



Joint Action on integrating prevention, testing and linkage to care strategies across HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs in Europe

Work Package 8 – Development of Regional Workshops for capacity building on integrated HIV, STI, viral hepatitis and TB testing and linkage to care

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1. Introduction

HIV, viral hepatitis B and C, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and tuberculosis (TB) infection are major public health concerns in Europe. At the same time, there is a difference between European Member States in their capacity to effectively target diverse needs and barriers for testing and linkage to care faced by medical staff and people living with HIV, STI, hepatitis and TB. Knowledge about good practices and lessons learned from HIV/AIDS and co-infections (viral hepatitis, TB and STIs) prevention, testing and treatment is scattered within the EU - between national institutions and organisations. Very little systematic reviews of the EU regional experience about the above topic has been performed, good practice have not yet been defined, catalogued and shared. This is why EU Member States (MS) have limited ability to effectively share information and build synergies in this field. The MS lack sufficient training and education programmes focusing on integration of HIV, STI, viral hepatitis and TB testing and linkage to care services.

As part of the INTEGRATE Joint Action and work package 8 (WP8 -Capacity building), several activities were carried out with the aim to build capacity in the MS, provide a platform to disseminate and exchange best practice among Member States and facilitate discussions on innovations and emerging issues within the four diseases .

The activities included:

- a baseline survey identifying training needs and priorities
- three regional workshops and national stakeholders meetings to present and discuss WP outcomes. During the meetings, it was also discussed how to translate the collected knowledge into training including thematic scope, format, necessary tools.

2. Baseline e-survey identifying training needs

An open-ended e-survey to determine training needs and priorities in the area of integration of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs early diagnosis and linkage to care (especially related to key populations) was developed in consultation with Work Package Leading Partners, Joint Action Steering Committee and Advisory Board. It was conducted among the 29 JA partners (response rate 93.1%) at the beginning of the project, and served to identify challenges and priority areas in HIV, STI, viral hepatitis and TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care, which could form the thematic scope of the Regional Workshops and National Stakeholders Meetings. The e-survey respondents were 27 out of 29 JA partner organizations including health care services, public health institutions and civil society organisations.

Survey results pinpointed topics such as:

- anonymity of testing as a barrier for the monitoring of the linkage to care ,
- lack of cooperation between testing points and institutions that provide treatment and social support,
- lack of common indicators and tools for monitoring of the linkage to care,
- lack of systematic solutions and transparent national guidelines for home sampling/self-testing,

- lack of centralized surveillance system for data reporting.

In parallel to the survey three additional activities were carried out:

- review of the existing training materials on HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis and TB testing and linkage to care particularly targeting the key populations (such as PWID, MSM, sex workers and migrants) to determine the extent the training materials could be used, adapted and integrated with the output of the INTEGRATE project;
- review of Dublin Declaration data to identify the gaps and shortcomings in data availability across the JA partner countries and to highlight potential topics for training;
- identification of experts from JA partner organizations, and from national and international agencies on who could provide training on HIV, STI, viral hepatitis and TB testing and linkage to care.

3. Regional Workshops – response to the e-survey results

Topics and structure

The agenda of the three workshops and the grouping of participants were designed in such a way to meet the reported needs and priorities of the JA partner countries in the best way and to capitalize on the outputs of the work packages. The main topics were widely discussed with the other WP leaders, the JA Steering Committee and the Advisory Board and finally agreed as follows:

- 1st Regional Workshop and National Stakeholders Meeting: Testing in community and healthcare settings
- 2nd Regional Workshop and National Stakeholders Meeting: HIV self-testing, partner notification and ICT-based combination prevention
- 3rd Regional Workshop and National Stakeholders Meeting: Monitoring, Indicators and surveillance

The workshops run over two days and were divided in two sections:

- Regional Workshop for JA partners on day 1, aimed to share experiences and best practices at European level;
- National Stakeholder Meeting for national representatives on day 2, aimed to bring different relevant national stakeholders and authorities together to discuss the respective topic in depth according to the specific needs and priorities of the hosting JA partner country.

1st Regional Workshop in Poland

The 1st regional workshop and national stakeholders meeting “*Testing in community and healthcare settings. Understanding the needs and barriers for testing and linkage to care for people living with HIV, hepatitis and/or TB*” was held in Poland, Warsaw, on 17-18 June 2019 with participation of 41 experts from 12 JA partner countries, representatives of ECDC, national HIV, STI, hepatitis and TB experts, representatives of civil society organisations and NGO, decision makers.

