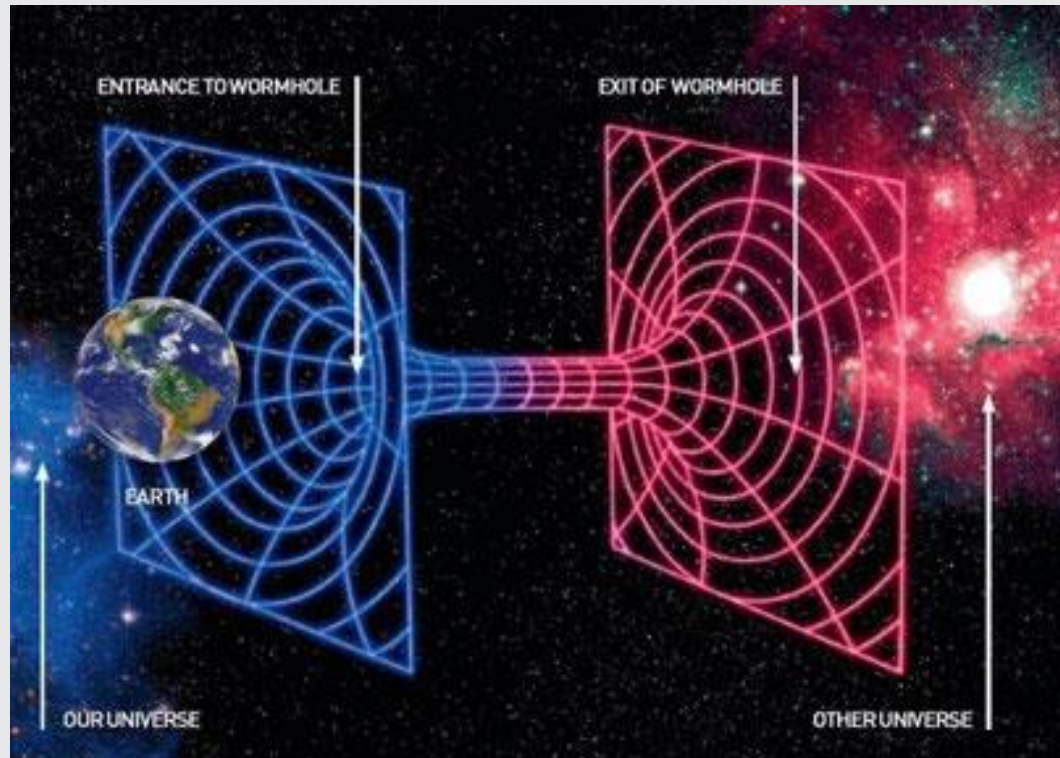


Engage Civil Society at national level and connect with GO

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Sometimes this is my picture of EU organizations and national civil society: two parallel universes





The two universes

EU Level/international level

- Develop guidelines, publications, technical reports
- Ambitious to work state of the art in prevention, diagnostics, treatment
- Lobby for important issues
- Release projects with membership participation

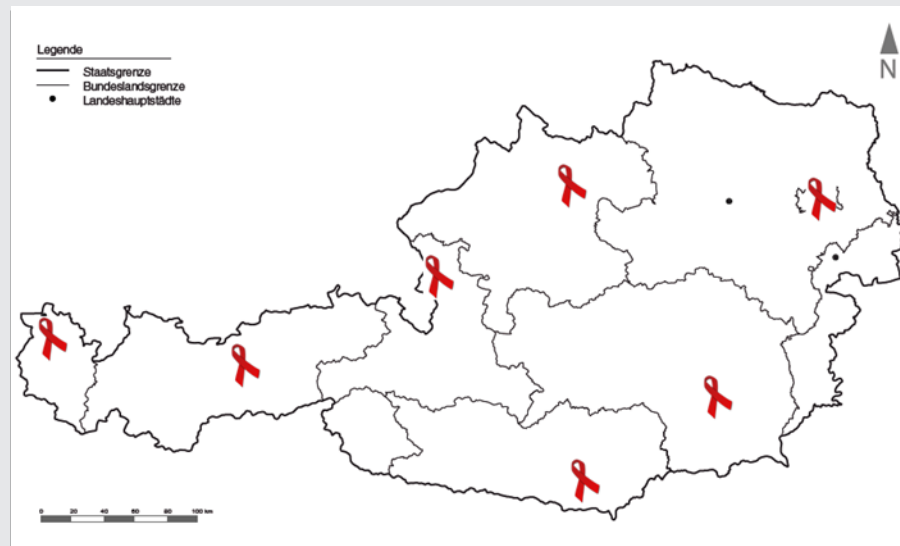
National level/regional level

- Don't see the benefit
- ETW – engagement decreased
- Joint Action – national training but hard to establish lasting commitment
- Many thresholds to receive information

The Situation in Austria

Civil Society in Austria

- 7 independent NGOs focusing on HIV/AIDS



Barriers for better national cooperation

- Barriers on the Civil Society level
- Barriers on the GO level



Ideas how to overcome the barriers



- Demonstrate the benefit
- Improve access to information
- Improve structures
- Improve political and civil society leadership
- Improve use of new technologies

The international regional conference



International regional Conference

- A two day conference where european/international organisation should:
 - Demonstrate the benefit of their work to the regional level
 - Help to improve access to information and how to use the information on a regional level



1. Day

- Invite Networks/Organizations:
 - ECDC and CSF
 - EATG/ECAB and Aids Action Europe
 - NeLP and HIV-Justice
- with the goal that NGOs on a regional level
 - Get a better picture of the European infrastructure and how they can make better use of it
 - Find ways to better access to the state of the art knowledge



2.Day

I. Workshops to use state of the art knowledge to adopt to regional situation

Riskmanagement	VCT	Treatment Cascade
PreP and other prevention tools	CBVCT strategies and test strategies	barriers
ChemSex-Sextourisme	HIV test services: selftesting, rapid testing, window period	Viral load
Condoms	Further test services: STD. viral Hepatitis	lifestyle
Hard to reach MSM	Broader counselling, multiprofessional networks, anonymity	criminalization



Possible Participating countries

- Austria
- Slovenia
- Slovakia
- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Germany
- Serbia
- Croatia