

DRID meeting 2017 – Session 6 (16 June 2017)

Monitoring the national policy landscape addressing access of PWID to HCV care in Europe

Preliminary results of the EMCDDA “gap survey”

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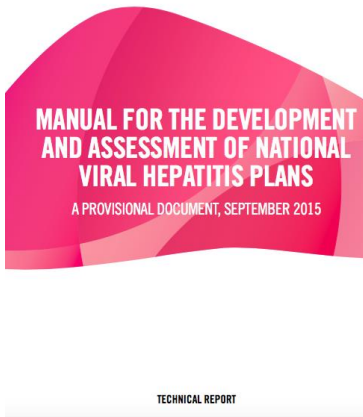
Outline

- Background
- Methods
- Preliminary results

- Country examples: Netherlands, Finland and Greece
- Planned next steps
- Input from the DRID experts:
 - What type of output is useful for member states?

WHO context: Importance of national plans

- WHO/Europe action plan (2018 milestone): "A costed and funded national hepatitis plan with clear targets or a viral hepatitis response plan integrated into a broader health strategy or action plan"



1. Introduction

- 1.1 Background
- 1.2 The importance of planning
- 1.3 Aim and objectives
- 1.4 Target audience
- 1.5 Structure of the manual
- 1.6 How to use the manual, topic guide and template

2. Guiding principles for effective development of a national hepatitis plan

- 2.1 Leadership and governance
- 2.2 Human rights and equity
- 2.3 Health systems strengthening and integration
- 2.4 Evidence-informed policy and planning
- 2.5 Feasibility, cost-effectiveness and impact
- 2.6 A public health approach

3. National planning for hepatitis within the universal health coverage framework

4. Process and steps for developing a national hepatitis plan

- 4.1 Step 1: Preparation
- 4.2 Step 2: Plan development
- 4.3 Step 3: Implementation
- 4.4 Step 4: Monitoring and evaluation

5. Contents of a national hepatitis plan

- 5.1 Health information systems
- 5.2 Providing essential services
- 5.3 Creating populations and achieving equity

6. Template for a national hepatitis plan

- 6.1 Situational analysis, stakeholder mapping and priority setting
- 6.2 Governance and organizational structure
- 6.3 Relationship to other policies, strategies, plans and programmes
- 6.4 Viral hepatitis response
- 6.5 Integration and implementation
- 6.6 Financial framework

7. Monitoring and evaluation framework

- 7.1 Monitoring
- 7.2 Evaluation

Annex 1. Definition of terms

Annex 2. Process for review and update of a national plan and programme

Annex 3. Planning tools

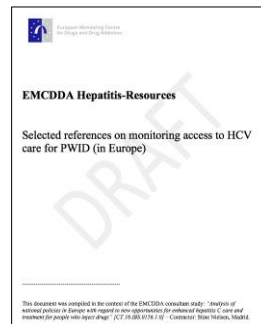
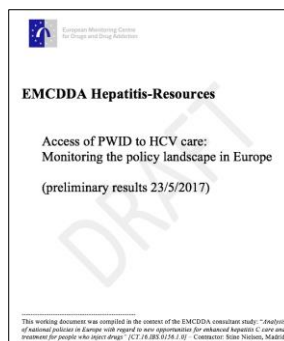
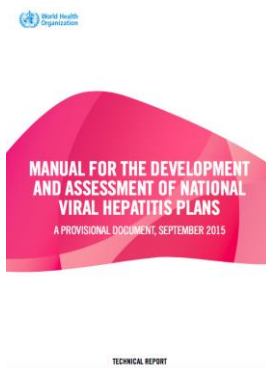
Annex 4. Topic guide for the assessment of a national programme

Annex 5. Checklist for initiating or scaling up hepatitis treatment

References

Background

- WHO/Europe 2018 milestone
- National HCV policies = National strategies, action plans, guidelines on HCV prevention and treatment
 - An indicator of commitment; but policies often without budgets attached
 - Used for advocacy by civil society