The overall aim of the workshop was to strengthen countries capacity in implementing integrated service solutions in testing and linkage to care for persons newly diagnosed and living with HIV, hepatitis and/or TB, to explore difficulties related to testing in community and healthcare settings and to implement integrated services at a country level.

Participants discussed among others the ways to overcome legal, regulatory, practical and financial barriers in integrated testing in community settings considering the European perspective (ECDC guidance and Dublin Declaration). Good practices in this regard were shown from Portugal and Italy. Participants referred to the problem of stigmatization as a barrier for testing and linkage to care as well as the sustainability of service provision and staff (training module run by ESTICOM). Other discussed topics embraced: good practices in implementing Opt TEST project in Poland, Lithuania and Romania; indicator condition guided HIV testing in GP and clinical settings. During the group session two groups discussed strategies to address the needs and barriers for testing and linkage to care that are faced by healthcare providers and community-based services.

During day 2 the topic of integrated testing and linkage to care in Poland in light of Dublin Declaration and ECDC guidance on HIV, hepatitis B and C testing was discussed. Participants focused on the needs, opportunities, good practices and barriers for integrated testing in Poland and ways to implement international guidance on testing at national level considering country context.

2nd Regional Workshop in Rome

The 2nd Regional workshop and national stakeholders meeting “*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 STIs early diagnosis and linkage to care*” was held in Rome, Italy on 14-15 November 2019. It was attended by 42 participants from 14 JA partner countries, including experts of ECDC and WHO Europe, representatives of public health institutions, health centres and civil society organizations, national experts and stakeholders.

Objectives of the workshop were to strengthen knowledge on HIV self-testing programs, partner notification practices and ICT prevention tools at European level, discussing main difficulties and challenges in implementing these programs in Europe and presenting pilot activities and tools developed within the JA.

During the meeting participants stressed existing barriers related to self-testing in Europe such as legal barriers (e.g. posting biological samples), difficulties related to linkage to care, high cost of tests, problems with selection of qualitative diagnostic tools and laboratories for analysis as well as setting-up procedures for results delivery and linkage to care in case of positive results. Participants discussed the results of self-testing and self-sampling pilot project from Italy as well as the Standard Operating Procedures for partner notification which was piloted in Greece and Italy. ICT-based tools for combination prevention such as Risk Radar (website and app) were presented.

During the national stakeholders meeting, participants discussed practical aspects related to integration of data from community testing sites with national surveillance system, data collection and reporting from community-based services, self-testing at national level.

3rd Regional Workshop in Tallinn

Due to SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the 3rd regional workshop “*Monitoring, indicators and surveillance*” originally scheduled in Tallinn (Estonia) was conducted online on May 26-27, 2020 and attended by 47 participants from JA partner organizations.

The main topics discussed were: monitoring and integration of data from community-based testing sites into national surveillance systems, with the presentation of INTEGRATE pilot results; patient experience survey protocol to monitor experience of testing and linkage to care among people living with HIV and/or hepatitis C, which was developed and piloted in Lithuania, Spain and Croatia.

