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D8.1: INTEGRATE online learning courses – training, workshops and online learning based on INTEGRATE outputs.

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1. Introduction

Integrate Joint Action's Work Package 8 has as its main objectives to identify training needs and priorities on the integration of early diagnosis of HIV, hepatitis, TB and STI and linkage to care in JA partner countries, and to conduct 3 regional workshops. Outcomes and tools developed under the other JA WPs will be included in the training material. WP8 will in collaboration with the Steering Committee, select JA deliverables to be placed on the JA website as part of the online trainings available for INTEGRATE partners and other stakeholders.

Also, WP8 will produce the online format in which the selected INTEGRATE tools and outputs can be presented in line with training materials from other existing and previous EU initiatives (with WP2).

This document is the **Deliverable 8.1: INTEGRATE online learning courses**, which describes the process of developing training material and the implemented workshops based on existing materials and the outcomes of the other WPs. INTEGRATE has opted for applying a "blended learning" approach in the training work package. Blended learning is a combination of educational resources, particularly combining traditional face-to-face learning with online/electronic platforms.

1.1 Regional workshops

As part of the Partner Baseline Survey in the beginning of year 1 the INTEGRATE partners identified the main challenges and training needs in relation to integrated testing and linkage to care. This information was used in the planning of the 3 Regional Workshops and to decide on the topics:

1. Warsaw, Poland (17-18 June 2019) – *'Testing in community and in Healthcare settings. Understanding the needs and barriers for testing and linkage to care for people living with HIV, hepatitis and/or TB'*
2. Rome, Italy (14-15 November 2019) *'Understanding strengths and barriers of HIV self-testing, partner notification and ICT-based combination prevention as effective tools for the integration of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STI early diagnosis and linkage to care'*
3. Tallinn, Estonia (May 2020) – *'Monitoring, Indicators and surveillance'* To be defined

These regional workshops are opportunities for the INTEGRATE partners to present and share their work and experiences face-to-face with each other, be updated about the thematic topics in the different work packages and network among each other.

The first regional workshop on "Testing in community and healthcare settings." took place in Poland 17-18 June 2019. The main objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of health professionals and service providers in implementing integrated testing and linkage-to-care for the newly diagnosed and living with: HIV, hepatitis and/or TB, as well as for members of key populations.

Agenda (appendix A), presentations and meeting report from the workshop are available online at the INTEGRATE website. <https://integrateja.eu/>

Feedback from the regional workshop in Poland was overall positive. The majority of participants indicated that the topics covered in the workshop were relevant for their work and that they had gained knowledge that would change their practice in relation to testing and linkage to care. The best aspects of the workshop were considered the group work and the possibility to share experiences and best practices from other countries.

1.2 National stakeholder meetings

National Stakeholder meetings that bring together relevant stakeholders from policy, national surveillance institutions, clinical settings and community organisations involved in the continuum of care for HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs have proven to be effective for moving the national agendas forward. It is an excellent way to shed light on national experiences and engage a range of stakeholders in a common national effort to identify gaps and seek solutions and synergies between all levels. For the meetings to be successful it is critical that local partners oversee the planning, agenda development and identification of key persons to invite.

As a joint collaboration between INTEGRATE, EuroTEST and the European testing Week, 4 National Stakeholder meetings have been organized in 2019:

1. Croatia 11th April 2019 (Appendix B)
2. Lithuania 3rd June 2019 (Appendix C)
3. Poland 18th June 2019 (Appendix A)
4. Italy 15th November 2019 (Appendix D)

Each national stakeholder meeting had an agenda reflecting the main challenges and issues faced in the respective country. National stakeholders engaged in a dialogue on current testing strategies for HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections and how these can be improved with the following key points of discussion:

- Current testing policy and practices
- Alignment with European and international testing guidelines
- Gaps and barriers for testing at the individual, provider and institutional levels
- Cost-effectiveness of testing
- How to improve testing strategies including integrated testing, de-medicalisation of testing, indicator condition guided HIV testing and linkage to care

The 3 held meetings received an overall very positive evaluation by the participants. The majority of respondents agreed that topics and presentations of the meetings were appropriate, and that the meetings provided good opportunity for discussions – see more details from the 3 meetings in appendix E.

1.3 Integrated testing training (WP5)

In conjunction with the national stakeholder meetings in Croatia and Lithuania, a full day of training for key stakeholders engaged in testing activities was conducted.

1. Croatia 12th April 2019: Agenda in appendix B
2. Lithuania 4th June 2019: Agenda in appendix C

The participants varied, but were all stakeholders engaged in testing activities identified and invited by the national partner organizations. The topics and content of the training days were selected in dialogue with the national partners involved in the meeting planning.

One topic of relevance for all three trainings was stigma and discrimination. To cover this topic a collaboration was established with the EU funded project [ESTICOM](#) which has developed a comprehensive training material on exactly this. The aim of these interactive training sessions was to help local testing service providers better communicate with their patients. The training was conducted by the two ESTICOM trainers Barrie Dwyer and Kestutis Rudaitis.

