

MSM social mobilization and advocacy in Ukraine

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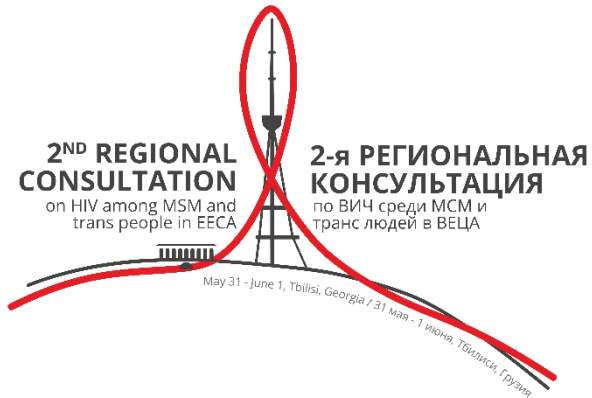
On April 12, 2017, Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministers issued the order no 263 according to which the National Council (at the Cabinet of Ministers) should have one seat reserved for a representative of "NGOs representing men who have sex with men".

According to the same order, this representative can also be elected through a due process to become one of the two Deputy Heads of the National Council.



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Standing Committees of the National Council

1). Programme Committee

MSM representative: Andrei Chernyshev

2). Regional Policy Committee

MSM representative: Sviatoslav Sheremet

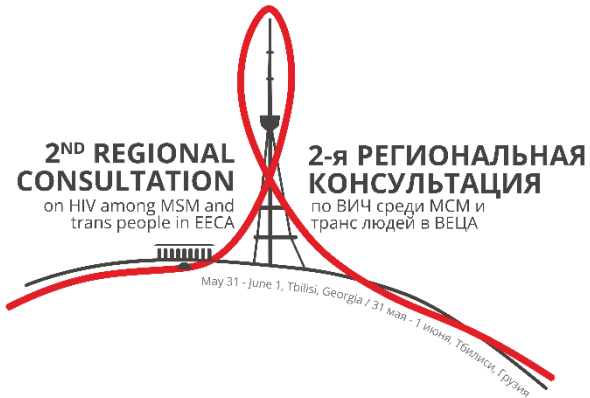
3). Oversight Committee

MSM representative: no representative.



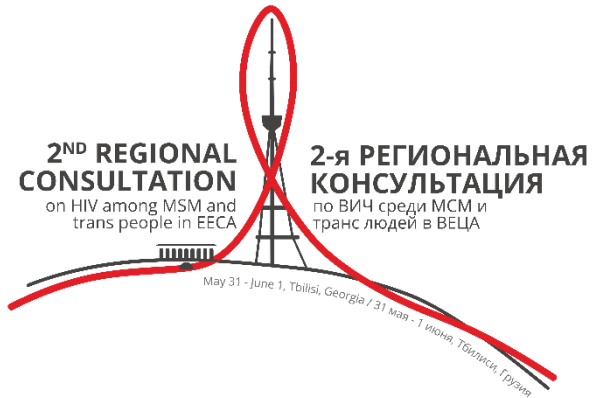
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Local HIV/TB Coordination Councils: improving the quality of their work

- 1) To modify model provision on local HIV/TB coordination bodies to ensure representation of MSM and sex workers;
- 2) to develop transparent elections mechanism and hold elections for the positions of the main and alternative representatives of the key populations;
- 3) to become members of the local coordination councils.



National Platform of Key Populations (NPKP)

Brings together key populations' leaders and activists (currently PUD, sex workers, LGBT and former prison inmates) to develop common positions and instruments to influence policy-makers and decision-making processes on the national level, as well as to build capacity and exchange information and experiences among key populations' representatives.



