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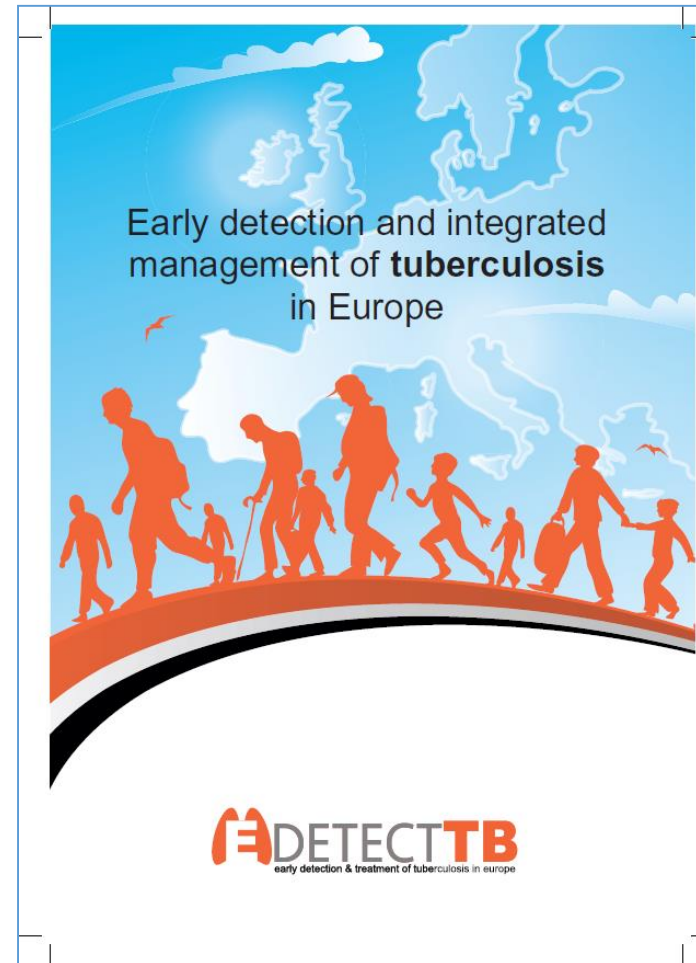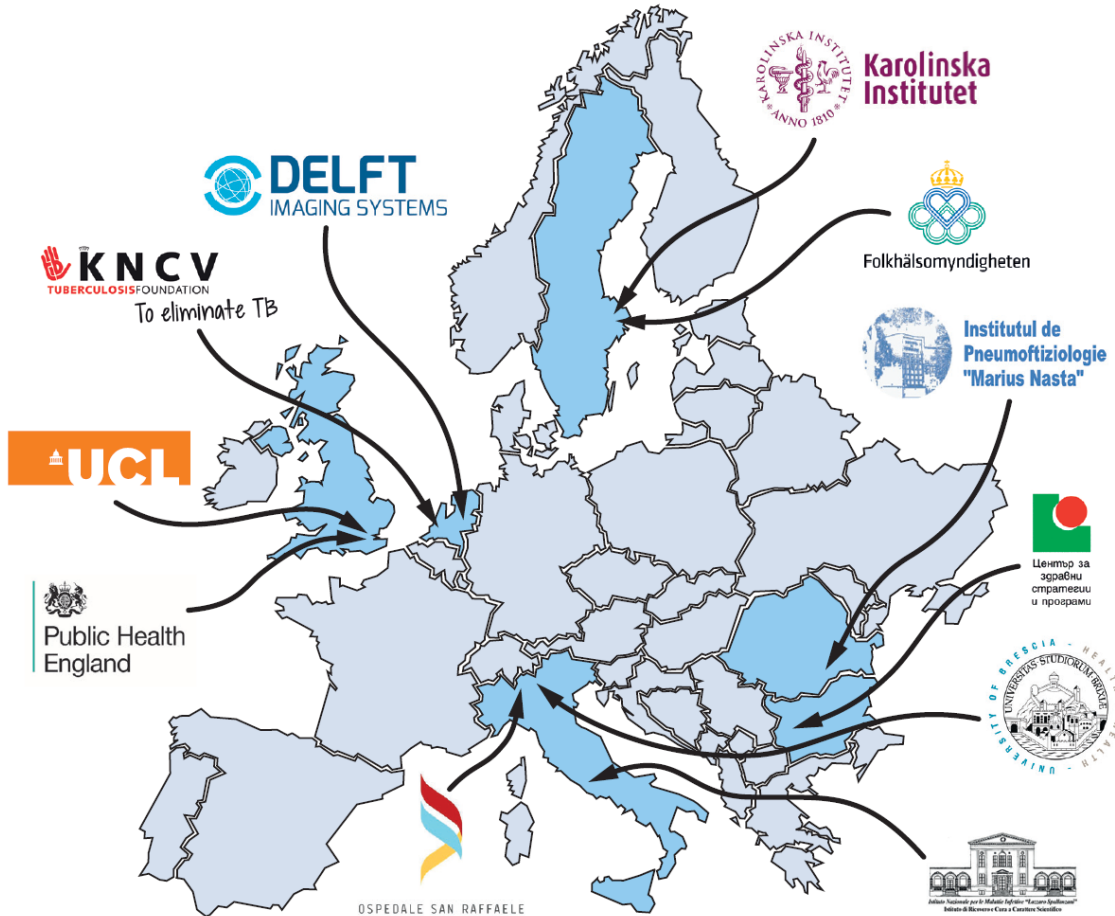## May 2016 – May 2019