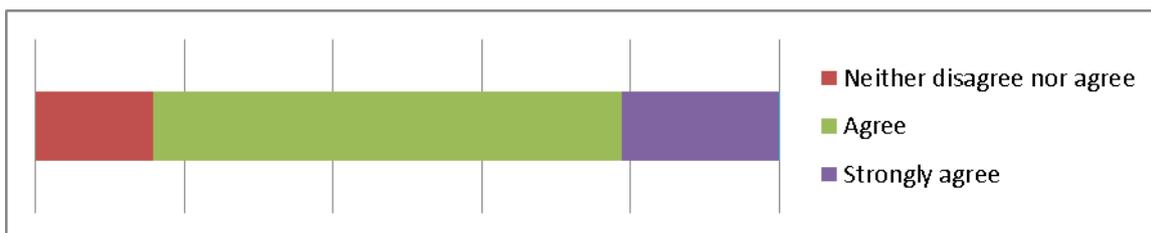
4. Evaluation results

1st Regional Workshop in Warsaw

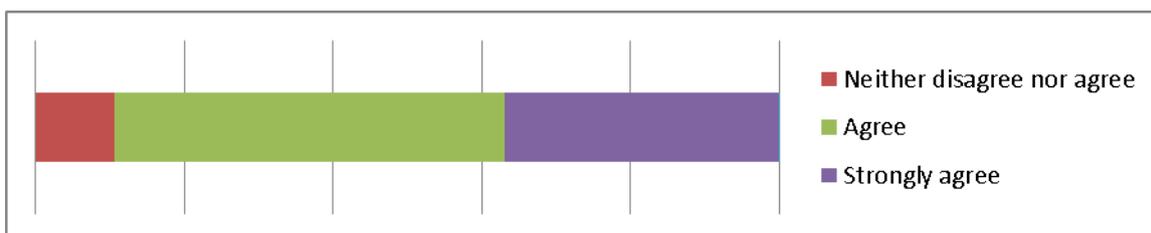
Results from the evaluation of the Regional Workshop (Day 1) and National Stakeholder Meeting (Day 2) in Warsaw show that participants appreciated work in groups and sharing experiences and best practices from different Member States. The majority of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that workshops meet their expectations (80-100% of participants) and that selection of topics and presentations was relevant for their work (90%). Participants also highly valued the technical content of the workshops. The meetings were attended by approximately 40 participants representing different fields and expertise including: medical doctors, nurses, and social workers, representatives of NGO/community, clinicians, and governmental organisations/decision makers.

Below the examples of data from the evaluation sheets during Day 1 (N=19):

- **The meeting met my expectations:** 15, 8% neither disagree nor agree; 63, 1% agree; 21,1% strongly agree

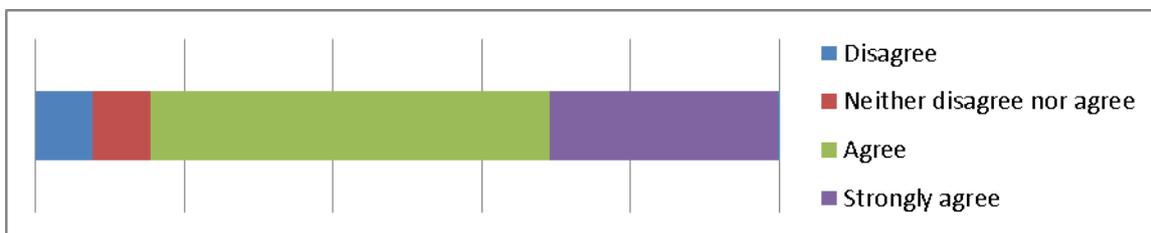


- **The topics and presentations chosen were relevant for my work:** 10,5% neither disagree nor agree; 52,6% agree; 36,9% strongly agree



Below the examples of responses and data from the evaluation sheets during Day 2 (N=13):

- **The meeting met my expectations:** 7,6% disagree, 7,6% neither disagree nor agree; 53,8% agree; 30,7% strongly agree



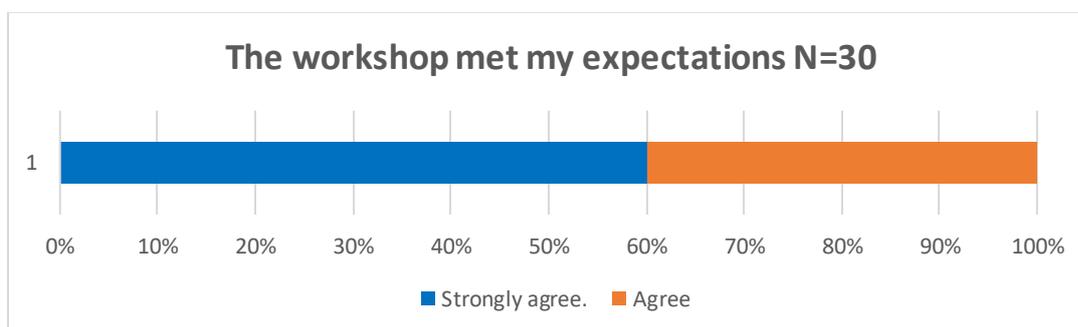
- **The topics and presentations chosen were appropriate and useful:** 7,6% % neither disagree nor agree; 38,4% agree; 53,8% strongly agree