The experts provided examples of key elements that can help reduce stigma in health facilities, and they facilitated discussions and reflections on how to help build non-judgmental testing services. Through group discussions participants identified needs and barriers to testing on individual, service, policy and strategy level.

The training sessions were overall positively evaluated by the participants and the majority of participants indicated that the topics covered in the training sessions were relevant for their work and that they had gained knowledge that would change their practice.

Comments provided by participants on what they liked most about the training sessions show that face-to-face training offers more opportunity for interaction and engagement with trainer and fellow participants compared to online webinars.

“Honest opinions, interesting practice, practical situations, language of practical situations. Very good atmosphere, a lot of discuss”, Social worker from Lithuania.

“Good vibe among various people. Similar views from different perspectives.”, Doctor from Croatia.

Topics such as stigma and discrimination are examples of topics that are more suitable for face-to-face training than for webinars as they include training on attitudes, communicative skills, interpersonal/cultural competencies, all topics that encourage self-reflective practice. This was highlighted in comments from participants in what they liked most about the training.

“How to talk with others, body language, etc. Learn a new approach and models ...” NGO representative from Croatia.

“The way it was presented and the applicability of the instruction in practice” Phycologist from Croatia.

1.4 Partner Notification Training (WP7)

As identified through the INTEGRATE partners baseline survey and the Mapping Exercise as part of the WP7.2, there is a lack of clarity and confidence surrounding the process of partner notification. Healthcare professionals and community health workers noted confusion on how to perform partner notification, specifically what the legal and professional boundaries were and where they could find information on the process. As a first activity, INTEGRATE collected the existing national guidelines for partner notification and organised them into an online repository for easy access <https://integrateja.eu/content/partner-notification-guidelines>. Following the mapping, a series of trainings on partner notification were organised for the partners.

The first training was held in November 2018 in Milan, Italy as a Training and SOP workshop. In this training, UCD obtained permissions to utilise a well-established training program from the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH). After tailoring the Sexually Transmitted Infections Foundation (STIF) course to the Greek and Italian context, UCD delivered a training on partner notification to members of the Greek and Italian team. During this training, UCD also held a workshop to create a standard operating procedure (SOP) for each country, integrating partner notification for HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis and TB into one combined SOP with country specific details included. Participants from this training highlighted the need for more widespread training in their countries and responded positively to the idea of online training videos on this topic.

In September 2019, LILA Milano held a successful training for 31 community health workers utilizing the training materials provided and receiving significant positive feedback.

With this success and feedback, INTEGRATE is proposing to continue expanding on partner notification training, with hopes of creating an e-learning tool that can be used to facilitate healthcare and community health workers in Italy and potentially Greece.

1.5 Webinars

A series of webinars emphasizing the importance of an integrated approach to testing and highlighting testing interventions or methods that increase access to testing have been planned in a collaboration between INTEGRATE and the European Testing Week (ETW). The webinars have been chosen as training format to reach an online audience and complement the in-person meetings and trainings. These are the webinars organized so far:

- “High contribution, low public funding: Southern European Checkpoints' role in HIV detection in 4 countries,” was presented by Miguel Rocha of Grupo de Ativistas em Tratamentos (GAT)/CheckpointLX
- “Introducing a free HIV self testing service: Terrence Higgins Trust’s experience offering HIV self- test kits online,” was presented by Will Howells and Taku Mukiwa of Terrence Higgins Trust (THT).
- “Moving Towards Integration ECDC Public Health Guidance on HIV, hepatitis B and C testing in the EU/EEA” presented by Anastasia Pharris from ECDC.

All webinars have been recorded and are available online on the INTEGRATE and ETW websites:

[https://integrateja.eu/](https://integrateja.eu) and <http://www.testingweek.eu/get-involved/Webinars>

Evaluation of webinars is ongoing but initial feedback has been positive.

Webinars is a cheap and efficient way to reach a wide audience due to accessibility and flexibility. To support the INTEGRATE partner organisations in planning and implementing webinars to communicate their work and results to a wide audience, a factsheet on “how to do a webinar” has been developed and will soon be available on the project websites. Upcoming webinars will be based on other topics from INTEGRATE e.g monitoring and surveillance etc.

