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**FINAL PROJECT CONFERENCE MINUTES**

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## **PARTICIPANTS:**

Project partners: Camelia Sultana (IVN), Marianna Gidakou (KETHEA), Iwona Klapińska (National AIDS Centre), Aleksandra Skonieczna (SKA), Judit Forrai (SEA), Carmine Falanga (ANLAIDS), Ventzislav Kirkov and Radosveta Stamenkova (BFPA), Eva Jilkova (ZUUSTI), Rima Krupenkaite (ULAC), Maryanne Massa (DHPDH), Miran Solinc (SKUC), Dolores Forgione, Mara Alacqua and Andrea Ferrari (ISES), Sergio Babudieri and Andrea Soddu (UNISS).

### External experts:

Iveta Kelle (Latvia's Association for Family Planning and Sexual Health)

David Friboulet (Syndicat National des Entreprises Gaies - SNEG)

Jury Kalikov (AIDSi Tugikeskus - AIDS Information & Support Centre)

### European Commission/EAHC:

Antoinette Martiat – Project Officer

## **ACTIONS 17 OCTOBER 2011 (14.00 – 19.00):**

### **WELCOME:**

- **Miran Solinc** (SKUC), being the representative of the hosting partner organization, opened the meeting, welcomed all the participants and provided some operative and logistic information.
- **Evita Leskovsek** (Slovenian NIPH), as the representative of the hosting institution, welcomed all the participants in Slovenia. She presented the Slovenian National Institute of Public Health, its structure and activities, and the Slovenian local context with regards to HIV, HBV and HCV epidemiology.
- **Sergio Babudieri** (UNISS), as the Scientific Coordinator of the project, welcomed all the participants and expressed his gratefulness for their collaboration in the project.
- **Dolores Forgione** (ISES), as the Project Manager, welcomed all the partners and introduced the external experts invited to participate to the meeting. She explained that, due to some problems with the flights connections, some participants were going to join the meeting later in the afternoon and therefore, some presentations would have been re-scheduled according to their arrival.
- All the partners and external experts introduced themselves and their organisations.

### **1. AROUND THE TABLE PRESENTATIONS OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE PROJECT PARTNERS SINCE MAY 2011 UNTIL PRESENT:**

All the partners have presented the activities carried out since May 2011 and where they have disseminated the project.

### **2. EXTERNAL EXPERTS PRESENTATIONS :**

**Dolores Forgione** (ISES) invited the two external experts to introduce themselves and the relevant activities of their organizations in the issues tackled by H-CUBE.

**Iveta Kelle** (Latvia's Association for Family Planning and Sexual Health) introduced the Latvian local context on HBV, HCV and HIV and presented the scope, activities, target groups and on-going projects of the Latvia's Association for Family Planning and Sexual Health. Being the Association's target group young people, the partners showed especial interest and Ms. Iveta gave them some advices on how to reach them and on how to get them involved in prevention activities.



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Miran Solinc (SKUC) asked how many cases of HIV/AIDS have been registered in Latvia in 2010. Ms. Kelle replied that she had not exact figures at the moment, but she would have answered once back home with exact data.

Carmine Falanga (ANLAIDS) asked about the organization of the training course organized by Ms. Kelle association. Ms. Kelle replied that the course is organized on a face-to-face basis especially with prison staff on harm reduction in a very interactive way.

Maryanne Massa (DHPDP) asked about the role of “peers”. Ms. Kelle replied that they are young people involved in the association activities on a voluntary basis.

Aleksandra Skonieczna (SKA) asked about the tests used in Latvia. Ms. Kelle replied that tests are not free of charge in Latvia and for this reason, her association is struggling to change this situation.

Ventzislav Kirkov (BFPA) asked whether prisons guards get tested. Ms. Kelle replied that no, prison guards do not get tested.

**David Friboulet** (SNEG) presented the SNEG prevention device. He explained the project activities, the operative structure, the mission, the network of contacts and other replicable operative tools. He explained the connection between the EC co-funded project “Everywhere” and the actual activities of SNEG. The aspect of the sustainability of “Everywhere” project after the EC funding and with public funds has resulted extremely interesting to project partners who made some more questions to get useful suggestions to apply to H-CUBE project.

In particular,

Radosveta Stamenkova (BFPA) requested whether SNEG in its training includes also information about Hepatitis. Mr. Friboulet replied that naturally also Hepatitis information is included.

