What's New?

SCOPE MULTISTAKEHOLDER MEETING HAPPENING IN WARSAW ON 17 OCTOBER

The SCOPE Multi-stakeholders Meeting is coming up! It will address Community Perspectives on Guidelines and Programming Recommendations for Better Inclusion of Inadequately Served Groups and take place on the 17 October in Warsaw at 19:00. The meeting will provide an opportunity to learn from the projects’ findings and to discuss future activities to strengthen community advocacy for combination prevention. It will be the occasion for community members working at local, national and European levels to network. For more information consult the agenda here!

COMBINATION PREVENTION CHECKLIST IS READY TO BE PILOTED

Together with regional community networks, the SCOPE project has finalised a checklist of population-specific standards for the delivery of HIV combination prevention services. The self-assessment tool can be used to monitor and assess community services and identify points for improvements, as well as to support advocacy efforts on upscaling HIV combination prevention services. Several community organisations will start testing the checklist shortly. The first results will hopefully be presented at the HepHIV Conference in November 2023, where the monitoring tool will be presented.

EACS COMMUNITY SESSION ON HARM REDUCTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Combination Prevention and Quality of Life Programmes are organizing a session “Empowering communities and clinicians for harm reduction and mental health” on 19 October (12:15-13:15) at the EACS conference in Warsaw. The session aims at strengthening dialogue between community and clinicians on the topic, as well as highlighting promising practices. Ann Piercy, EATG Member, and Marios Parczewski, MD, will host speakers zooming the realities of people who do chemsex (Jorge Garrida, Apoyo Positivo), migrants in precarious situation who use drugs (Marios Arzemi, Positive Voice) and the need for gender-transformative services (Amanita Calderon-Cifuentes, TGEU). Marios Parczewski will also provide experience from a health care provider perspective.

Endorse the Long-Acting Injectable PrEP in Europe Manifesto

The Community Manifesto for HIV Long-Acting Injectable PrEP in Europe outlines four key pillars for pushing for new PrEP technologies and increase access to different forms of PrEP in Europe. The document is the results from a consensus meeting held in Paris in March 2023 between regional and international HIV prevention organisations and activists. It will be updated to reflect the recent authorization of long-acting injectable cabotegravir for HIV PrEP by the European Medicines Agency. The document will be used to further advocacy for its swift introduction and roll-out.

Read the full manifesto here and endorse it through this form!

The CORE project’s upcoming knowledge hub

The CORE project, led by AIDS Action Europe, has launched its new website, click here to visit it! EATG is currently working on the CORE knowledge hub by preparing a series of short and targeted online meetings on testing algorithms and data management. You will hear more about this soon.

Meet the CP Member: Eliane Becks-Nininahazwe

Who is Eliane Becks-Nininahazwe in a nutshell?

I grew up in Burundi during a turbulent period of civil war and I was diagnosed with HIV in 2003. In 2011, I became a Dutch citizen. Since 2015, the year I shared my HIV status with the world, my passion is to make a positive change in the lives of people living with HIV (PLWHIV).

As a woman living with HIV, I dream of a world where PLWHIV are healthy citizens free from stigma. To realise my dream, I am joining forces with the global HIV community and our allies to fight inequalities as HIV Stigma fighter.

Together, we can help to achieve universal access to health services for PLWHIV and empower them to express their needs, break taboos and create a HIV stigma free society.

What is it that you like most about CPP and what makes the programme special?

What I like most about CPP is that there is space for community-led organisations to discuss and implement projects related to Combination Prevention. Examples are SCOPE, update on vaccines, etc. We cannot end HIV stigma if we forget about advocacy on combination prevention. What makes the program relevant to me is the current focus on PrEP for women and that was a strong motivation for me to join CPP.