



# State of play of international TB and viral hepatitis advocacy and examples on integrated approaches

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# About ELPA

ELPA is a patient-driven association devoted to patients rights. ELPA seeks to make a difference through preventing liver disease, timely diagnosis, treatment and care with respect, equality, teamwork, cooperation, networking and through a cost effective approach.

- ELPA is also an umbrella organization with 35 members in 27 countries.
- We have a star oriented organization and want to move to network oriented organization.
- We have a university for our members to improve their knowhow and impact in their countries.

ELPA has been established to work on European level and support its members.

# Some numbers

- Worldwide 130 mio chronically ill
- Cause 350.000 – 500.000 deaths each year
- Germany 250.000 (150 - 385) infected with HCV
- At least 1.300 deaths per year

Source (EcoHep Report Germany)

Our goal for viral hepatitis: **ELIMINATION**

Which key elements are needed?

- Harmonized surveillance
- Prevention of Transmission
- Significantly improved diagnosis
- Equal and affordable access to latest medication (INF free DAAs)

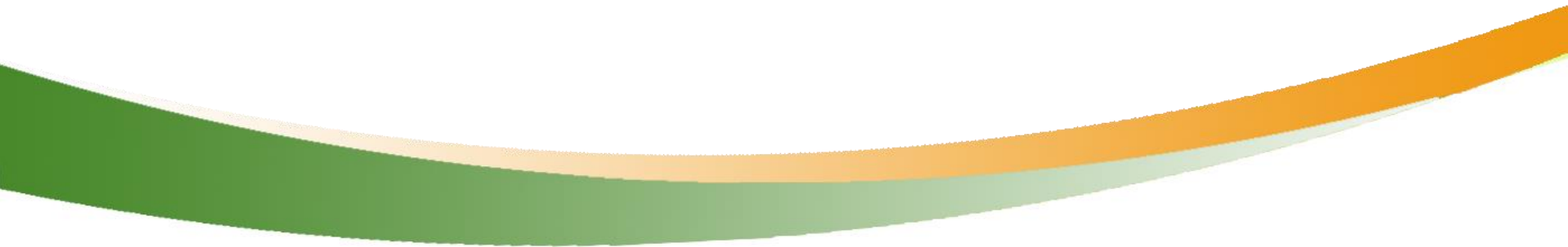
# Viral hepatitis advocacy: State of our work

- *Strategy and Programs existing (e.g.):*
  - *Scotland,*
  - *France,*
  - *Iceland,*
  - *Portugal*
- *Netherlands (strategy in process),  
Germany (strategy per cabinet resolution)*

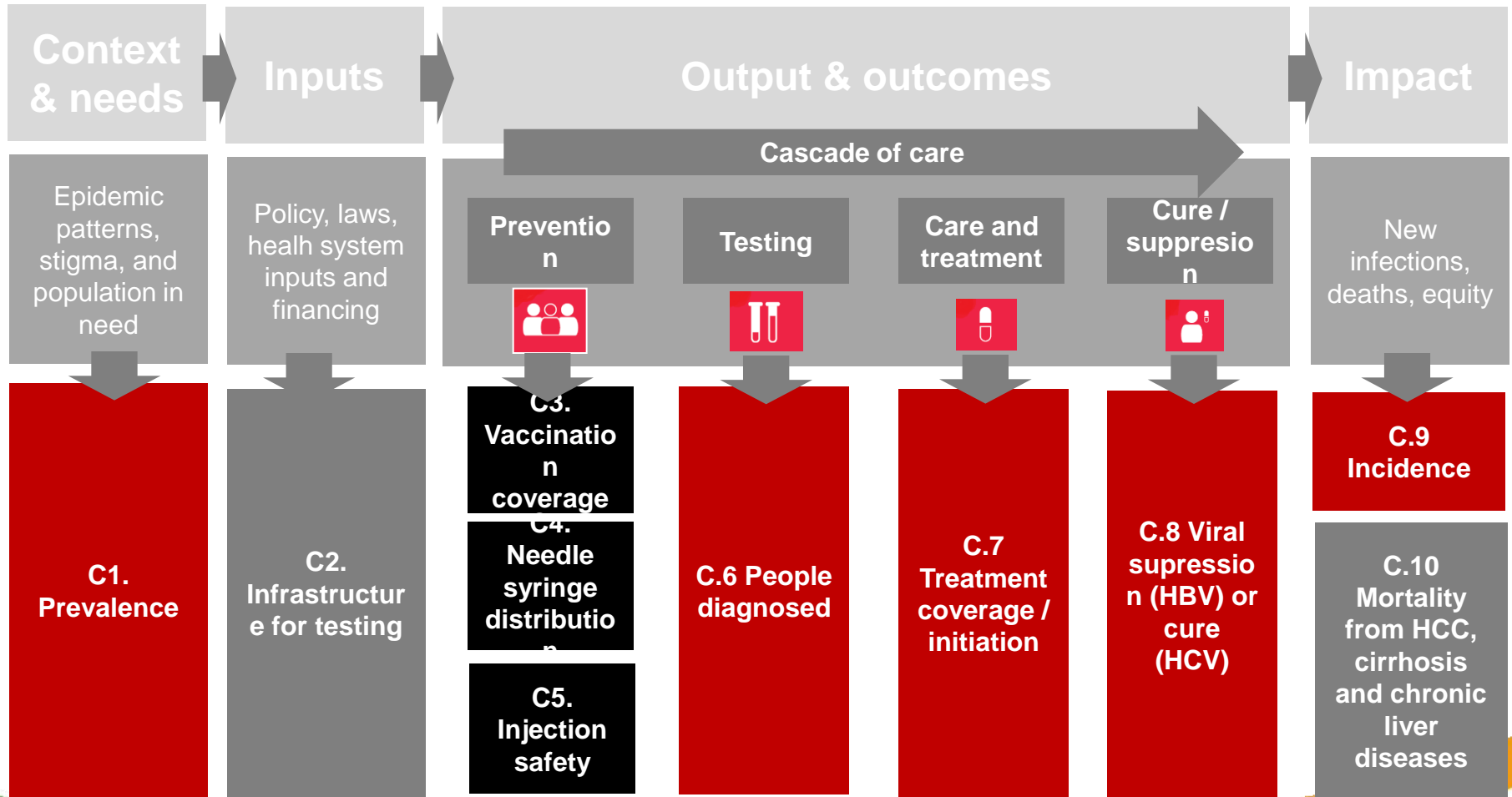
What has changed?

HCV is now a curable disease!

But not much happens!



# 5 INDICATORS PARALLELING THE HIV APPROACH



# The process

- Joint statement backed by ECDC and WHO
- Framework → update on Dublin Declaration
- ? A lot of supporting and guiding tools needed.




# Testing week

The current date drowns!

- Pros for change to 3rd week of May:
  - Its neutral
  - HIV wins another week of highly visible action
  - November is too loud!
- Cons: ?

ELPA Members think that turning it into a month long action will help!



# *Hepatitis specific risk groups:*

- *Blood transfusions before 1992,*
- *Interventions in unhygienic settings (Certificate of hygiene)*
  - *War*
  - *Tattoos*
  - *Dentist*
  - *Pedology*

→ Heterogenous risk groups:  
opportunity in primary care?

Currently underutilized – non-inclusion of liver enzyme tests in reimbursed medical check-ups

Thank you