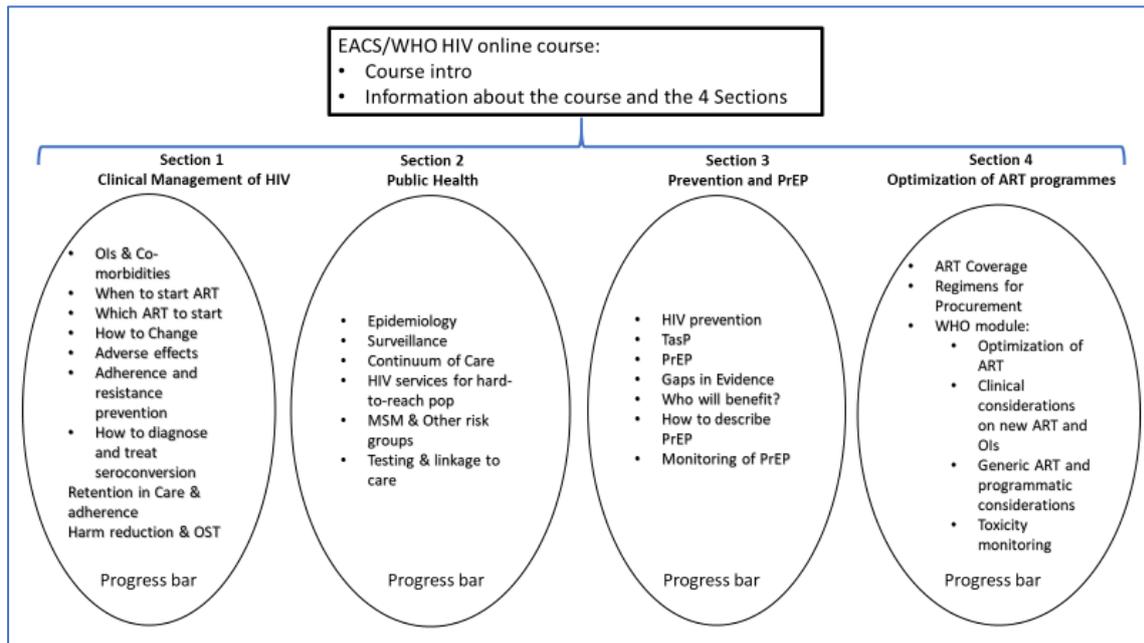
1.6 Online training

During the third and final year of INTEGRATE focus will be on producing an online format in which the selected INTEGRATE tools and outputs can be presented in line with training materials from other EU initiatives.

The plan is to make webinars and the online training material freely available within an already existing comprehensive online course on the management of HIV developed by the initiative from European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) which has a faculty including leading HIV specialist from all over Europe. Figure 1 below describes the outline of this online course where section 2 is on Public Health and should include the outputs and tools from INTEGRATE. The EACS course is available for all but is especially targeting Eastern European countries and all videos have Russian subtitles. Participants will be able to pick and choose among different training subjects in the course according to their need and interest.

We are expecting webinars and other training materials to be available at this new online course platform in Spring 2020.

Figure 1. Online course on Clinical Management of HIV



Conclusions

Based on identified needs of the INTEGRATE partners, training has been provided through online webinars, regional workshop, National stakeholder meetings and face-to-face training sessions on stigma, discrimination and partner notification.

Webinars have proven to be an easy and cost-effective way to reach a bigger audience. The online training is flexible as there are no geographical constraints and recording of webinars make it possible for participants to join at their own convenience. Webinars are easy to access by various electronic devices, but technological difficulties can occur and may disturb the user experience. Interaction with instructor and fellow participants are often limited in contrast to face-to-face training sessions. Some topics are more suitable for face-to-face training than for webinars as they include training on attitudes, communicative skills, interpersonal/cultural competencies, all topics that encourage self-reflective practice. Finally, face-to-face training provides an opportunity to network with other partners involved in the project and share experience.

According to evaluations participants have benefitted greatly from the national stakeholder meetings, and face-to-face meetings is a way forward to support countries in learning and promoting integrated testing across institutions and between stakeholders. The stakeholder meetings are unique opportunities for collaboration among different representatives with the goal to facilitate national changes and improvements in testing and linkage to care.

Next step following the national face-to-face stakeholder meetings will be to decide how to move forward with suggested recommendations and action points formulated at these meetings in order to implement change in testing policy and practice.

An online format for presentation of tools and training materials produced by the different WPs in INTEGRATE needs to be identified. The plan is to include developed materials in an already existing EACS online course on management of HIV which should have a section on Public Health including the outputs and tools from INTEGRATE. Topics in this section will comprise integrated testing and linkage to care and monitoring. This is a work in progress and as soon as the new tools developed under the Integrate JA WPs are ready, further training materials and online modules will be produced.

