



Integrate

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

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Joint Action



- Joint Action (HP-JA-2016), 3rd Health Programme and 2016 Work Programme
- 29 nominated partners from 15 EU countries (+ Serbia)
- Participation from Public Health institutions (17), Hospitals (Infectious disease and research departments) (4), NGOs (7) and Universities (1)
- 36 Months (2017-2020)
- Overall budget 2,4 mill Euro (80% EU)

INTEGRATE - Objective

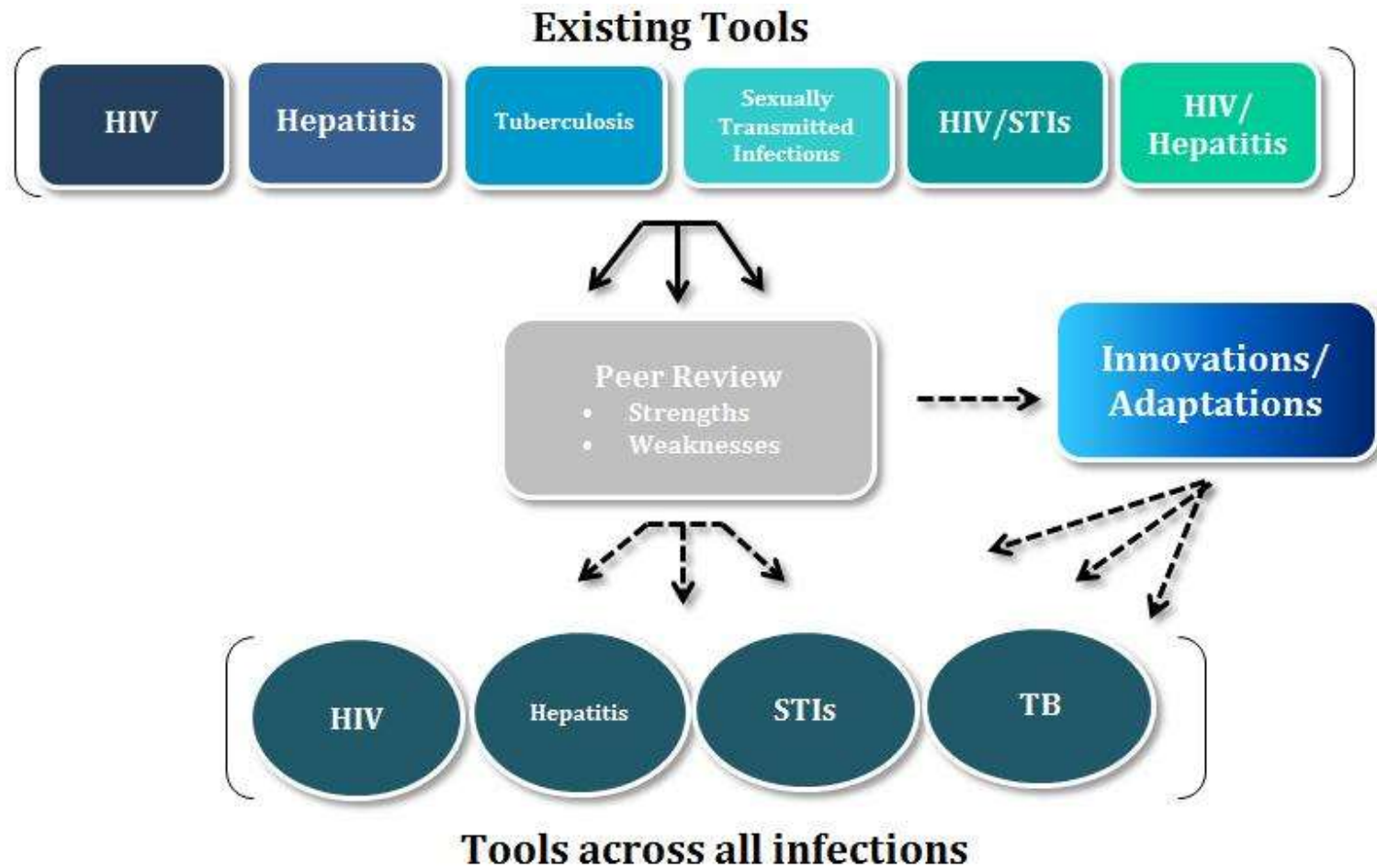
Overall objective:

- Increase integrated early diagnosis and linkage to prevention and care of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs in EU member states by 2020.
- INTEGRATE builds on a number of previous and current EU-funded projects in which different INTEGRATE partners are also active (Quality Action, OptTEST, EuroHIVEdat, HA-REACT, HEPCARE)

Relevance

- Continued challenges with controlling and preventing further transmission of HIV, Hepatitis, TB and STIs
 - High prevalence of co-infection due to overlaps in key populations and mode of transmission
 - Challenges ensuring that people are diagnosed early and enter the care system
- INTEGRATE supports collaboration between health care institutions, policy institutions and civil society organizations in support to health policy planning development and sustainability.
- Focus on member states in Europe with high rates of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB or STIs and/or low access to care – addressing the relevant gaps depending on the needs and setting in the participating countries.

