

BORDERNETWORK KICK-OFF MEETING**MINUTES****Thursday, 01.07.2010, 09:15 – 11:15 h****WP4 Cross-border networking – Introduction of the 5 model regions****Protocol:** Christiane Firnges/SPI Forschung**Results of the four working groups.****1. Model region III: Slovakia / Austria**

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Common working packages are 5, 6 and 8.

WP4 Cross-border networking

Plans: Build a network on the sentinels: a mixture of hospitals and practitioners, involving people from the east and west

Two meetings:

First meeting, Vienna, scheduled autumn 2010:

(gain approval of the ethnic committee, if needed), build a network, discuss incentives, assure that all participants of the network share the same information, raise country-specific issues

Second meeting, scheduled spring 2012:

The Slovaks are already starting with the data collection; assess how the collection is performed. Results should be published. Announcement to the sentinel meeting should be released.

A "Telegram" issued on regular basis from RKI will be used to feedback results to the sentinel sites and to keep them involved in the process.

WP6 Early HIV/STI diagnostic

Testing of vulnerable groups:

An outreach programme run by PRIMA in 5 cities in Slovakia addresses sex workers, IDUs and migrants with HIV testing in a drop in centre, approximately 1000 people are tested in a pilot study, the results will be available soon.

The Austrian partners plan one-site visits to learn from this experience.

WP8 Community-based prevention

In Slovakia there is experience with the ethnic minority of ROMA population, in Austria it is planned to target the African community.

2. Model region V: Bulgaria / Romania

Participants: Radostina Antonova/HESED, Milena Myhailova/HESED, Galina Musat/ARAS, Liliana Velica/ARAS

Meetings are planned in Bulgaria and Romania

Common work packages are WP8, 4, 5 and 6.

First meeting is planned in October 18. – 20. in Sofia in the frame of WP8.

The meeting's focus is on needs assessment and good practices in community based participatory prevention among ethnic minority and migrant groups.

Issues around the meeting to be discussed between HESED and ARAS:

- How are the stakeholders and the state included in the models, should they also be invited to attend the meeting?
- How are NGOs and the state connected?

Second meeting is planned for March 2011 in Bucharest

- To discuss financial issues
- To cope with the challenge of addressing the right stakeholders for the sentinel surveillance in Bulgaria.

3. Model Regions I and II: Germany / Poland

Participants: Alexander Leffers/AHP, Malgorzata Klys-Rachwalska/SPWSZ, Agnieszka Galkowska/SPWSZ, Grzegorz Gola/POMOST, Krzysztof Kulczycki/POMOST, Frank Zimmermann/MAT, Wilhelm Miebach/BMG

Planned prevention activities:

- Polish Student festival "FAMA" in Swinemünde, Poland August 2010 – SPWSZ, Poland and MAT, Rostock
- Design and conduct new prevention campaign on the occasion of the European Soccer championship in Poland and Ukraine in 2012 – POMOST, Poland
- Continue work in VCT testing centres – POMOST, SPWSZ
- Health week in schools – POMSOT with participation of experts from Lviv/Ukraine
- Youth film days with workshops for teachers – SPWSZ, MAT
- Workshop development for medical personnel, development of questionnaire, translation in Polish

- Tram prevention, including Quiz in a tram in Stettin, Poland

4. Model region IV: Latvia / Estonia

Participants: Irina Mironova/AISC, Jury Kalikov/AISC, Riina Enke/NIHD, Kristi Rüütel/NIHD

No Latvian partner was present during the kick-off meeting due to the cancelled participation in the project on behalf of LIC/Riga.

The group comprised of the Estonian partners who will also provide their contacts to Latvian partners to the coordinator of SPI. Contact previous collaborating partners in Riga will be attempted over the summer.

First meeting is planned for October:

- NIHD has initiative to organise a national meeting in Tallinn - to bring stakeholders together to develop a national framework for STIs

The AISC will have special activities in the region of Narva.

Another meeting in Narva is planned for Month 25 where both NIHD and AISC will present the results of the activities and will invite collaborating partner from Russia (Humanitarian Action, St.Petersburg) .

Contact Latvian partners and check out who can take the responsibility for a partnership.