Abbreviations

- ETW European Testing Week
- F2F Face-to-face
- HCV Hepatitis C infection
- HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- JA Joint Action
- PLHIV People living with HIV
- STI Sexually Transmitted Infections
- TB Tuberculosis
- WP Work Package

Appendix A. Agenda 1st Regional Workshop in Poland

First regional workshop: Testing in Community and in Healthcare Settings. Understanding needs and barriers for testing and linkage to care for people living with HIV, hepatitis and/or TB
Poland, 17-18 June 2019

Venue: HOTEL PUŁAWSKA RESIDENCE, ul. Puławska 361, 02-801 Warszawa

AGENDA:

Day 1: Monday, 17 June 2019	
Regional workshop for Integrate JA partners: Testing in community and healthcare settings. Understanding needs and barriers for testing and linkage to care for people living with HIV, hepatitis and/or TB.	
08:00-08:30	Registration and coffee
08:30-09:00	<p>Welcome & Opening remarks – 15 min</p> <p>Zbigniew J. Król, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Health Anna Marzec-Bogusławska, Director of the National AIDS Centre Dorthe Raben, Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections (CHIP/REGIONH), Coordinator of INTEGRATE project</p> <p>Introduction to the workshop aims and objectives – 15 min</p> <p>Iwona Wawer, National AIDS Centre, Co-Leader of Work Package 8 (<i>Capacity building</i>) Nadia Gasbarrini, Villa Maraini Foundation, Leader of Work Package 8</p>
09:00-09:30	<p>Theme 1: Introduction to Dublin Declaration and ECDC public health guidance on HIV, hepatitis B and C testing in the EU/EEA countries</p> <p>Anastasia Pharris, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)</p>
09:30-10:30	<p>Theme 2: Overcoming barriers in integrated testing in community settings – the European perspective</p> <p>Overcoming legal, regulatory, practical and financial barriers in integrated testing in community settings – 30 min</p> <p>Daniel Simões, GAT Portugal</p> <p>Integrated community testing for key populations – the Italian experience – 15 min</p> <p>Elisabetta Teti, Villa Maraini Foundation</p> <p>Discussion – 15 min (moderator: Daniel Simões, GAT Portugal)</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	<p>Theme 3: IC-guided testing in GP and clinical settings</p> <p>Indicator condition guided HIV testing in GP and clinical settings – 45 min</p> <p>Presentation: Ann Sullivan, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, United Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are Indicator Conditions</i> • <i>How can this be set-up in hospitals and general practice (Pathway tool)</i> • <i>Training for health care staff (online module)</i> <p>Implementing the Opt TEST project – country examples – 30 min</p>

	<p>Assoc. Prof. Justyna D. Kowalska, Advisory Board INTEGRATE, Poland – 10 min</p> <p>Raimonda Matulionyte, Lithuania – 10 min</p> <p>Greco Victor, Romania – 10 min</p> <p>Discussion – 15 min (moderator: Ann Sullivan, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, UK)</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-15:00	<p>Theme 4: Stigma as a barrier for testing and linkage to care and sustainability – focus on service provision and staff</p> <p>Barrie Dwyer, Programme Officer – Education & Training, ESTICOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining stigma • Building awareness of the drivers of stigma and discrimination and helping to create non-judgmental services • Engaging and involving the users of your services
15:00-15:15	Introduction to the group work
15:15-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	<p>Work in 2 Groups: on developing strategies to address the needs and barriers for testing and linkage to care faced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care providers (group moderator Ann Sullivan) • Community-based services (group moderator Daniel Simões) • Cross cutting issues of Stigma (Barrie Dwyer)
17:00-17:45	<p>Feedback from Groups to Plenary – 35 min</p> <p>Wrap up of day 1 – 10 min</p> <p>Dorthe Raben, Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections (CHIP/REGIONH)</p> <p>Iwona Wawer, National AIDS Centre, Co-Leader of Work Package 8</p>
18:30	Dinner

Day 2: Tuesday, 18 June 2019 National stakeholders meeting: Towards integrated testing in Poland	
09:00-09:20	<p>Summary of Day 1 and introduction to Day 2</p> <p>Dorthe Raben, Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections (CHIP/REGIONH)</p> <p>Iwona Wawer, National AIDS Centre, Co-Leader of Work Package 8</p>
09:20-10:30	<p>Theme 1: Integrated testing and linkage to care in Poland in light of the Dublin Declaration data and the latest ECDC public health guidance on HIV, hepatitis B and C testing in the EU/EEA countries</p> <p>Dublin Declaration data and ECDC public health guidance, Polish context – 20 min</p> <p>Anastasia Pharris, ECDC</p> <p>Poland - Country situational analysis – 20 min</p> <p>Prof. Magdalena Rosińska, National Institute of Public Health</p> <p>Discussion — 30 min (moderator: Dorthe Raben, Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections (CHIP/REGIONH))</p>

