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Situation with PrEP in EECA Region

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ECOM Position on PrEP

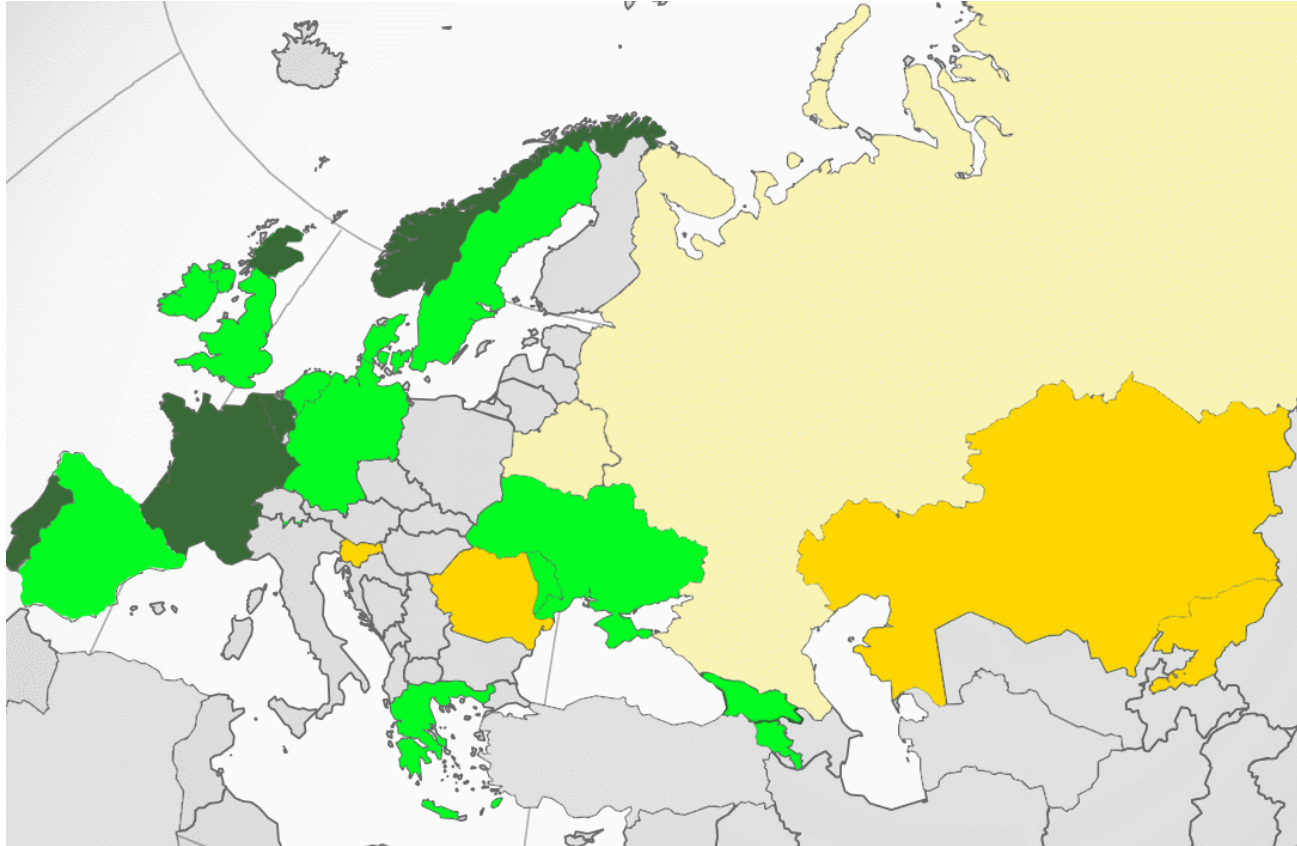
- PrEP should be available for gay men and other MSM, and transgender people
- PrEP should be funded by national budget; option of self-funding by users must be available
- PrEP should be a subject of close collaboration between CBOs and health institutions

HIV Infection among MSM in EECA – concentrated epidemic

	%	ГОД
Armenia	2	2018
Azerbaijan	2,2	2016
Belarys	5,7	2015
Georgia	21,7	2015
Kazakhstan	6,2	2017
Kyrgyzstan	6,3	2013
Latvia	7,8	2010
Lithuania	5,9	2016

	%	ГОД
Moldova	9 Кишинев	2016
Russia	7.1 Москва,	2017
	16.5 Екатеринбург,	
	22.8 С-Петербург	
Tajikistan	2,0	2017
Ukraine	7,5	2017
Uzbekistan	3,3	2013
Estonia	7,0	2013

- **Assessment of PrEP Availability, Main Barriers for PrEP Initiation and Scale up in EECA Region**
- Authors: Marina Kornilova, Gennady Roshchupkin
- With support of ViiV Healthcare
- Desk review, online questionnaire, in-depth interviews
- July – September 2018
- 15 countries, including 12 countries of EECA (all except for Lithuania, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan)



Pilot Projects

Georgia (Aug. 2017)

Ukraine (Jan. 2018)

Moldova (end 2018)

Armenia (beginning 2019)

