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Leaving No One Behind

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Special moment

Many steps from Dublin to Rome

Dublin, Vilnius, Bremen

Strong commitment to European HIV/AIDS policy

Aids Action Europe, HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum/Think Tank

Remembering



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No time for complacency

Not all policy is put into practice

Needle and opiate substitute programmes

Coverage of testing, treatment and prevention services is not at scale

Impact by changes in our context

Economic crisis, changing migration patterns, rise of social media

Concrete problems in HIV control

Outbreaks among PWID

Stock outs

Criminalisation of PLHIV

Rise of old in-effective ideas

Our challenge is broader

HIV and co-infections with:

- **STI's**
 - **Viral Hepatitis: HCV, HBV**
 - **TB**
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- **More than half of the 2.2 million PLHIV: also infected with Hepatitis C virus**
 - **MSM disproportionally affected by HIV, STI's and viral hepatitis**
 - **Migrants more affected by TB, HIV and chronic hepatitis B**

A focused epidemic

Key populations:

- MSM, Migrants, PWID, Sex workers, Prisoners

Their problems:

- Hardest hit by syndemics
- Discrimination, legal and social barriers

Results:

- Less access to prevention and treatment
- Low uptake of testing, late presentation of HIV
- Missed opportunities for an effective HIV control

Costs of inaction

Risk:

Not curbing the epidemic in Europe

Costs:

- **Loss of lives, life expectancy and health**
- **Rise of health care spending**
- **Loss of economic potential**

Needed: Active policy

Action by Commissioner of Health Mr Andriukatis

- HIV/AIDS Action plan beyond 2016

Action by Ministers of Member States

- Scaling up national respons
- More cross counry co-operation and sharing of innovative approaches on common challenges
- In close co-operation with Civil Society

Ambitious policy

Ambitious in scope:

- HIV and co-infections

Ambitious in targets and results:

- An end of AIDS in Europe

Ambitious in resources:

- Scaling up of respons & Neighbouring policy

Inclusive policy

Focus on improving service delivery to key populations at risk

- **Testing and treatment and prevention coverage: crucial for HIV control**

Re-engage communities

- **'post AIDS' generations, new online activism**
- **LGBTI rights movement**

Support NGO's

- **Needed for community out reach, innovative service delivery**

Concluding

We can curb the epidemic in Europe

By scaling up coverage for testing, treatment and prevention

Focused on key populations at risk

New policy should prioritise and stimulate this.

Only then we leave no one behind.