- Community participation in decision making and its impact on HIV epidemic;
- Sustainability and funding of services;
- Trans people and HIV epidemic in the region.

Day 1 - May 31, Thursday

Topic of the day: Challenges. The Dynamic of the Situation in the Region.

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:45 <i>Opening Session</i>	<u>Welcome remarks</u> • David Sergeenko, Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia/National Center for Disease Control and Public Health of Georgia (TBC) • Michel Kazatchkine, Special Advisor to the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia • Giorgi Tabagari, Project Manager, Equality Movement NGO, Georgia • Igor Medvid, Coordinator, HPLGBT, Ukraine • Vitaly Djuma, Executive Director, Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM)
9:45 - 11:15 <i>Plenary session 1</i>	<u>Key trends in HIV epidemic among MSM and trans people and in response to it</u> Chair: Michel Kazatchkine, Special Advisor to the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia • <i>How the community can use Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in achieving their own goals, and progress in implementation of the recommendations of the 1st Regional Consultation of 2010 - Rosemary Kumwenda, Regional Team Leader, Regional HIV, Health and Development Programme, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) (TBC).</i> • <i>International recommendations on prevention and treatment of HIV among MSM and trans people – Antons Mozalevskis, World Health Organization Europe.</i>

	• <i>Overview of the regional situation: MSM and HIV, gaps in addressing recommendations</i> - Vitaly Djuma, Executive Director, ECOM. • <i>The Global Fund support to prevention and treatment of HIV among MSM in EECA region</i> - Tatiana Vinichenko, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager, Ed Ngoksin, Technical Advisor, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. <i>Questions and answers. Discussion</i>
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11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 - 13:30 Plenary session 2	<u>Community role in the response to HIV epidemic</u> Chair: Maksym Kasianchuk, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, ECOM • <i>Historical view of society's attitude to MSM in the post Soviet space</i> - Alexander Kondakov, Centre for Independent Social Research, Russia. • <i>Presentation of the results of a study on MSM and trans people participation in national decision-making processes</i> - Maksym Kasianchuk, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, ECOM. • <i>The cascade of HIV services for MSM and the Funding Gaps Assessment results – data collection by community and its use to advocate for access to services</i> - Gennady Roshchupkin, Community Health Systems Coordinator, ECOM. • <i>An experience of community participation in the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM)</i> - Daniyar Orsekov, Executive Director, Kyrgyz-Indigo, Kyrgyzstan (TBC). • <i>Announcement of the Regional Joint Engagement Strategy</i> - Paata Sabelashvili, Advocacy Coordinator, ECOM. <i>Questions and answers. Discussion</i>
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13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Parallel sessions

Parallel session 1	Parallel session 2	Parallel session 3
<u>Necessity to develop innovative approaches in overcoming the epidemics: PrEP</u> Chair: Gennady Roshchupkin, Community Health Systems Coordinator, ECOM. - PrEP in Europe: current state and way forward - Fergus (Gus) Cairns, Co-ordinator, PrEP in Europe, UK - Georgia experience of PrEP introduction - Irma Khonelidze, Deputy Director, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Georgia - Ukraine experience of PrEP program development - Andrei Chernyshev, position, Gay-Allience, Dzmitry Filipau, Director, menZDRAV, Ukraine (TBC) - ECOM's technical assistance in promotion of PrEP programmes in EECA - Gennady Roshchupkin, Community Health	<u>WORKSHOP: Advocating for MSM access to services and overcoming legal barriers</u> Chair: Yuri Yoursky, Human Rights and Legal Issues Officer, ECOM - Overview of the regional experience - Yuri Yoursky, Human Rights and Legal Issues Officer, ECOM - "Secret client" methodology and its role in improvement of sustainability of services - Rostislav Milevsky, Director, Gender Z, Ukraine (TBC)	<u>Trans people and HIV</u> Chair: Maria Sundin, RFSL, Sweden - Actual approaches to HIV and sexual health in trans people - Maria Sundin, RFSL, Sweden - Situation with trans people in Ukraine - Igor Medvid, Coordinator, HPLGBT, Ukraine - Trans movement in EECA: experience of Kazakhstan - Victoria Rai, Coordinator on mobilization, Transcoalition (TBC) - Multidisciplinary approach in work with trans people – Alla Shepelkevich, Chief endocrinologist of the Ministry of Health, Belarus (TBC)

Systems Coordinator,
ECOM.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Parallel sessions

Parallel session 4	Parallel session 5	Parallel session 6
<u>WORKSHOP:</u> <u>Discussion of a Joint Engagement Strategy</u> Chair: Raminta Stuikyte, International consultant (TBC) Regional Platform for Policy Reform (RPPR) on HIV among gay and other men who have sex with men (MSM) and trans people in CEECA is a new multi-stakeholder dialogue structure initiated by ECOM. The session participant will discuss a draft of the Joint Engagement Strategy developed by RPPR, that will aim at creating a joint vision between various players in EECA on needs, gaps, opportunities and priorities for realization of the right to health and other rights of MSM and trans people.	<u>Innovative approaches of community involvement into service delivery</u> Chair: Evgeny Pisemskiy, Chair, Phoenix PLUS, Russia - WHO recommendations for community based testing - Antons Mozalevskis, WHO Europe - Using HORNET for involvement community into services - Sean Howell and/or Alex Garner, Hornet, USA (TBC) - Internet outreach and national campaign "Get Test" in 20 regions of Ukraine - Andrei Radetsky, Alliance Global, Ukraine - An experience of self-testing - Evgeny Pisemskiy, Chair, Phoenix PLUS, Russia	<u>Diversity of LGBT community problems</u> Chair: Svyatoslav Sheremet, Director, Gay Forume Ukraine (TBC) - Internalized homophobia, presentation of study results - Oleksii Shestakovskiy, ECOM Consultant, Ukraine - Engagement of parents in LGBT movement – Vera Kholiyavko, Parents self-support group, Belarus (TBC) - Work with third age MSM, Moldova experience – Alexey Marcicov, Information Policies Consultant, Information Center GENDERDOC-M, Moldova - Presentation on MSM Migrants – speaker TBC

	- Community based testing - Artem Movsesyan , New Generation, Armenia	
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18:30 – 19:30 Dinner

19:30-20:30 Parallel events	Film projection « <i>Listen to Me: Untold Stories Beyond Hatred</i> »
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Day 2 – June 1, Friday

Topic of the day: Opportunities. Responses and Recommendations.