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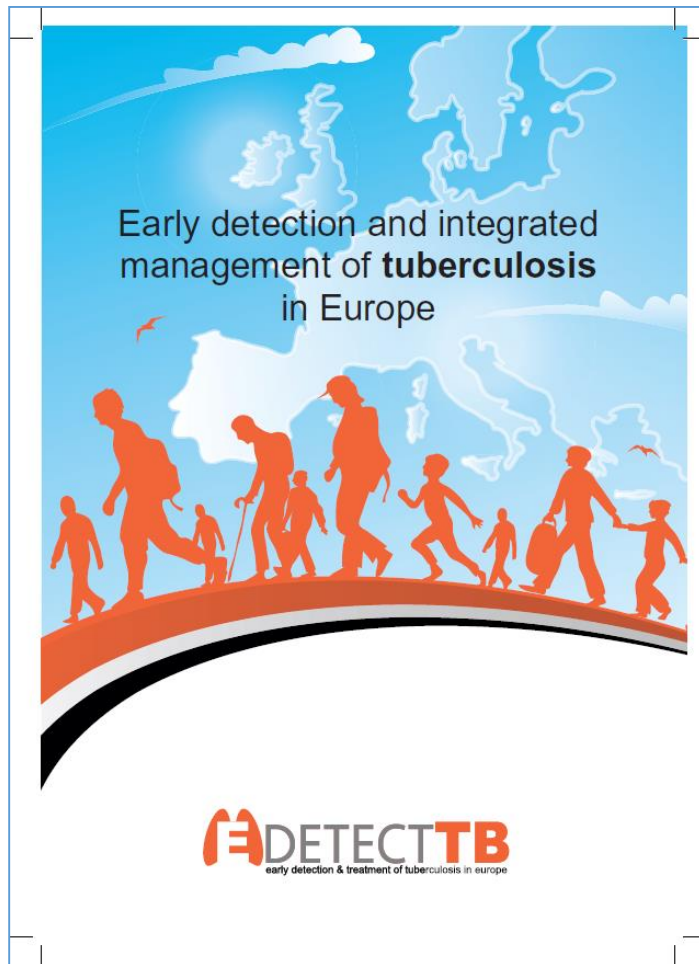5. Expected outcomes
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The E-DETECT TB consortium

What is E-DETECT TB about?

Early detection and integrated management of **tuberculosis** in Europe

"A practical programme of translational research"

It brings partners together, share their experiences and exploit new technologies and advances in knowledge to TB control.