Planning

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan

Discussion

Russia, Belarus

Target groups

- Georgia – MSM and TG
- Ukraine – MSM and TG + sex workers and HIV-negative partners in discordant couples
- Moldova – MSM and HIV-negative partners in discordant couples
- Armenia – all
- Kazakhstan – MSM and partners in discordant couples
- Kyrgyzstan – MSM and partners in discordant couples, *pending focus groups*
- Russia – MSM and discordant couples are being discussed

Service Models

Georgia and Ukraine

- Pilot projects 100 clients, Georgia roll-out to 250, Ukraine roll-out to 2,800
- Based in state healthcare institutions with involvement of community based organizations
- TDF/FTC generic, daily 1 pill
- Funding: donors (Georgia – GF, Ukraine – PEPFAR/CDC, roll-out under GF)

Armenia

- Target group – all
- Self-funded by participants, 150 USD per year
- 6 participants

Moldova

- 4 participants

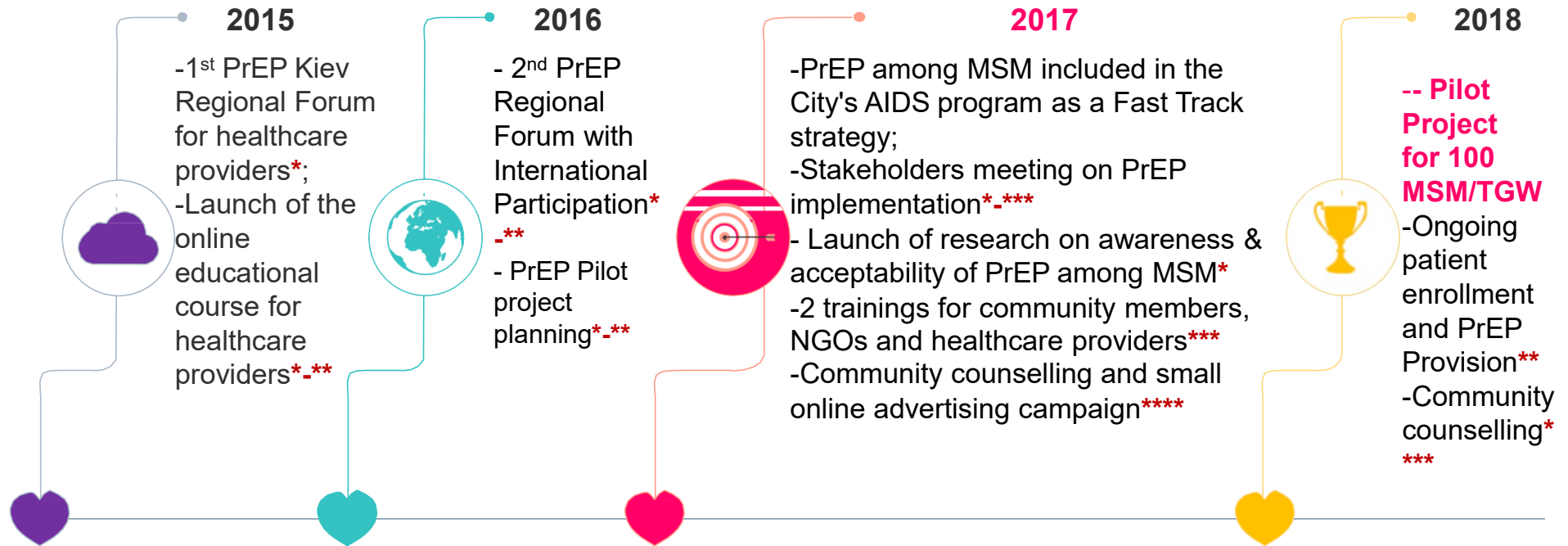
Total EECA

- 210 participants?

Normative basis

- Truvada and TDF/FTC generics are registered in all countries
 - In Russia only for treatment but can be used for ‘scientific purposes’ in pilot projects
- Clinical protocols for PrEP delivery are developed in the 3 countries already piloting PrEP: Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
 - Ukraine: local protocol for the pilot project, WHO protocol for the roll-out
 - Armenia: not a protocol but a schematic short description of PrEP delivery in the MoH Guidelines on HIV Prevention and Treatment
- PrEP is part of the HIV National Strategy in 3 countries: Armenia, Georgia, and Moldova

PrEPparation in Ukraine



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Barriers

- Lack of **information and knowledge** in communities; the biggest obstacle
- No **demand** from potential clients
- Lack of **commitment** and support from health specialists and officials
- Limited **funding**
- Excessive **medicalization**
- **Stigma** and discrimination against the key populations
- Insufficient **political** and legislative **support**

Recommendations (1)

- Creating demand for PrEP in the communities
- Breaking myths and misconceptions about PrEP
- Strengthened advocacy for PrEP; a regional plan and partnership
- Introduction of PrEP into national HIV strategies, other documents guiding the HIV response
- Cross-border cooperation and experience exchange of community activists and health professionals

Recommendations (2)

- Technical support on PrEP planning and implementation to health officials, health professionals and NGOs
- Low-threshold and client-centered approach for PrEP implementation
- Addressing stigma and discrimination
- Integration of STI prevention and treatment in PrEP programs



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