9:30 – 11:00	<u>Governments in response to HIV epidemic among MSM</u>
Plenary session 3	Chair: Naira Sargsyan, EECA Regional Advisor, UNAIDS • Belarus: Role of the government in improving quality of services for MSM and trans people – Natalia Zhukova, Deputy Minister of Health, Belarus (TBC) • Macedonia: Funding services for MSM through social contracting mechanism – Dr. Milena Stevanovic, Chair, National HIV/AIDS Commission, Macedonia (TBC) • Kazakhstan: Reaching MSM through outreach workers employed by local AIDS Centers – Bauyrzhan Baiserkin, General Director, Republican AIDS Centre on prevention and fights with AIDS, Kazakhstan • Kyrgyzstan: The role of the partnership between community representatives and health professionals in development of quality services - Ulan Kadyrbekov, Director, Republican AIDS Centre, Kyrgyzstan • Ukraine: Experience of introducing national program through governmental structures - Ihor Kuzin, Deputy Director, Public Health Centre of the Ministry of Health, Ukraine (TBC) <i>Questions and answers. Discussion</i>

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Parallel sessions

Parallel session 7	Parallel session 8	Parallel session 9
<u>Standartization of services for MSM and trans people</u> Chair: Kirill Sabir, Head, FtM-Phoenix Group, Russia – MSMIT presentation - Gennady Roshchupkin, Community Health Systems Coordinator, ECOM, Natalia Zakareishvili, Program analyst/HIV, UNFPA Georgia - TRANSIT presentation. Kirill Sabir, Head, FtM-Phoenix Group, Russia - National standards of services for MSM - Adilet Alimkulov, Kyrgyz Indigo, Kyrgyzstan (TBC) - Elaboration of standards of services by involving community - Nino Tsereteli, Director, Tanadgoma, Georgia (TBC)	<u>Human rights in the HIV response</u> Chair: Yuri Yoursky, Human Rights and Legal Issues Officer, ECOM - Presentation of a study results on violation of human rights of MSM and trans people and presentation of legal protection tools - Yuri Yoursky, Human Rights and Legal Issues Officer, ECOM - Integration of LGBT activism and HIV movement - Valery Sozaev, Director, Center for Social and Information Initiatives Action, Russia (TBC) - An experience of human rights protection by community – Ruslana Panukhnik, Executive Director, KievPride, Ukraine (TBC) - LGBT community mobilization for human rights advocacy - Volodymyr Kosenko, Director, Human Rights Bureau "We'Re!", Ukraine	<u>Community capacity building</u> Chair: Oleg Eryomin, Chair of ECOM Steering Committee, Belarus - ECUO activities in advocating for PLWH interests - Andrii Agafonov, Coordinator of Programmes, ECUO PLWHIV - Volunteering and leadership, presentation of ECOM position document - Oleg Eryomin, Chair of ECOM Steering committee, Belarus – ECAT as a tool for assessment of community organizations' potential and a base for elaboration of organizational development plans - Alexander Tsekhanovich, Technical Support and Sub-recipients Coordinator, ECOM – Presentation of the Coordination Manual for work with communities - Anna Dovbakh, Executive Director,

		Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)
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13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Parallel sessions

Parallel session 10	Parallel session 11	Parallel session 12
<u>Sustainability and funding of services</u> Chair: Anna Dovbakh, Executive Director, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) - Sustainability of services in the transition period, regional experience - Anna Dovbakh, Executive Director, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) - Partnership of state and community in development of services - David Kakhaberi, Project Manager Equality Movement, Georgia (TBC) - Role of the government in assuring sustainability of services – (TBC) - Improvement sustainability of services for MSM by involving city authorities: Cities project - Erika Tšerkašina, Program Officer, ECOM	<u>Chemsex problem's actualization</u> Chair: Paata Sabelashvili, Advocacy Coordinator, ECOM - Chemsex: Trends and challenges - David Stuart, Davidstuart.org (TBC) - Results of a study on Chemsex in Ukraine - Andrei Chernyshev, position, Gay-Allience, Ukraine - Chemsex: European prospective - Viken Darakjian, European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG) (TBC)	<u>Workshop: Technical assistance opportunities for civil society through the Global Fund program "Communities, Rights and Gender"</u> Chair: Ivan Varentsov, Advisor, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 <i>Plenary session 4</i>	<u>Working together towards sustainable future</u> Chair: Vitaly Djuma, Executive Director, ECOM Presentation: regional Joint Engagement Strategy and Action Plan (JESAP) - Paata Sabelshvili, Advocacy Coordinator, ECOM Panelists: • Akaki Zoidze, Chairman of Healthcare and Social Issues Committee, Parliament of Georgia (TBC) • Ian McFarlane, Deputy Regional Director, UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia • Ulan Kadyrbekov, Director, Republican AIDS Centre, Kyrgyzstan • Evgeny Pisemskiy, Chair, Phoenix PLUS, Russia • Igor Medvid, Coordinator, HPLGBT, Ukraine
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