Mapping and adapting tools



Work Packages

WP	LP/Co-LP
Horizontal Work Packages	
1	Coordination LP: RegionH/CHIP (Denmark)
2	Dissemination LP: CERTH (Greece)
3	Monitoring and Evaluation LP: IPMN (Romania) Co-LP: PHE (UK)
4	Policy development and sustainability LP: ARCIGAY (Italy) Co-LP: TAI (Estonia)
Core Work Packages	
5	Integrating testing and linkage to care LP: RegionH/CHIP (Denmark) Co-LP: PHE (UK)
6	Monitoring of HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis testing and linkage to care LP: ICO (Spain) Co-LP: NIJZ (Slovenia)
7	Improving use of ICT tools and partner notification in combination prevention LP: UCD (Ireland) Co-LP: LILA MILANO (Italy)
8	Capacity building LP: FVM (Italy) Co-LP: NAC (Poland)

WP4 - Policy development and sustainability

Objective

- **Sustainability plan** for the Joint Action
- Facilitate the **integration of JA deliverables into national policies, action plans, and/or clinical guidelines** in pilot countries by providing general principles and country-specific recommendation (Roadmap).
- Pilot actions for the **monitoring of patient experience in testing and linkage to care** among people newly diagnosed and living with HIV, hepatitis and/or TB to support potential uptake of best practice and evidence-based policy recommendations.

Main deliverables

- Sustainability plan for the Joint Action
- Report/Roadmap on results of pilot activities
- Patient experience toolkit

WP5 - Integrating testing and linkage to care of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs

Objective

- **Integration of testing activities targeting HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs and optimise testing of key populations**, including PWID, sex workers and migrants.
- **Expand the use of tools to increase testing and linkage to care** in health care facilities including GPs
- **Support the expansion of HIV home-sampling and home-testing programmes**

Main deliverables

- Innovative and integrated approaches for testing information package.
- Toolkit to increase testing and linkage to care in health care settings. Toolkit to include hepatitis.
- HIV home-sampling and home-testing and linkage to care toolkit.

WP6 – M&E of HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs testing and linkage to care

Objectives

- **Identify indicators to assess the impact of the European Testing Week (ETW)** related to HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs testing and linkage to care.
- Describe methods for **integration of testing and linkage to care data** on HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis from **healthcare settings and community services**.
- To support the **integration of testing and linkage to care data from CBVCT services into national surveillance and monitoring systems**

Main deliverables

- Consensus set of indicators to assess the impact of ETW testing
- Consensus recommendations for collection and integration of CBVCT testing and linkage data in national surveillance systems for HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs

WP7 - use of ICT tools and Partner notification in combination prevention

Objectives

- Improve the **use of ICT tools in combination prevention** by adapting and piloting innovative **information and communication technology programs**.
- **Improve the use of partner notification as a secondary prevention tool**, including descriptions of best practice in data monitoring of “positives” and linkage to care.

Main deliverables

- Review of existing ICT based prevention programs and their effectiveness
- Partner Notification usefulness Technical Report

WP8 - Capacity building

Objectives

- To **identify training needs** and priorities on integration of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs early diagnosis and linkage to care in the JA partner countries.
- To conduct **3 regional workshops on WP outcomes**.