10:30-11:40	<p>Theme 2: HIV, HCV, HBV and TB in Poland – diagnostics and treatment</p> <p>Diagnostics and treatment of HIV patients and co-infected with HBV/HCV Recommendations of the Polish AIDS Scientific Society (PTN AIDS) – 20 min Prof. Miłosz Parczewski, President of the Polish AIDS Scientific Society</p> <p>Diagnosis and treatment of HIV patients co-infected with TB – 20 min Prof. Maria Korzeniewska-Koseła, Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases</p> <p>Discussion – 30 min (moderator: Assoc. Prof. Justyna D. Kowalska, Advisory Board INTEGRATE)</p>
11:40-12:10	Coffee break
12:10-13:20	<p>Theme 3: Integrated HIV, HBV, HCV testing services</p> <p>Needs, opportunities, good practices and barriers for integrated testing in healthcare and in community settings in Poland – 20 min Dr. Magdalena Ankiersztejn – Bartczak, Foundation for Social Education</p> <p>Opportunities and barriers to the integration of data coming from different sources and concerning various diseases – 20 min Dr. Marta Niedźwiedzka-Stadnik - National Institute of Public Health</p> <p>Discussion – 30 min (moderator: Anastasia Pharris, ECDC)</p>
13:20-14:20	Lunch break
14:20-15:30	<p>Theme 4: Integration of testing services in Poland – legal aspects</p> <p>Legal aspects of integrated approach to testing in Poland – 20 min Assoc. Prof. Dorota Karkowska, University of Łódź (since 2015), legal advisor, Assistant Prof. Collegium Medicum</p> <p>Overcoming legal barriers – best practices from Portugal – 20 min Daniel Simões, GAT Portugal</p> <p>Discussion – 30 min (moderator: Dr. Marta Niedźwiedzka-Stadnik - National Institute of Public Health)</p>
15:30-16:10	<p>Conclusions, development of final consensus on workshop recommendations</p> <p>National implementation of ECDC new integrated testing guidelines</p> <p>Road map: What are the next steps? Moderators: Dr. Magdalena Ankiersztejn – Bartczak, Foundation for Social Education Iwona Wawer, National AIDS Centre, Co-Leader of Work Package 8</p>
16:10-16:30	<p>Wrap up of the meeting and closing remarks Iwona Wawer, National AIDS Centre, Co-Leader of Work Package 8</p>

Appendix B. Agenda National Stakeholder meeting and training in Croatia

INTEGRATE JA National Stakeholder Meeting

Time	Agenda	Presenter/Moderator
9.00-9.05	Welcome note by Deputy Director of Croatian Institute of Public Health	Ivana Pavić Šimetin, (CIPH)
9.05-9.15	Welcome remarks and introductions	Tatjana Nemeth Blažić (CIPH)
	Towards integrated testing	Moderators: M. Lana Kosanović, Tatjana Nemeth Blažić (CIPH)
9.15-9.25	JA Integrate - Joint Action on integrating prevention, testing and linkage to care strategies across HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs in Europe	Presenter: Dorte Raben
9.25-9.40	Situational assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current national testing policy on HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs • Current testing practices in specific settings • Planned policy updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 minutes for questions 	Presenters: Tatjana Nemeth-Blažić (CIPH) Mirjana Lana Kosanović Ličina ((TIPHAS)
9.40-10.05	Community perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CheckPoint Zagreb – HR case example • Experiences implementing national policy in community settings • Limitations and barriers to providing services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 minutes for questions 	Presenters: Arian Dišković (Croatian NGO HUHIV), Zoran Dominković (NGO Iskorak)
10.05-10.30	ECDC HIV and hepatitis Testing Guidance: Overview presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main topics and guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 minutes for questions 	Presenter: Andrew Amato (ECDC)
10.30-10.50	Coffee break	
10.50-12.30	Discussion of testing policies and practices in Croatia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can multi disease testing be scaled-up? - What are the barriers? - What needs to be changed? - How far is the reality from the ECDC guidance? 	Moderator: Sanja Belak Škugor, Tatjana Nemeth Blažić, M. Lana Kosanović
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-13.40	Summarisation of key points from morning presentations and discussion	Moderators: Tatjana Nemeth Blažić (CIPH), Sanja Belak Škugor
	Examples of integrated testing and linkage to care	Moderators: Ben Collins (ReShape, International HIV Partnerships, ETW), Zoran Dominković (Iskorak)

13.40-14.00	HIV testing in practice and integration into care in Croatia - 5 minutes for questions	Presenter: Josip Begovac (University Hospital of infectious diseases „Dr. Fran Mihaljević“)
14.00-14.20	Country case example: Mapping missed opportunities for testing in Portugal - 5 minutes for questions	Presenter: Daniel Simões (GAT)
14.20-14.40	Country case example: Comprehensive testing services in Checkpoint Athens & Thess - 5 minutes for questions	Presenter: Sophocles Chanos (Athens & Thess Checkpoint)
14.40-15:00	Country case example: Comprehensive approach to testing in MSM Checkpoint in Slovenia - 5 minutes for questions	Presenters: Sebastjan Sitar & Mitja Čosić, (Legebitra)
15.00-15.30	Coffee break	
15.30-17.00	Discussion - What can we learn from the country case examples? - Are the country case examples applicable in Croatia?	Moderators: Siniša Zovko (Croatian Red Cross), Zoran Dominković (Iskorak)
17.00- 18.30	Conclusions and Next Steps: • Conclusions and Action points from meeting • Recommendations and national agreements on priorities and next steps • Drafting of Consensus Paper	Moderators: Tatjana Nemeth Blažić (CIPH)
18.30	End of meeting	
19.00	Dinner/Location Restaurant BOBAN, Gajeva 9, Zagreb	

Training for healthcare providers and testing counsellors

AGENDA

Main aim of training: To educate and train local healthcare providers and testing counsellors on how to overcome testing barriers and integrate STI screening and testing into their services.