Vision, goal and targets 2035

Vision: A world free of TB
Zero TB deaths, Zero TB disease, and Zero TB suffering

Goal: End the Global TB epidemic (<10 cases per 100,000)

Target 1	Target 2	Target 3
95% reduction in deaths due to TB (compared with 2015)	**90% reduction in TB incidence rate (compared with 2015)**	**No affected families face catastrophic costs due to TB**

Background TB in EU/EEA

1. High burden of 60,195 cases reported in 30 EU/EEA countries in 2016
   - Slow decline - 3.8% per year in the last five years
   - 4.1% multidrug resistant (MDR) TB
   - Romania accounted for 25% of all cases

2. Vulnerable groups at risk for TB
   - Migrants
   - Prisoners
   - People using illicit drugs
   - Homeless people
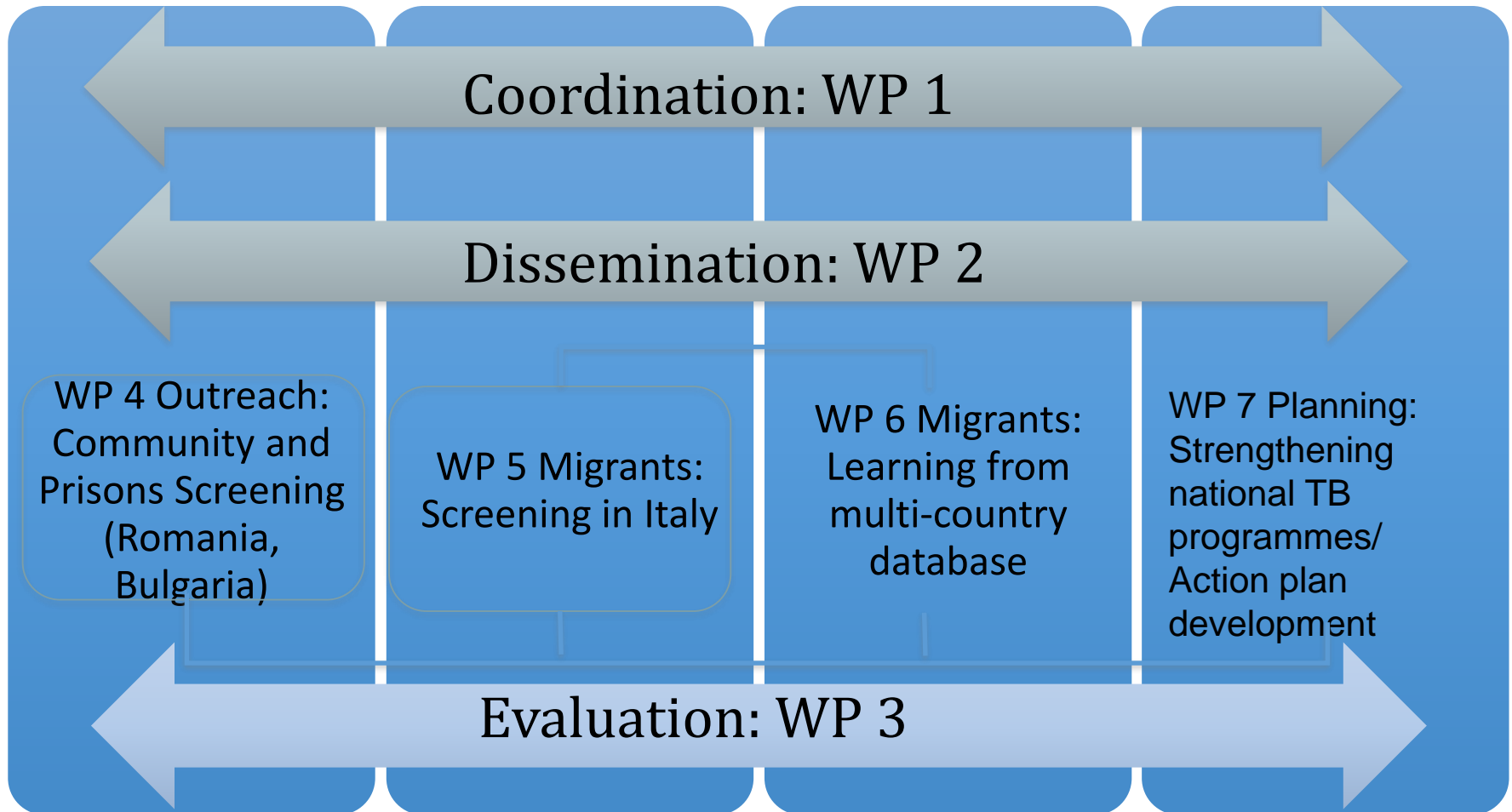   - People living with HIV