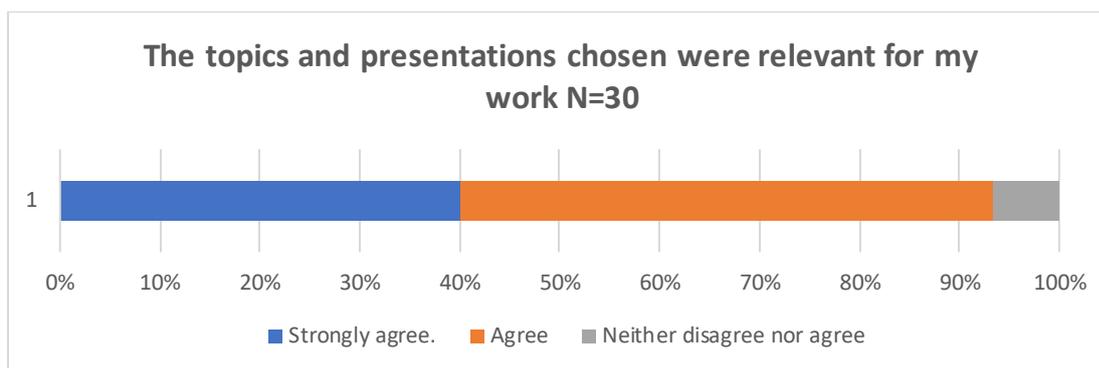


2nd Regional Workshop in Rome

The day 1 was attended by 42 participants. A large percentage of the attendees were represented by community health workers (20%), epidemiologists (20%) and medical doctors (16.7%). Regarding the work setting, many of the respondents worked in either a government institution (23.3%), NGO setting (20%) or research/ academic institution (16.7%).

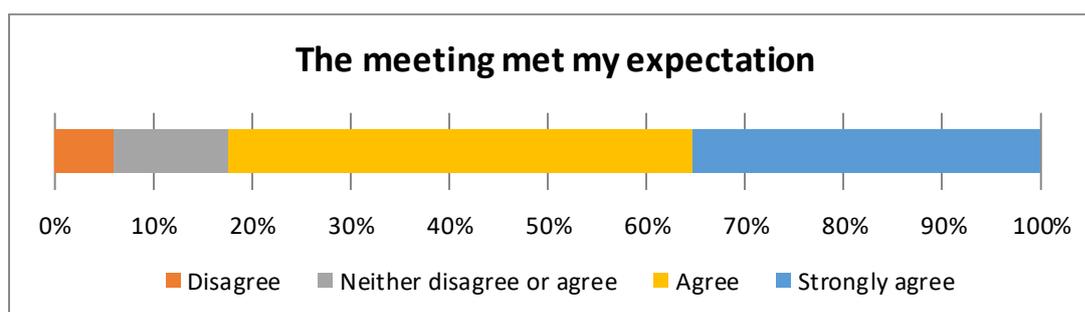
All the respondents either strongly agreed (60%) or agreed (40%) that the meeting met their expectations. 93.3% of the respondents agreed that the topics and presentations chosen were relevant for their work, with only 6.7% neither disagreeing nor agreeing.





The National Stakeholders Meeting held on day 2 was attended by approximately 40 people. A large percentage of the attendees were represented by medical doctors working in hospitals (20%) and NGO (13.3%), psychologists (13.3%) and people involved in the field of research (20%). Regarding the work setting, the most relevant group present in room at the end of the day was composed by people working in NGO setting (40%).

Most respondents either agreed (47%) or strongly agreed (35.3%) that the meeting met their expectations: only one respondent, equivalent to the 5.9%, disagreed, and another 11.8% neither agreed or disagreed.



Due to COVID-19, the 3rd Regional Workshop on May 26-27, 2020 was held virtually and was not evaluated.

A number of recommendations and priority areas were identified by participants during the three Regional Workshops and National Stakeholder Meetings which were highlighted in Section 5, Conclusions/Next steps.

5. Conclusions/next steps

Results of the e-survey, the outcomes of pilot activities in the JA participating countries, discussions during three regional workshops and national stakeholders meetings, expert opinions, conclusions from WP thematic groups, continuous consultations with Work Package Leaders, JA Steering Committee and Advisory Board represent valuable resource of knowledge which can be further applied at the national level (considering legal, social, political and economic context of a country) and at the level of particular region.