Time	Agenda	Presenter/Moderator
9.00-9.10	Welcome remarks and introductions	Presenter: Zoran Dominković (Iskorak)
	Integrated testing services in community and health care settings - Country case examples	Moderators: Ben Collins (ReShape, International HIV Partnerships, ETW) Zoran Dominković (Iskorak)
9.10-9.20	Missed opportunities for testing in Portugal	Presenter: Daniel Simões (GAT)
9.20-9.30	Comprehensive testing services in Checkpoint Athens & Thessaloniki	Presenter: Sophocles Chanos (Athens & Thess Checkpoint)
9.30-9.40	Comprehensive approach to testing	Presenters: Sebastjan Sitar & Mitja Čosić (Legebitra)

9.40-9.50	The afternoon clinic – an example of integrated testing services in health care settings in Croatia	Presenter: Šime Zekan (University Hospital of Infectious Diseases „Dr. Fran Mihaljević“)
9.50-10.50	Discussion on current testing services in Croatia and how to enhance integrated testing services	
10.50-11.10	Coffee break	
	Cultural Competency	Trainer: Barrie Dwyer (ESTICOM)
11.10-11.15	Introductions	
11.15-11.25	Icebreaker: How much do you use?	
11.25-12.25	Exercise 1: “When I was young...”	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
	Challenging stigma and discrimination - I	Trainer: Barrie Dwyer (ESTICOM)
13.30-13.40	Energiser: Human Bingo or Sharks and Penguins	
13.40-14:40	Exercise 2: Building awareness of the drivers or stigma	
14.40-15.00	Communication and Interpersonal: Exploring relative distance or Back 2 Back Comm	
15.00-15.20	Coffee break	
	Challenging stigma and discrimination - II	Trainer: Barrie Dwyer (ESTICOM)
15.20-16.20	Exercise 3: Creating a non-judgemental service or environment	
16.20-16:50	Communication and Interpersonal: Listening without speaking	
16.50-17.30	Wrap-up, conclusions and evaluation	Moderators: Ben Collins (ReShape, International HIV Partnerships, ETW) Zoran Dominković (Iskorak)
17.30	End of training	

Appendix C. Agenda National Stakeholder meeting and training in Lithuania

Time	Agenda	Presenter/Moderator
9.00-9.05	Welcome note by representative of Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania	Jurgita Pakalniskiene, MoH, Department of Public Health, Division of Health Promotion
9.05-9.10	Welcome remarks and introductions	Raimonda Matulionytė, VULSK/Integrate (Lithuania)
	Towards Integrated Testing	Moderators: 1) Ann Sullivan, ChelWest/Integrate (United Kingdom) 2) ULAC -TBC
9:10-9:30	ECDC evidence-based public health guidance on HIV, hepatitis B and C testing in the EU/EEA-- an overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main topics and guidance <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Lina Nerlander, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (Sweden)
9:30-9.50	Situational assessment - Lithuania: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current national testing policy on HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs • Current testing practices in specific settings • Planned policy updates <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Jurgita Pakalniskiene, MoH (Lithuania)
9:50-10:10	Community perspective on national testing policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demetra - case example • Experiences implementing national policy in community settings • Limitations and barriers to providing services <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Kestutis Rudaitis, Demetra (Lithuania)
10.10-11.00	Discussion of testing policies and practices in Lithuania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can multi disease testing be scaled-up? • What are the barriers? • What needs to be changed? • How far is the reality from the ECDC guidance? 	
	Cost effectiveness of testing	Moderators: 1) Stine Jakobsen, CHIP/Integrate (Denmark) 2) National Health Insurance Fund - TBC
11.00-11:20	Cost effectiveness of testing strategies – the OptTEST study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a modelling approach and what key data is required? • What results were found in Estonia, France and Spain <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Yazdan Yazdanpanah, Inserm (France)
11.20-11.40	Cost effectiveness of testing - Estonia as a case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OptTEST experience (data collection, calculations, results) • Application of results, policy process in Estonia <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Kristi Rüütel, TAI (Estonia)