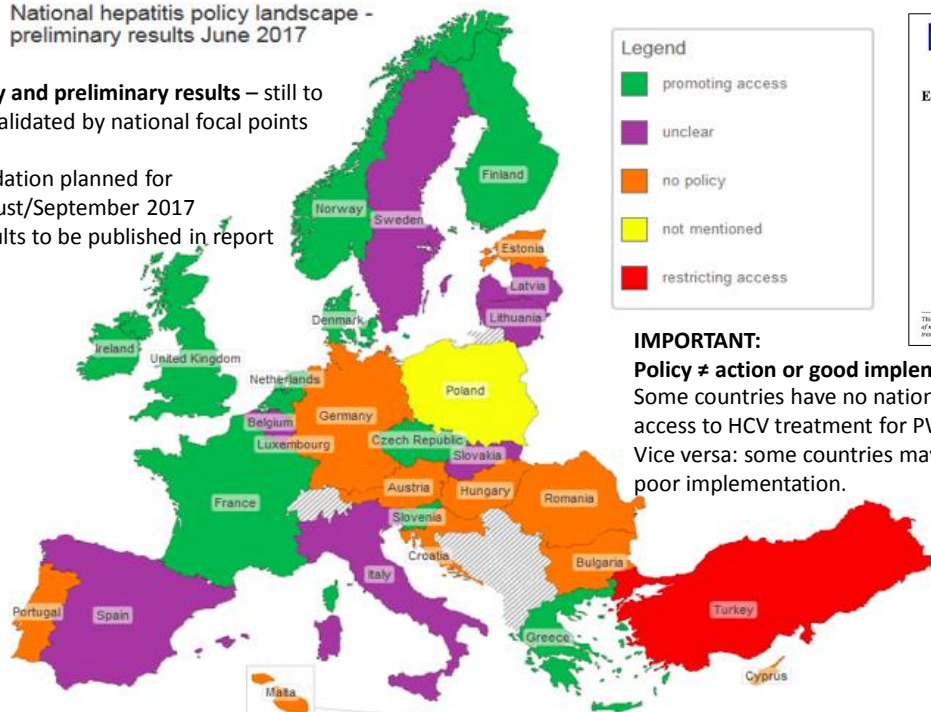
Methods

- Review of the following sources:
 - EMCDDA HHR + Policy workbooks submitted by Member States
 - National websites and literature
- "Gap-survey" on national HCV policies with DRID experts (April/May 2017)
 - Written feedback from 15 countries: AT, BE, CY, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GR, HR, IT, LU, NO, PO
 - Discussions the last couple of days (DRID/ECDC focal points): N=10
DRID focal points: EE, LV, NL, SE, SI + ECDC focal points: BG, IE, PT, RO, UK
 - Missing (N=5): HU, LT, MT, SK, TR

National hepatitis policy landscape - preliminary results June 2017

Early and preliminary results – still to be validated by national focal points

Validation planned for August/September 2017
Results to be published in report



Thoughts for discussion:

- Using the “momentum” of HCV elimination to improve access to harm reduction services

Barriers for PWID access to DAA in Europe:

- High price of the drugs → restrictions / waiting lists
- Poor linkage to care / services not adapted to needs of PWID
- Concerns about re-infection rates – need to strengthen prevention
- Stigma & discrimination

Thank you

Points for discussion

- Is there a need for defining what is a national HCV policy / strategy / action plan / guideline?
- Suggestions for categories to classify national HCV policies: [INPUT WELCOME]
 - No national policy
 - *Policy planned?*
 - HCV policy: Restricting PWID access to HCV Tx
 - HCV policy: No mention of PWID access to HCV Tx
 - HCV policy: unclear if PWID access to HCV Tx addressed
 - HCV policy: Promoting PWID access to HCV Tx