During the workshops and national stakeholder meetings participants recognized the importance and indicated priorities for training in the following areas:

- promoting a new approach to the diagnosis of HIV/HCV/HBV already at the level of primary healthcare;
- testing in primary healthcare based on the indicator condition guided HIV testing (IC) – building knowledge among healthcare workers and/medical students in this field, as well as in behavioural change (e.g. changing communication between medical personnel and persons wanting to take HIV test);
- understanding a complex concept of stigma and discrimination;
- building awareness of the complex issue of self-testing and self-sampling;
- monitoring of testing and linkage-to-care by integrating data from community-based testing services with the system of national surveillance;
- research on HIV/HCV/STI patient needs;
- using web-based and mobile technologies to support the implementation of combination prevention;
- raising/building awareness on the importance of partner notification;
- building strategies to reach decision makers and to support development of national policy in the field of integrated HIV/hepatitis/STI services.

The INTEGRATE Joint Action highlighted a number of topics and tools that can apply for internal and external training for practitioners working with HIV/STI/hepatitis/TB patients and those interested in the subject within the specific organization or at the country level.

Training will be vital to bring project outputs to the practical level as well as to maximize the utility of gathered material and applying specific themes and concepts in everyday professional/ institutional practice.

Training material collected during INTEGRATE Joint Action will be first posted on the website:

www.integrateja.eu and also on the [EU Health Platform](#).

Other tools and applications to disseminate project materials are also under development.

6. Annexes (workshop agendas)

6.1 1st Regional Workshop and National Stakeholders meeting in Warsaw

**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 Warsaw

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>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 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 Raimonda Matulionyte, Lithuania – 10 min Grecu 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>Anne Raahauge, 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	Summary of Day 1 and introduction to Day 2
	Anne Raahauge, Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections (CHIP/REGIONH)
	Iwona Wawer, National AIDS Centre, Co-Leader of Work Package 8
09:20-10:30	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
	Dublin Declaration data and ECDC public health guidance, Polish context – 20 min Anastasia Pharris, ECDC
	Poland - Country situational analysis – 20 min Prof. Magdalena Rosińska, National Institute of Public Health
	Discussion — 30 min (moderator: Dorthe Raben, Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections (CHIP/REGIONH))
10:30-11:40	Theme 2: HIV, HCV, HBV and TB in Poland – diagnostics and treatment
	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
	Diagnosis and treatment of HIV patients co-infected with TB – 20 min Prof. Maria Korzeniewska-Koseła, Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases
	Discussion – 30 min (moderator: Assoc. Prof. Justyna D. Kowalska, Advisory Board INTEGRATE)
11:40-12:10	Coffee break
12:10-13:20	Theme 3: Integrated HIV, HBV, HCV testing services
	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
	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
	Discussion – 30 min (moderator: Anastasia Pharris, ECDC)

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 Road map: What are the next steps?</p> <p>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</p> <p>Iwona Wawer, National AIDS Centre, Co-Leader of Work Package 8</p>

6.2 2nd Regional Workshop and National Stakeholder Meeting in Rome

INTEGRATE JA 3rd Partnership Forum meeting

13 November 2019

Villa Maraini, Rome

Time	Topic	Presenter
08:30-09:00	<i>Arrival and registration</i>	
09:00-09:30	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Massimo Barra, Founder of Villa Maraini • Anne Raahauge, on behalf of INTEGRATE Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objective of the meeting 	Massimo Barra, Nadia Gasbarrini, Anne Raahauge
09:30-10:30	<p>WP3 – Results from external evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings from evaluation and focus in the remaining time of INTEGRATE - (40 min) <p>Questions and Discussion (20 min)</p>	Lella Cosmaro Anne Raahauge Moderator: Meaghan Kall