11:40-12:30	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost-effectiveness of testing in Lithuania 	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13:30-13:40	Summarisation of key points from morning presentations and discussion	Morning moderators
	Provider Initiated testing	Moderators: 1) Yazdan Yazdanpanah, Inserm (France) 2) Raimonda Matulionyte, VULSK/INTEGRATE (Lithuania)
13.40-14.00	RPLC - scaling-up rapid testing at drug treatment facilities – (Integrate pilot project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV rapid tests for clients • Hepatitis rapid tests <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Loreta Stoniene, RPLC/Integrate (Lithuania)
14.00-14.20	Why Indicator Condition-guided HIV testing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of cost-effectiveness • The OptTEST training module <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Ann Sullivan, ChelWest/Integrate (United Kingdom)
14.20-14.40	Introducing IC-guided testing at a hospital clinic (Integrate pilot project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV testing at a dermatovenerology Clinic • Hepatis testing of STI patients <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Raimonda Matulionytė, VULSK/Integrate (Lithuania)
14.40-15:00	Estonian case example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV testing in General Practitioners • Engaging professional societies • Changes in payment system <i>5 minutes for questions</i>	Kristi Rüttel, TAI (Estonia)
15:00-15.30	Coffee break	
15:30-17.30	Discussion of main points of the day – Conclusions and Wrap-up	Moderators: 1) Ann Sullivan, ChelWest/Integrate (United Kingdom) 2) Jurgita Pakalniskiene, MoH (Lithuania)
15:30-15:45	Presentation of JA Integrate - Joint Action on integrating prevention, testing and linkage to care strategies across HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs in Europe	Stine Jakobsen, Integrate/CHIP (Denmark)
15:45-17:00	Discussion of main points of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions • Consensus on national priorities • Main action points and next steps 	Moderators of the day
17:00	Wrap-up and goodbye	Raimonda Matulionytė, VULSK/Integrate (Lithuania)

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Time	Agenda	Presenter/Moderator
	Introduction	Moderators: Loreta Stonienė &

		Dinata Ona, RPLC (Lithuania)
10.00-10.05	Welcome note	Jurgita Pakalniskiene, MoH, Department of Public Health, Division of Health Promotion
10.05-10.10	Welcome remarks and introductions	Deputy director Austra, Austra Širvinskienė RPLC (Lithuania)
10.10-10.20	Introduction to the INTEGRATE Joint Action- Joint Action on integrating prevention, testing and linkage to care strategies across HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs in Europe	Stine Jakobsen, Integrate/CHIP (Denmark)
	Provider initiated testing and linkage to care	Moderators: Loreta Stonienė & Dinata Ona, RPLC
10.20-10.30	HIV testing in the clinic: OptTEST training module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the module was developed Main barriers identified 	Ann Sullivan, ChelWest/Integrate (United Kingdom)
10.30-10.50	Provider initiated HIV and HCV testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to offer people testing (messages; barriers) Results management, Diagnosis confirmation 	Raimonda Matulionytė, VULSK (Lithuania)
10:50-11:10	Challenges of linkage to care in medical institutions	Ligita Jancoriene (Lithuania)
11:10-11.30	<i>Discussion</i>	
	ESTICOM Training for staff	Moderators: Loreta Stonienė & Dinata Ona, RPLC
11:30-13:30	ESTICOM Training module for staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to set up the service - Practical barriers, How to propose an HIV test to client - Stigma/prejudice Testing algorithm (Results-Confirmation) Linkage to care Games and role plays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which barriers do you experience? How can these be overcome? 	Kestutis Rudaitis, Demetra/ESTICOM Trainer (Lithuania)
13.30-14.00	Lunch	
	Training: Screening for tuberculosis	Moderators: Loreta Stonienė & Dinata Ona, RPLC
14.00-14.30	How to screen for TB and link to care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV and latent TB TB contact tracing One stop model for TB patients (case example) 	Pulmonologist Dr. Edita Davidaviciene (Lithuania)
14:30-15:00	<i>Discussion</i>	
15.00-15.30	Coffee break	
	Practicalities of Linkage to care	Moderators: Loreta Stonienė & Dinata Ona, RPLC (Lithuania)
15.30-15.45	Community perspective on linkage to care	Kestutis Rudaitis, Demetra (Lithuania)
15.45-16.00	RPLC experiences with linkage to care	Loreta Stonienė, RPLC (Lithuania)
16.00-16.45	<i>Discussion</i>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we handle linkage to care? • What are the challenges and solutions 	
	Wrap-up and Closing	
16.45-17.00	Discussion of main points of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions • Main action points and next steps 	Moderators of the day
	Closing remarks	Jurgita Pakalniskiene, MoH, Department of Public Health, Division of Health Promotion

