



*Key developments in HIV criminalisation in
EU/EECA and around the world*

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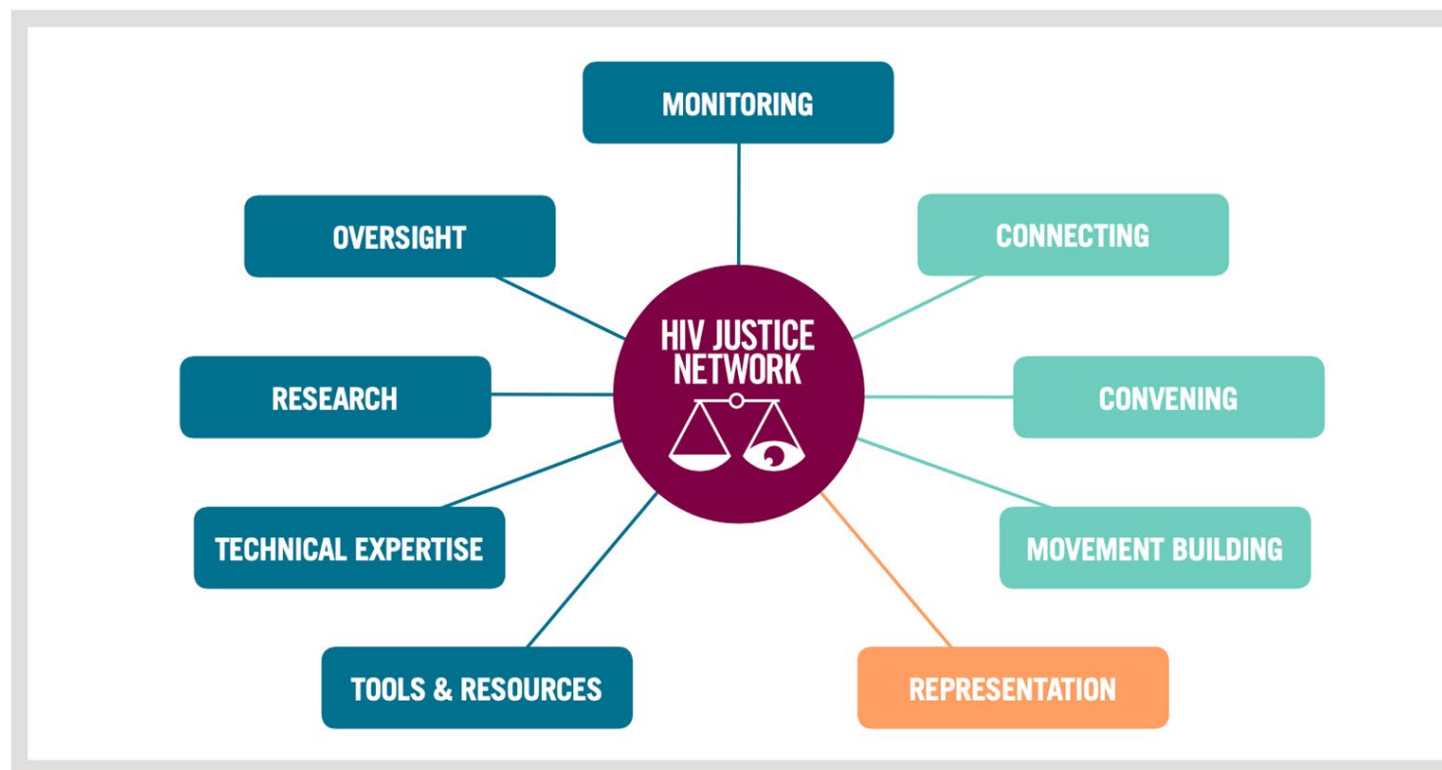


Our mission is to support individuals, communities, and organisations around the world to effectively advocate against discriminatory laws, policies and practices that unjustly regulate, control, or criminalise people living with HIV.

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GLOBAL HIV CRIMINALISATION DATABASE

