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For regional network partners

BORDERNET Activities 2007

The first half year of 2007 has been full of BORDERNET activities in all the regions, and the second half promises to be busy as well. A particular focus for all the regions are training activities. Some of the oncoming activities include:

Model Region I: Streetwork Conference (together with MR II) in September, HIV-VCT Conference in October, Youth and Multiplier Training on World AIDS Day (WAD) in December.

Model Region II: Hepatitis prevention Training in August in Germany, Peer-education activities during a Music Festival in August in Poland, Youth Film Days in

Frankfurt(Oder)/Slubice in November. This region plans WAD activities as well.

Model Region III: In September the Experts Meeting „Youth and AIDS“ as well as a VCT Conference will take place in Austria. In the same month, a “Diagnostic and counseling of HIV infections and other STI” meeting will take place in the Slovak Republic. BORDERNET will also participate in the Vienna AIDS day at the end of November.

Model Region IV: In this region, there will be a meeting in Maribor in October with the participation of the Slovenina partners and the Region of Veneto. This region will also participate in the Diagnostic Conference in the Slovak Republic.

Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT)

Voluntary Counseling and Testing, which provides a critical entry point to both HIV/AIDS prevention and care and support of infected and affected individuals, was assessed as a deficit in all the BORDERNET regions. As it can be seen in the list of planned BORDERNET activities for the second half of 2007, all the regions are mobilizing their efforts to change this situation. There are different approaches to do this, and a very important one is the training approach. Some example for the regional activities on VCT is the “VCT-BORDERNET Meeting” in Linz, Austria, in

September. During this meeting a communication training will take place on standards and particular problems in the counseling setting for the participants of the meeting.

Another meeting that has VCT as a topic, along with diagnostic of STI and HIV, is the conference held in September in Štrelské Pleso, Slovak Republic. In this meeting, presentations from experts of the field will make presentations and lead discussions on the subject.

DÖAK2007- German Austrian AIDS Congress

BORDERNET was present at the German Austrian AIDS Conferences with posters on the KAB studies that were carried out in the frame of BORDERNET (Youth, MSM), a

general BORDERNET poster, a poster on prostitution as well as a presentation on the BORDERNET Sentinel Surveillance by Klaus Jansen from the Robert-Koch-Institut.

Closing Conference in Zielona Gora

The Evaluation Conference of BORDERNET will take place on the 16th and 17th of November in Zielona Gora, Poland. However, on the 15th of November a BORDERNET internal pre-conference meeting is planned to discuss the BORDERNET outcomes and the evaluation report in a detailed manner. For this purpose, please plan your arrival to Berlin on the 14th or the 15th in the morning.

The final programme of the conference is on progress (suggestions are welcome), and as soon as it is ready, all the partners will receive it. In this conference all the achievements as well as the encountered difficulties will be discussed evaluated and eventually BORDERNET II (we hope to have feedback on the proposal by October) will be an issue as well.