Carmine Falanga (ANLAIDS) asked whether SNEG activities include also the quick test given that ANLAIDS, for example, has a project delivering salivar quick test (Easytest). Mr. Friboulet replied that this is an upcoming activity but that at the moment, SNEG provides only pre-post test counseling.

Camelia Sultana (IVN) asked whether quick tests results are confirmed by blood tests. Mr. Friboulet replied that only if quick tests results are positive, people are encouraged to get a blood test that is free of charge.

Marianna Gidarakou (KETHEA) asked more information about the training contents. Mr. Friboulet replied that SNEG training is really flexible. Mediators are trained by General Practitioners, psychologists...and they are updated on a monthly basis. The contents of the course deal with: HIV transmission, treatments for HIV+ clients, contacts where to go to get more information...

Ms. Forgione thanked the two external experts for the precious contribution to the project.

### **3. H-CUBE: ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS:**

**Dolores Forgione** (ISES) presented the achievement and results of the H-CUBE project since its approval to the present date. She stressed out the lessons learnt and what has still to be done until the project closure, with particular reference to the submission of the final report to the EC/EAHC.

### **4. EXTERNAL EXPERTS PRESENTATIONS:**

**Antoniette Martiat** (EACH) introduced herself to all the participants and offered her counseling on the project administrative issues in the second conference day.

**Jury Kalikov** (AIDSi Tugikeskus) presented the project “AIDS and mobility, Europe 2007-2011”, its objective, activities and results.

Iveta Kelle (Latvia’s Association for Family Planning and Sexual Health) asked the amount of money the project foresaw for each community session. Mr. Kalikov replied that each community received 3.000 €.

Antoniette Martiat (EAHC) asked whether the project addressed also the Russian speaking minority. Mr. Kalikov confirmed this highlighting the lack of HIV education in Estonia of the Russian speaking minority



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who are a group at high risk of infection given the high number of injecting drug users.

Carmine Falanga (ANLAIDS) requested more information about the evaluation tools for the project results. Mr. Kalikov complained the fact that too many and different questionnaires were developed and rarely for example pre-post questionnaires are useful tools for activities lasting 1-2 days.

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS OF THE PARTNERS OF THE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN AND PRE-POST CAMPAIGN QUESTIONNAIRES RESULTS:**

**Dolores Forgione** (ISES) introduced to the external experts the H-CUBE European Prevention Campaign activities and tools of evaluation. She explained that partners were going to present the results of their local actions, on the basis of the analysis of the pre and post-campaign questionnaires filled in by participants and elaborated through the H-CUBE digital platform.

Each partner presented his local results, challenges and future activities. Each presentation included a comparison of the pre and post questionnaires' results and some references to the actions carried out and some photos.

#### **ACTIONS 18 OCTOBER 2011 (9.30 – 16.00):**

#### **6. PRESENTATIONS OF THE PARTNERS OF THE E-LEARNING TRAINING SESSIONS RESULTS:**

**Dolores Forgione** (ISES) made some general remarks on the E-learning training courses to enable external experts to better understand the partners' presentations. In particular, she pointed out: the trainers' profiles, the trainees groups, the organization of the training sections, the evaluation of the participants' satisfaction and of the training impact and the e-learning platform tools. She stressed out the importance to report suggestions and problems encountered during the training delivery in order to improve the e-learning platforms for the future editions.

All the partners presented the training activities carried out in their countries. In particular, they pointed out: the advertisement strategy implemented; the trainers/trainees numbers and profiles; the n. of courses carried out and their specific timetable; the most relevant data that came up from the evaluation tools; suggestions and other relevant local issues.

At the end of each presentation, the partners had the time to make questions or to ask for more information. The most significant debate that rose up was regarding the sustainability of the e-learning platform in the future.

In particular,

Eva Jilkova (ZUUSTI) asked how to continue with the delivery of e-learning courses. Ms. Forgione explained that Moodle being an open source tool will continue to be online for free. Furthermore, ISES offered the technical support to create new courses or to made any change to the present platform. Ms. Forgione also reminded that partners are free to modify the courses' contents in the future editions of the e-learning according to their local needs.

Ventzislav Kirkov (BFPA) expressed the willing of BFPA to create new courses on sexual reproductive health and to use H-CUBE e-learning platform to deliver them, due to the success registered in the past editions. Radosveta Stamenkova (BFPA) added that they might have some partner from neighboring countries interested in translating H-CUBE training courses and to use the e-learning platform. Ms. Forgione welcomed any initiative that could guarantee the sustainability of the platform and the replication of the results.