Appendix D. Draft agenda National stakeholder meeting in Italy

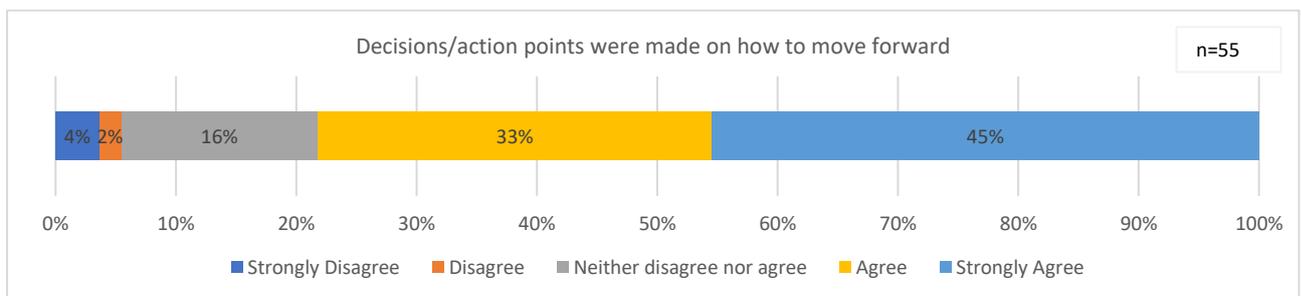
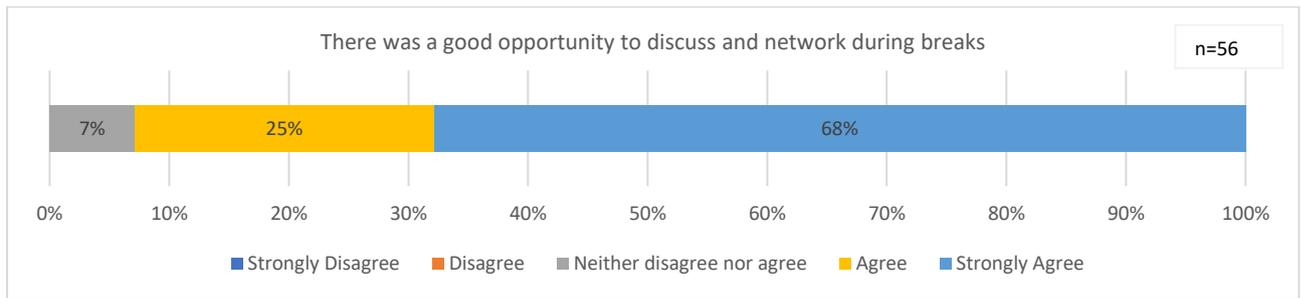
National stakeholder meeting: Towards a better integration of early diagnosis and linkage to care for HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs
<p>Welcome & Opening remarks Representatives from the Ministry of Health; Dr. Massimo Barra, Founder of Villa Maraini Introduction to the workshop aims and objectives (representatives of CHIP and WP8 Lead-Villa Maraini)</p>
<p>Theme 1: Integration of data from community testing sites into national surveillance system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV, hepatitis, TB and STIs in Italy – epidemiological overview Presenter: Giovanni Rezza, Istituto Superiore di Sanità • ECDC Dublin Declaration 2018 progress report – Which data are reported from Italy? What is missing? Presenter: ECDC representative • Integration of data from community testing sites into national surveillance system – Best practices and case studies Presenter: Laura Fernandez Lopez, CEEISCAT • Data collection and reporting from community-based services – Practices and recommendations Presenter: Elisabetta Teti, Villa Maraini <p>Panel discussion: How can integration of data be strengthened in Italy? Moderator: Massimo Oldrini, LILA Milano; Massimo Andreoni, Policlinico Tor Vergata</p>
<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>Theme 2: Self testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and regulatory system for self-testing in Italy Presenter: Anna Caraglia, Ministry of Health • Self testing in Italy – findings and lessons learned from the INTEGRATE pilot activities Presenters: Manuel Maffeo, Arcigay <p>Panel discussion: How can the implementation of self-testing be improved? How to monitor/ensure linkage to care of people using self-testing? Moderator: Anna Caraglia, Ministry of Health; Enrico Girardi, National Institute for Infectious Diseases L. Spallanzani</p>
<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>Theme 3: ICT-based combination prevention and partner notification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner notification – best practices in Europe (tools and comparing systems, training) Presenter: Shannon, UCD • ICT integrated toolkit – the example of INTEGRATE project Presenter: Lella Cosmaro, LILA Milano <p>Panel discussion: How can partner notification improve integration of diagnosis and linkage to care?</p>
<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>Development of final consensus on recommendations and conclusions from the workshop and closing remarks</p>

Appendix E. Evaluation from national stakeholder meetings in Croatia, Lithuania and Poland

Most participants agreed that there was a good representation of all stakeholders (NGOs/clinics/policy makers/experts etc.) but a total of 9% responded that they disagreed or strongly disagreed. 78% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that decision/action points were made on how to move forward, 6% reported disagreeing or strongly disagreeing. Comments from the evaluation survey highlighted the lack of participants from policy level at the meeting in Croatia and that this affected the opportunity to make new decisions/action points, especially on the policy level.

Figure 1: Evaluation of National Stakeholder meetings, pooled data from all three meetings.





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