Objectives

1. To ensure **early diagnosis** in vulnerable populations-defined as **homeless individuals, Roma, those with a history of drug use** within the community, **and prisoners-** in two high incidence European countries (Romania and Bulgaria). (WP4)

2. To strengthen **care integration using an outreach strategy within the same vulnerable populations in Romania.** (WP4)

Objectives

3. To evaluate approaches for **migrant TB detection** and improve European **cross-border management** by:
   a) **early detection and care integration** in individuals arriving via the Mediterranean Sea in Italy using **innovative molecular testing** at immigration reception centres and **novel latent TB tests**. (WP5)
   b) ensuring **cross-border** transfer of information and referral of patients. (WP5)
   c) collating, analysing and evaluating multi-country data on TB and LTBI screening in **migrants** to low-incidence countries to inform effective strategies. (WP6)

4. To support the development of **action plans** in Member States by adapting best practice approaches. (WP7)
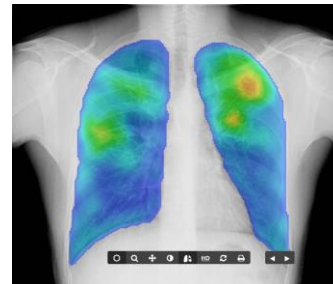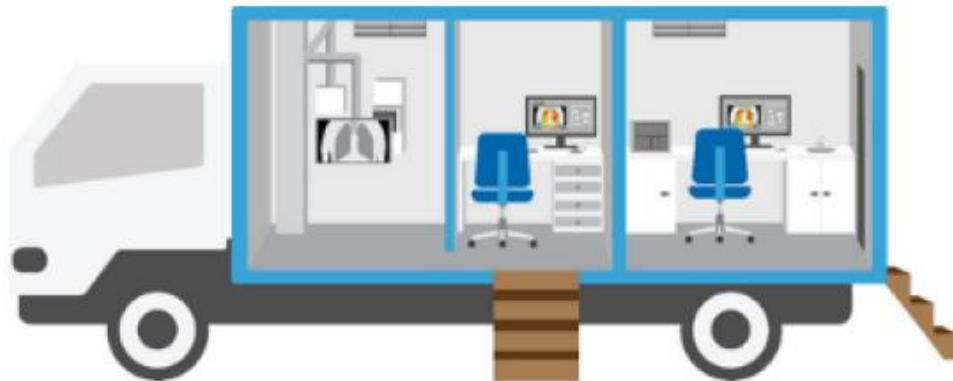
Methods: Work packages

Coordination: WP 1

Dissemination: WP 2

WP 4 Outreach: Community and Prisons Screening (Romania, Bulgaria)

WP 5 Migrants: Screening in Italy

WP 6 Migrants: Learning from multi-country database

WP 7 Planning: Strengthening national TB programmes/ Action plan development

Evaluation: WP 3

Work package 4

- **Project in Romania (and pilot in Bulgaria).** Note: built on previous experience in Rotterdam and London (Find & Treat project)

- **Screening with a mobile van/unit**
  - with digital x-ray and computer automated reading (CAD4TB)
  - and molecular tests (Xpert MTB/RIF)