10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45-11:30	<p>WP5 – Integrated testing</p> <p>Integrated testing (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on pilot progress and key results • Final outputs (Information package) and main communication about results (how, who, where etc). <p>Indicator guided testing (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on pilot progress and key results • Final outputs (Toolkit) and main communication about results (how, who, where etc). <p>Questions and Discussion (15 min)</p>	<p>Stine Jakobsen</p> <p>Moderator: ECDC <i>TBC</i></p>
11:30-12:00	<p>WP5 – Integrated testing</p> <p>Self-testing (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on pilot progress and key results • Final outputs (Toolkit) and main communication about results (how, who, where etc). <p>Questions and Discussion (15 min)</p>	<p>Meaghan Kall</p> <p>Moderator: Sophie Nash</p>
12:00-12:30	<p>WP6 – Monitoring and linkage to care (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on pilot progress and key results • Final outputs (Consensus recommendations) and main communication about results (how, who, where etc). <p>Questions and Discussion (15 min)</p>	<p>Laura Fernandez Lopez</p> <p>Moderator: ECDC <i>TBC</i></p>
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-14:00	<p>WP7 – ICT tools (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on pilot progress and key results • Final outputs (ICT tool) and main communication about results (how, who, where etc). <p>Questions and Discussion (15 min)</p>	<p>Lella Cosmaro</p> <p>Moderator: Shannon Glaspy</p>
14:00-14:30	<p>WP7 – Partner notification (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on pilot progress and key results • Final outputs and main communication about results (how, who, where etc). <p>Questions and Discussion (15 min)</p>	<p>Jack Lambert Shannon Glaspy</p> <p>Moderator: Shannon Glaspy</p>
14:30-15:15	<p>WP4 – Policy development and Sustainability</p> <p>Roadmaps (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Road map 	<p>Manuel Maffeo Meaghan Kall</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final outputs (General and country specific Road map) and main communication about results (how, who, where etc). How to reach national decision makers? <p>Patient surveys (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on pilot progress and key results Final outputs (Toolkit) and main communication about results (how, who, where etc). <p>Questions and Discussion (15 min)</p>	Moderator: Stine Jakobsen
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:30-17:00	<p>INTEGRATE outcomes, communication about results and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication and dissemination of achievements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ‘legacy’ of INTEGRATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How and where to communicate and disseminate? Online learning Scientific outputs – abstracts, articles, posters, presentations etc. Take home messages – input from all partners <p>Discussion – evaluation recommendations and how to communicate and disseminate the results nationally and internationally.</p>	Anne Raahauge Stine Jakobsen Moderator: Meaghan Kall
17:00-17:15	<p>Conclusion and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Regional Workshop Possible amendment - priorities 	Anne Raahauge Stine Jakobsen
19.30-23:00	<i>Sightseeing of Rome and Dinner in the city center</i>	

INTEGRATE JA 2nd Regional Workshop

14 - 15 November 2019

Villa Maraini Foundation, Rome

<i>Day 1: Thursday, 14 November 2019</i>	
2nd Regional Workshop for Integrate JA partners: 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 STIs early diagnosis and linkage to care	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	<p>Welcome & Opening remarks</p> <p>Representatives from Villa Maraini and Italian Red Cross + video of Villa Maraini Introduction to the workshop aims and objectives (representatives INTEGRATE, and WP8)</p>
09:30-11:00	Theme 1: HIV self testing and self-sampling

	<p>Presenter: WP5.3 co-lead PHE (Public Health England)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation of HIV self-testing and self-sampling in Europe (Meaghan Kall, PHE) 20' • Strategic Framework for rolling out HIV self-testing – a European perspective (Nicole Segoy, WHO) 20' • Implementing an HIV self-testing programme: the 4 years of experience from Terrence Higgins Trust (UK) (Dominic Edwardes, THT) 20' <p>Q&A and discussion</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	<p>Theme 2: Partner notification</p> <p>Presenter: WP7 lead UCD (University College Dublin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOP creation for standard PN - examples from Italy and Greece • Integrated Training –guest speaker from LILA Milano <p>Q&A and discussion</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch break + possibility to visit Villa Maraini services
13:30-14:30	<p>Theme 3: ICT-based combination prevention</p> <p>Presenter: WP7 co-lead LILA Milano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use ICT tools in prevention • How to use ICT tools for facilitation integration of early diagnosis and linkage to care <p>Q&A and discussion</p>
14:30-16:00	<p>Thematic Exercises and Working groups</p> <p>Developing strategies to address weakness and barriers in the implementation of self testing, partner notification and ICT-based combination prevention as tools for the integration of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs early diagnosis and linkage to care. <i>Split in 2 groups (1 on self-testing and 1 on partner notification)</i></p> <p>Partner Notification working group (Jack and Shannon as moderators)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies of issues with partner notification, focusing on legal/criminalization matters • Suggest participants bring in a case study that we can discuss together, additional case studies will be provided <p>HIV Self-Testing working group (Meaghan and Sophie as moderators)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share 3-4 case studies of innovation in HIVST • How to overcome barriers for integration of self-testing and linkage to care: legal and practical • What is the future potential opportunities and risks of self-testing & expansion to viral hepatitis and STIs?
16:00-16:15	Coffee break
16:15-17:00	Feedback to Plenary & Wrap up of day 1