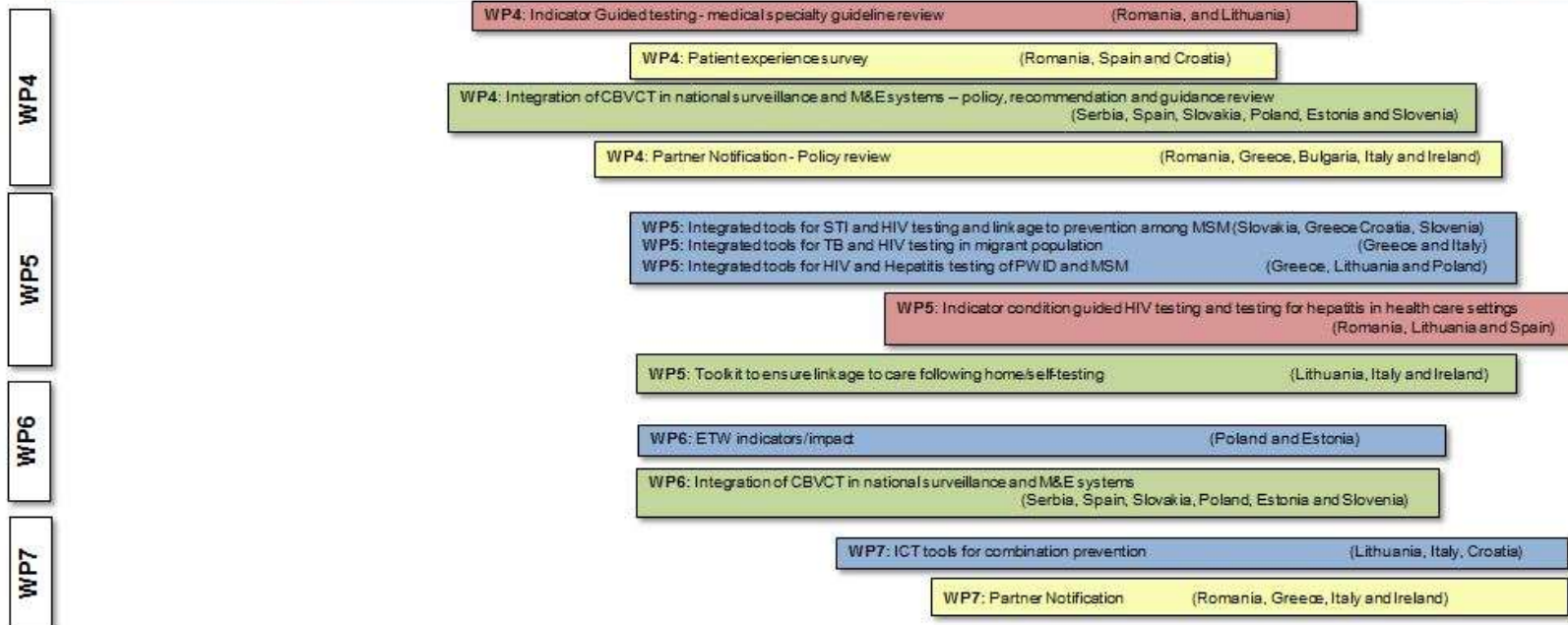
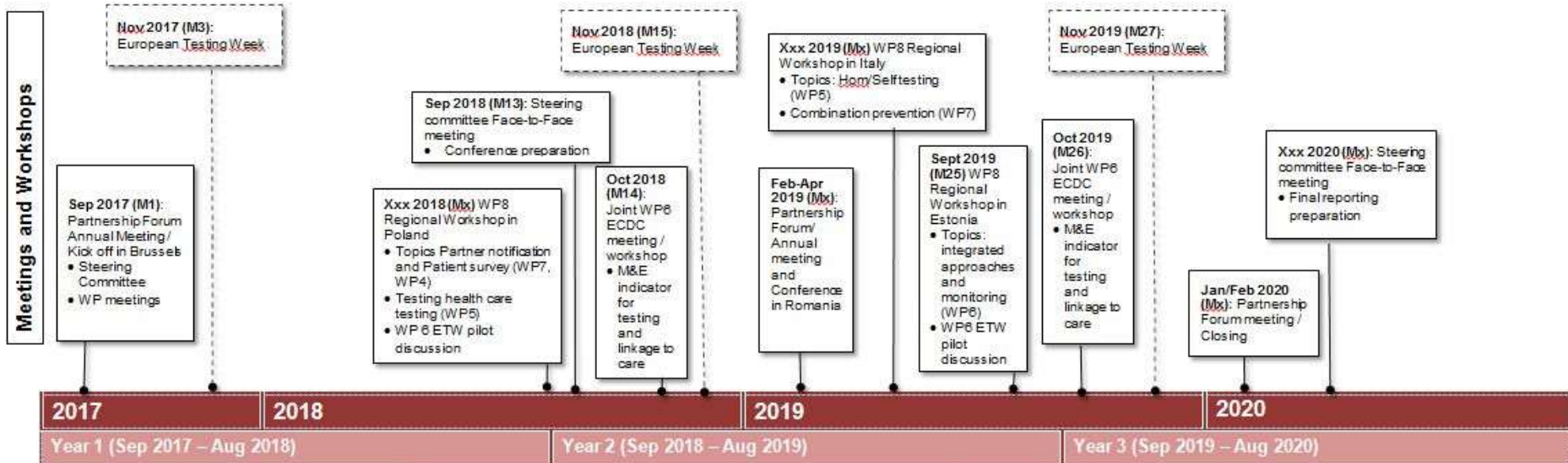
Deliverables

- INTEGRATE online learning courses.
- Three regional workshops for capacity building

Meetings and Pilot Activities

EU Presidencies during the Joint Action

Malta (Jan – Jun)	Estonia (Jul – Dec)	Bulgaria (Jan – Jun)	Austria (Jul – Dec)	Romania (Jan – Jun)	Finland (Jul – Dec)	Croatia (Jan – Jun)	Germany (Jul – Dec)
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Next steps (first 6 months)

- Constitute project management, advisory board and collaborating partners (WP1)
- Communication (website, dissemination and evaluation plan) (WP2)
- Matrix for analysis of existing knowledge platforms (tools)(WP2)
- Survey on training needs (WP8)
- Partner meetings to plan pilot activities
- Define scientific outputs from the WPs

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Collaborations

- Ambition is to get in dialogue and collaborate with other relevant (EU) projects working with HIV, Hepatitis, TB and STIs testing and linkage to care
- Important to involve countries that are not partners in the Joint Action and stakeholders other than the partners. The partners involved are often only representing one constituency (mostly public health institutes)
- Not to duplicate, but ensure synergies and sustainability – engagement with many collaborating and external partner

First Partnership Forum Meeting

DG Santé, 20 September

- Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Mr. V. Andriukaitis
- Parallel WP meetings (all partners)
- Plenary: next steps
- Steering Committee meeting (lead partners)
19 September

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