Work package 4 – Mobile van
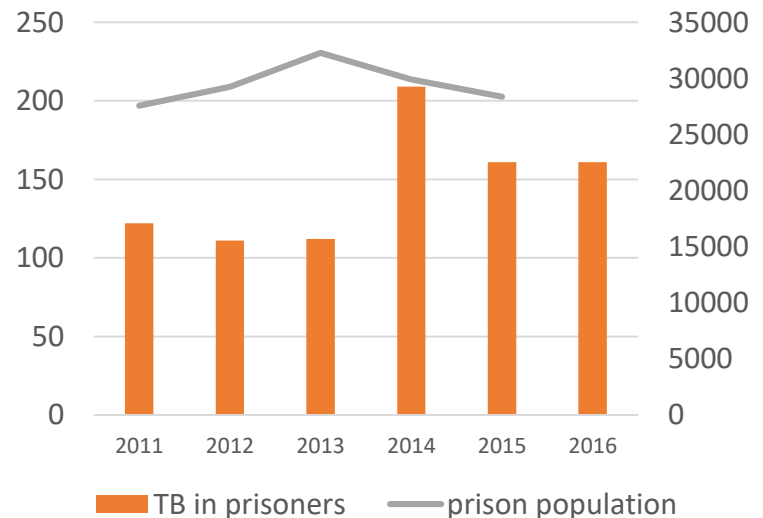
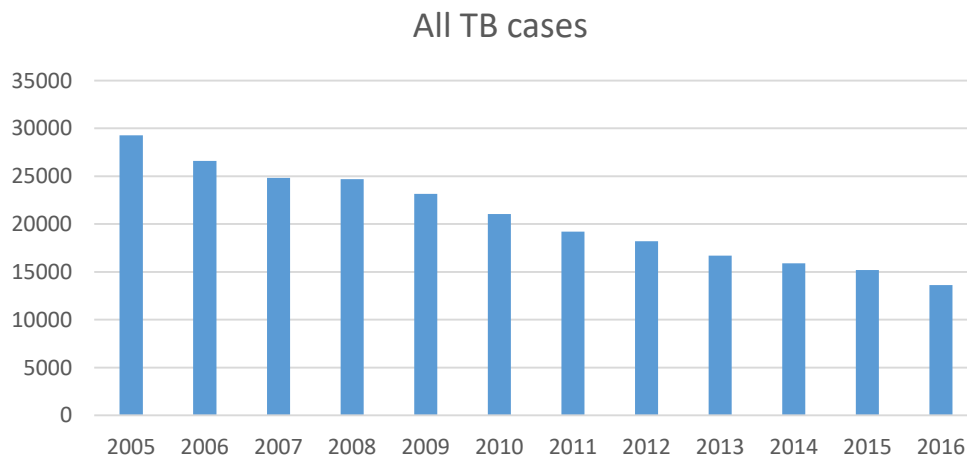# Work package 4 – Training

- Pulmonologists
  May 2017

- Field visit
  (London)
  September 2017

Work package 4: Target populations

- Prisoners (those with TB: 2% die; 4% default treatment)

- People using illicit drugs (those with TB: 16% die; 20% default treatment; 86% is HIV co-infected)

- Homeless people (those with TB: 20% die; 24% default treatment)

- Roma

Work package 4: Integrated care

- **One-stop 'shop'**
  - Accompanied referral (with peer support)
  - Treatment by the National TB Programme
  - Treatment support (with directly or video observed treatment; DOT - VOT)
  - Psychosocial support
    - Housing
    - Addiction
    - Mental health
    - Destitution/poverty
    - Criminal justice
  - Collaboration with partners

Work package 4: Collaboration

- **Collaboration**
  - with healthcare and other providers (Prison authorities ANP, ARAS, Caroussel, Save the Children, etc.)
  - with communities (Roma population)
  - with peers

- **Opportunities for integrated testing and care coordination (move from Mobile X-ray Unit (MXU) to Mobile Health Unit (MHU)**
  - Blood-born viruses (HIV/Hepatitis)
  - Addiction ➔ Recovery

Expected outcome

WP4: Outreach activity in Romania and Bulgaria
- Number of active TB cases detected using MXU in Romania and Bulgaria
- Number of patients treated in Romania and Bulgaria

WP5: Implement and evaluate migrant TB detection in Italy
- Number of latent and active TB cases detected in migrants in Italy
- Linkage to care among detected migrants in Italy

WP6: Creating a database listing active and latent TB cases
- Multi-country data platforms for (latent) TB established and analysed

WP7: Strengthening national TB programmes
- A TB strategy prioritisation, action and support plan developed

Tools planned

- **Questionnaires**
  - WP4: mobile screening data, supported referral and clinical outcome and WP5: latent and active TB

- **Diagnostics**
  - ULTRA (test), OMNI (portable platform), QFT plus, Teleradiology + CAD4TB

- **Databases**
  - WP4: digital x-ray, screening data, clinical data, microbiology results, outcome data
  - WP5 & 6: Latent TB screening database, Active TB screening database

- **Trainings**
  - WP4: MXU training, WP5: screening training, WP2: overall dissemination training package

- **Reports and Survey**
  - Interim and final reports, evaluation report (including cost-effectiveness), country specific reports, peer reviewed papers from each WP and survey in WP7

Thank you for listening!