<i>Day 2: Friday, 15 November 2019</i>	
National stakeholder meeting: Towards a better integration of early diagnosis and linkage to care for HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs	
09:00-09:30	Welcome & Opening remarks Representatives of the Ministry of Health; Representative of Villa Maraini Foundation Introduction to the workshop aims and objectives (representatives of CHIP and WP8 Lead-Villa Maraini)
09:30-11:30	<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 (20') Presenter: Giovanni Rezza, Istituto Superiore di Sanità • ECDC Dublin Declaration 2018 progress report – Which data are reported from Italy? What is missing? (20') Presenter: Peter Markov • Integration of data from community testing sites into national surveillance system – Best practices and case studies (20') Presenter: Laura Fernandez Lopez, CEEISCAT • Data collection and reporting from community-based services – Practices and recommendations (20') Presenter: Elisabetta Teti, Villa Maraini <p>Panel discussion: How can integration of data be strengthened in Italy? Moderator: Massimo Oldrini, LILA Milano</p>
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:30	<p>Theme 2: Self testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and regulatory system for self-testing in Italy (30') Presenter: Maria Elena Russo, Ministry of Health • Role of self testing in the National Plan for HIV/AIDS prevention (20') Presenter: Anna Maria Caraglia, Ministry of Health • Self testing in Italy – findings and lessons learned from the INTEGRATE pilot activities (20') 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>
13:30- 14:30	Lunch break
14:30-15:30	<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) (20') Presenter: Shannon Glaspy, UCD • ICT integrated toolkit – the example of INTEGRATE project (20') Presenter: Lella Cosmaro, LILA Milano <p>Panel discussion: How can partner notification improve integration of diagnosis and linkage to care?</p>
15:30-16:00	Development of final consensus on recommendations and conclusions from the workshop and closing remarks

6.3 3rd Regional Workshop (virtual)

INTEGRATE Partnership Forum online meeting 26-27 May 2020

26 May 2020		
Time	Topic	Participants
08:30-09:00	<i>Meeting room opened for log in</i>	<i>All partners</i>
09:00-09:45	Integrated testing in community settings (WP5.1 - CHIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated testing - Spring testing week and pilot results • tool development discussion 	All partners
09:50-10:35	Testing in health care settings (WP5.2 - CHIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator Guided testing - presentation of pilot results • tool development discussion 	All partners
10:35-11:00	<i>Break</i>	
11:00-11:45	HIV Self testing and self-sampling (WP5.3 - PHE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of results • tool development discussion 	All partners
11:45-13:15	<i>Break for lunch</i> 12:45-13:15 Steering Group sum-up	
13:15-14:00	Monitoring and integration of data (WP6 – ICO-CEEISCAT & NIJZ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of indicators and recommendations • Presentation of pilot results • Questions and discussion 	All partners
14:00-14:30	Steering Group sum-up	SC members

27 May 2020		
Time	Topic	Participants
08:30-09:00	<i>Meeting room opened for log in</i>	<i>All partners</i>
09:00-09:45	ICT pilot (WP7.1 - Lila Milano & CERTH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and current results 	All partners
09:50-10:35	Partner Notification (WP7.2 - UCD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of technical report and feedback 	All partners
10:35-11:30	<i>Break</i> 11:00-11:30 Steering Group sum-up	
11:30-12:15	Patient experience survey protocol (WP4 - PHE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of protocol for a patient experience survey for HIV and HCV • Presentation of pilot results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What worked and what didn't? • Questions and discussion 	All partners
12:15-13:30	<i>Break for lunch</i>	
13:30-13:45	WP4 Road map (WP4 - ARCIGAY) Next step	All pilot partners
13:45-14:30	Steering Group sum-up	SC members

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