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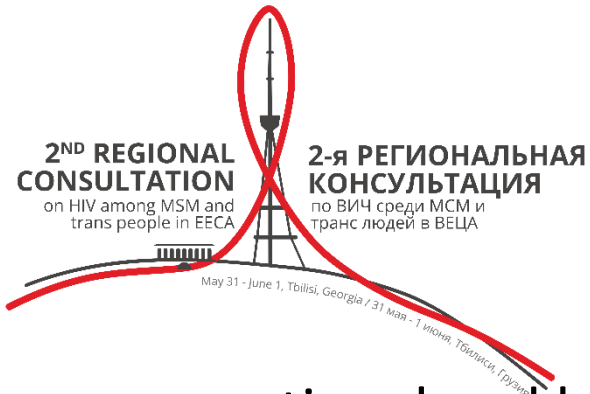
NPKP's Objectives

1. Ensure community participation in decision-making around issues related to healthcare reform, effective HIV/TB response and upholding of their human rights.
2. Ensure key vulnerable populations' access to needs based, community led services which are funded from the national and local level budgets.
3. Implement joined advocacy to reduce stigma and achieve legislative change aimed at eliminating discrimination and protecting human rights.



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Recommendations

1. Increase national and local level MSM advocacy with decision-makers to increase community's access to state funding for MSM and TG medical and social programmes, as well as to decrease stigma and discrimination against MSM/LGBT (developping and implementing policies, participation in coordination mechainsms, etc.).
2. Strengthening partnerships with other key populations (sex workers, people who use drugs, former prison inmates) for joined national and local level HIV and human rights advocacy (presenting a united front).



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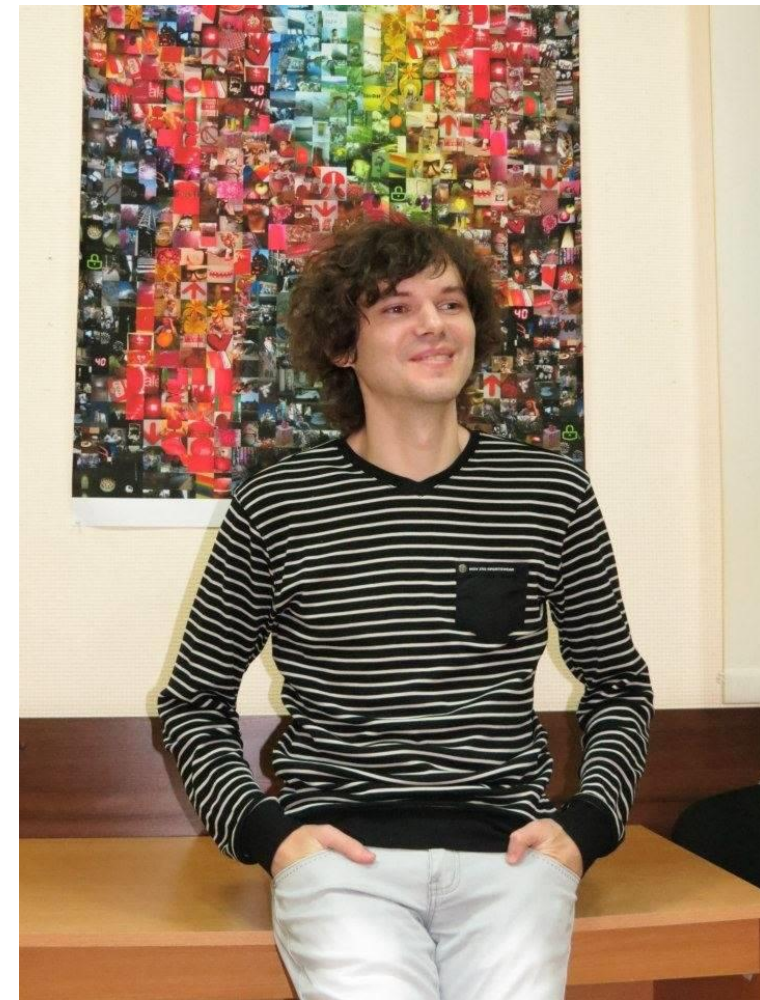
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