

A meaningful involvement of civil society



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 **AIDS
ACTION
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The Start of the CSF



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- Dublin Declaration & Vilnius Declaration
- EU started policy process on EU
- Creation of the Think Tank
- Civil Society in Think Tank ('04) AAE & EATG
- Civil Society Forum ('05)
- First round: CSF '05 – 07
- Second round: CSF '07 – '10

The Civil Society Forum



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- Advise the Think Tank on HIV/AIDS
- Set our own agenda on advocacy
- 40 positions for civil society-organizations, networks on all issues concerned: general, prisoners, MSM, drug users, youth, sex workers, PLHIV, international organizations
- Coordinated by EATG and AIDS Action Europe

Our expertise



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- Civil society is at the forefront of the fight
- 'civil society': activists & NGO's
- we do work in practice: prevention, services, outreach programs
- strong link to vulnerable groups: people who use drugs, MSM, sex workers, prisoners, migrants
- strong liaison with people living with HIV

Our reference



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- Universal access to prevention, treatment care and support
- the Human Rights framework
- Evidence based practice
- No time to lose!

Our results



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- Advise to Think Tank
 - * human rights
 - * migrants
 - * IDU / Harm Reduction
- Influence Agenda of Think Tank
- Major role in communication paper
- Given a voice to civil society
- Capacity building
- Letters & Petitions

CSF and Presidencies



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1. Bremen

- All SCF members invited
- Community in Country delegations
- Co-chairs were invited to speak
- Meeting with German Minister

2. Lisbon

- First National AIDS Coordinators meeting
- Community recommendation on Migrants
- Presentation of SCF

Community and WHO



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1. CBOs Consultation, Berlin October 2005
2. MoU with AAE & EATG
3. Guidelines
4. WHO Regional Committee, September 2006
5. HIV Transmission & Criminalisation, October 2006
6. Dublin Declaration Monitoring
7. Consultations in T&C, Yerevan April 2007, Lisbon June 2007
8. HIV & STIs among MSM Consultation, Bled, May 2008

CSF to ECDC



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- MoU (Memorandum of Understanding)
- Advisory Forum
- Work Plan
- ECDC in SCF
- SCF in Consulations
- Annual co-chairs' visit



Successes



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- A voice for civil society at EU level
- Major influence on Think Tank
- Major influence on EU policy
- Recognition of EU by international organizations (WHO, UNAIDS, ECDC, ILO)
- Influence on agenda of some presidencies
- Giving civil society advocacy tools in country
- Stronger collaboration between civil society

Our challenges



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- We know what should be done – why don't we do it!
- The EU as a bureaucratic system
- Who has time to do the work on EU level?
- Transform words/declarations into action
- Too little money: towards developing countries and in our own region!
- role civil society is not recognized in countries with epidemic out of control

Discussion



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1. How can you use us more effectively?
2. Can you use this model in your country?
3. Which priorities should the EU set in new policy?