What's New?

Oral PrEP event at the European Parliament
On 16 November 2022, The European Parliament’s Intergroup on LGBTI Rights, in partnership with UNAIDS, AIDS Action Europe, AIDSfonds, European AIDS Treatment Group, and the European Public Health Alliance organised a policy dialogue on measures to be taken to scale up equitable access to Oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV as part of HIV prevention combination strategies within the EU and beyond. EATG’s Combination Prevention Committee member and volunteer at the Altalap Foundation, Attila Krsjak, presented on lack of access to PrEP in Hungary. See the meeting report by scanning the QR code.

EU Civil Society Forum: 2022 Thematic Network
The EU Civil Society Forum was selected by the European Commission to lead a Thematic Network as part of the EU Health Policy Platform. This Thematic Network will hold 2 public webinars in collaboration with the European Commission, engage a wide range of stakeholders, and develop a Joint Statement summarising issues, promising practices and as practical as possible suggestions for action. The first webinar will focus on Standards of Care and the second will focus on Stigma, Discrimination, and Decriminalisation.

The webinar on “Standards of Care: HIV, VH, and TB – Good Practices and Ensuring Prevention & Care for People on the move” will provide an overview of key standards of care for people living with or most affected by HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, and tuberculosis. The webinar will be held on 16 February 2023, 14:00-15:30 CET. Scan the QR code to register.

SCOPE survey: #WhatIsCombinationPrevention
EATO together with partner organisations is conducting a bilingual survey (EN/RU) of individuals belonging to and/or working with populations most affected by HIV in Europe and Central Asia. This community survey seeks to understand specific community perspectives on how HIV combination prevention services are designed and delivered at local level. Scan the QR Code to access the survey and share it within your network. Survey closes on 15 February 2023.

CORE-Community Response to End Inequalities
The CORE project co-funded by EU4Health was kicked off on January 30 in Berlin. For 3 years, EATO alongside 24 partners will be working to reduce inequalities in HIV, TB and VH response by promoting, strengthening, and integrating the community responses. EATG will coordinate the stakeholders engagement and sustainability and work closely with implementing partners in 12 countries, European Sex Workers Alliance, Correlations – European Harm Reduction Network and Africa Advocacy Foundation.

Meet the CP Member:
Magdalena Ankiersztejn-Bartczak

Who is Magdalena Ankiersztejn-Bartczak in a nutshell?
My mother worked in the HIV field, so it was obvious that I wanted to work on behalf of people with HIV. I’ve been involved with HIV for 20 years: as a volunteer, as president of the Foundation for Social Education – an NGO in Warsaw – working in Poland and internationally. I have a PhD in social sciences, MA in education, and I am a qualified sex educator. In 2023, I will have the honour to be the local community co-chair for EACS2023 in Warsaw.

What is that you like most about CPP and what makes the programme special?
I coordinate daily two HIV testing sites in Warsaw, and a Mobile Harm Reduction Service for people who use drugs. I’ve also implemented the first free self-testing scheme for HIV. I provide education and advocacy in Poland to introduce the idea of CP as widely as possible, also in relation to STIs. There is still much work to be done in Poland, especially concerning PrEP, reproductive and human rights, and homophobia.