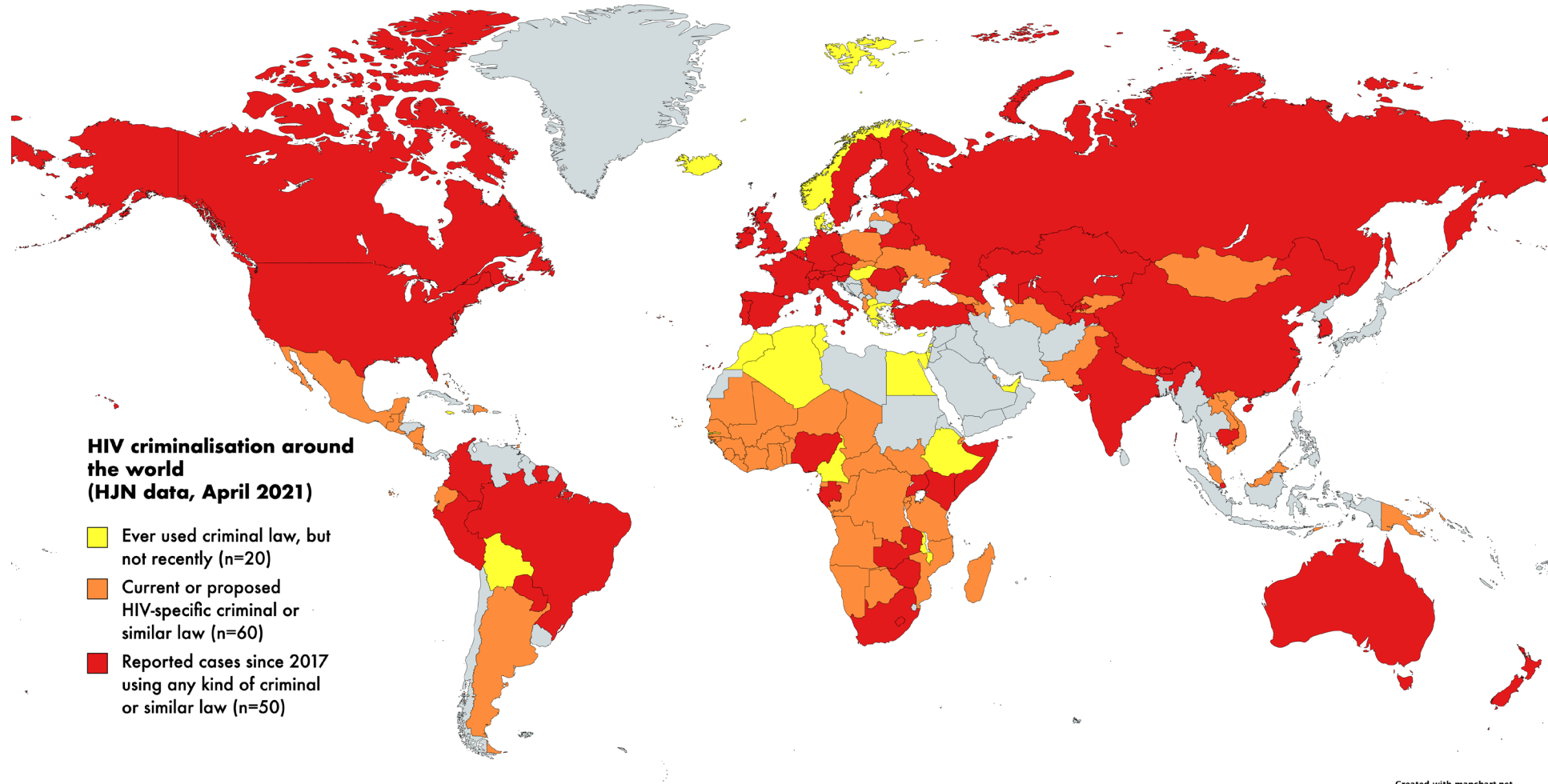
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HIV criminalisation update, 2021

- Fewer reported HIV criminalisation cases worldwide in 2021
 - 46 in 2021 vs 87 (2020) vs 131 (2019) but HIV criminalisation is not over!
- Most EU/EECA cases in Russia (16), then Italy (2), and single case reports in Belarus, France, Iceland, Kazakhstan, and UK.
 - Most for non-disclosure prior to sex – only some allege transmission.
 - UK case was for biting, one Russian case related to sharing injecting drug equipment and one Italian case was for intent with HIV-infected blood in needles.

HIV criminalisation around the world (HJN Data, April 2021)



Recent developments in HIV criminalisation law and policy

2020

- Sweden: Parliament votes to abolish the obligation to disclose HIV status
- Spain: Supreme Court upholds acquittal of man accused of HIV transmission as evidence points to complainant being aware of his status
- Russia: Analysis of use HIV-specific criminal law shows all of the (at least) 60 people prosecuted between 2018-20 were convicted
- Poland: Country's Criminal Code amended to increase sentencing in cases of HIV exposure

2021

- Ukraine: New bill proposes expanding HIV-specific criminal law with harsher sentences for transmitting all serious communicable diseases
- HIV (de)criminalisation one of the 10/10/10 targets in Global AIDS Strategy and HLM Political Declaration
- US state of Illinois completely repeals HIV-specific criminal law; Nevada and Virginia modernises their laws.
- UNDP issues critical Guidance for Prosecutors (English and French now, Spanish and Russian soon)
- UK: England and Wales CPS agrees to publish updated guidance without broadening to 'deliberate deception'.
- HJWW publishes *Molecular HIV Surveillance: A global review of human rights implications*

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