Aleksandra Skonieczna (SKA) asked about the website functioning after the project ending. Ms. Forgione explained that the website will continue to be on-line and invited partners to update constantly their local



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information to keep it attractive and interesting to target groups. She also reminded that the questionnaires will still be available and she offered the technical support of ISES.

### **7. H-CUBE STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS (IN COLLABORATION WITH ALL THE PARTICIPANTS)**

**Dolores Forgione** (ISES) introduced to the project partners the three kind of tools that would be implemented during the session for the evaluation and sustainability of H-CUBE project.

In particular:

1. SWOT Analysis to be performed with the participation of all the partners
2. Evaluation questionnaires to be filled in by the partners and the external experts
3. Video with the participation of all the project partners.

She distributed the evaluation questionnaires asking to return them filled in at the end of the meeting and she explained the video recording consisting in a short interview that would be edited and published on H-CUBE website in the Video and Testimonials sections.

Then the session continued with an in depth SWOT analysis of the entire project. The partners and external experts expressed their ideas concerning the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of H-CUBE in its 30 months of activities. Then, all the partners commented their opinion.

A detailed analysis of this session results will be included in the “Evaluation Final Report”, that is a project deliverable.

### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Antoinette Martiat** (EAHC) replied to some administrative issues with a view to prepare the final reports of the project.

**Aleksandra Skonieczna** (SKA) expressed some doubts on the final report, in particular with regard to: the submission of original documents/invoices, the exchange rate to apply and the possibility to move from a budget line to another– under the same heading – more than 20% of the total cost. **Mr. Falanga** (ANLAIDS), as Financial Manager, replied that timesheets, boarding cards and travel expenses documents are required in original while all other documents have to be provided in copy. Then, **Ms. Martia** (EAHC) replied that the exchange rate to be applied is the one of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following the closure of the project, that exchanges losses are not an eligible cost and that it is possible to move more than 20% from a budget line to another under the same heading with an official letter explaining the reasons of this transfer.

### **9. MEETING CLOSURE AND GREETINGS:**

Round table of greetings and thanking of all the participants.

**Dolores Forgione** (ISES) closed the work of the meeting thanking all the partners and external experts for the great job done in these 30 months of activities.

**Carmine Falanga** (ANLAIDS) thanked all the participants for all their efforts done so far on H-CUBE. He expressed his feeling with the partners.

**Sergio Babudieri** (UNISS) thanked all the participants for all their efforts done so far on H-CUBE.

He summarised the work done during the seminar and opening a window on the future perspectives of the project.

At the following link is possible to download all the partners and external experts presentations

[http://share.associazioneises.org/H-CUBE/SLOVENIA\\_Presentations.zip](http://share.associazioneises.org/H-CUBE/SLOVENIA_Presentations.zip)

## **ANNEXES**

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## **FINAL PROJECT SEMINAR**

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### **17 October 2011**

#### **14.00 – 14.15**

Arrival and registration of the participants

#### **14.15 – 14.30**

- Hosting organisation, SKUC, Miran Solinc
- EAHC, Antoinette Martiat
- Slovenian National Institute of Public Health
- Scientific coordination of the project, Prof. Sergio Babudieri
- Project Manager and Administrative Manager of the project, Dolores Forgione and Carmine Falanga

#### **14.30 – 14.45**

Around the table presentations of the activities carried out by the project partners since May 2011 until present

#### **14.45 – 15.00**

External expert presentation, Iveta Kelle, Latvia's Association for Family Planning and Sexual Health

#### **15.00 – 15.15**

External expert presentation, David Friboulet, SNEG (Syndicat National des Entreprises Gaies)

#### **15.15 – 15.30**

External expert presentation, Jury Kalikov, AIDSi Tugikeskus (AIDS Information & Support centre)

#### **15.30 – 16.00**

H-CUBE: achievements and results, Dolores Forgione, ISES

#### **16.00 – 16.30**

Coffee break



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**16.30 – 18.00**

Presentations of the partners of the prevention campaign and pre-post campaign questionnaires results

**18.00 – 18.15**

AOB

**20.00**

Dinner at the **Gostilna Šestica** restaurant

**18 October 2011**

**9.30 – 11.00**

Presentations of the partners of the e-learning training sessions results

**11.00 – 11.30**

Coffee break

**11.30 – 13.00**

H-CUBE Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (in collaboration with all the participants)

**13.00 – 14.30**

Lunch

**14.30 – 15.30**

H-CUBE Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (in collaboration with all the participants)

**15.30 - 16.00**

AOB

**16.00**

Meeting closure and greetings, Prof. Sergio Babudieri

Departure of the participants