



# Baltic HIV Association: Review 2014

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## Facts about association

- Founded in 2010
- Reg. No. 40008153882
- Address: Druvienas str. 36 -144, LV-1079
- Members of the Board : E. Dompalma-Linuza, A. Karnite, I. Upmace
- 12 members in Latvia and beyond it
- On 19 June 2014 granted public benefit organization status



## Objective defined in Statutes

**To develop programs** on HIV prevention activities and harm reduction, **to participate in the integration of this area** in state and municipal policy documents (guidelines, programs, action plans, etc.), and **to improve access and quality** of HIV / AIDS treatment services in the Baltics.



## Sub-objectives

- **to support network** of HIV prevention and harm reduction service providers in the Baltics in order to strengthen staff capacity by providing regular trainings, PR campaigns, as well as compiling and implementing experience of good practice;
- **to attract financial resources** for HIV prevention activities in the Baltics and for support and development of harm reduction service providers;
- **to carry out researches and surveys** on HIV prevention and harm reduction field;
- **to participate and to give expertise** in preparation of public health and other with HIV prevention connected state and municipality planning documents, guidelines and recommendations.



# Involvement and expertise in Latvia

## Association:

- **involved in work** of HIV, tuberculosis and STI spread controlling commission (Since 2012, represented by I. Upmace)
- **signed memorandum** of NGOs' and Cabinet of Ministers (2013)
- **took part** in ECDC and EMCDDA evaluation visit of HIV/STD situation in Latvia (September, 2014, I. Upmace)



## International involvement and expertise

- **Participation** in the ECDC 2<sup>nd</sup> **expert group meeting** in Stockholm regarding the guidelines of project «HIV and STD prevention for men who have sex with men (MSM)» (January, 2014, I. Upmace)
- **Collaboration agreement** with AIDS and STD epidemiologic center in Catalonia within HIV - COBATEST **project «Practice in HIV diagnostics in Europe»** (December 2014, I. Upmace, I. Bulmistre)



## International involvement and expertise (2)

- Continuing non-formal cooperation with CORRELATION network in Netherlands **on the evaluation of access to services provided for HIV and hepatitis C** (focal point function)
- **Case study on HIV, tuberculosis and other related infections in Latvia** (A. Karnite, I. Upmace, 2014, <http://balthiv.com/noderiga-informacija/petijumi>). Information included in the international report «A REGIONAL ANALYSIS: HIV, TB and Associated Infections (hepatitis B and C, syphilis, gonorrhoea and Chlamydia trachomatis) in the Baltic Sea region countries»

## SIF project

- Project «Facilitation of social including for men who have sexual relationship with men (MSM) by improving health care service access» (agreement No. 2012.EEZ//PP/1/MEC/043/035), project coordinator – I. Upmace):
  - started on January 2014 in collaboration with Society Integration Foundation of the Republic of Latvia
  - implementation period - 18 months
  - total funding - 57 369,78 EUR, association's co-funding 12,85% (7372,02 EUR)
  - project is financially supported by Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.
  - Partners - Ministry of health, association “Mozaika” and gay and lesbian association in Norway



## Implemented activities within SIF project

- Quality research on necessity to improve doctors' knowledge on work with MSM
- Formation of Checkpoint (started 05/03/2014), operating in Stabu str. 19/2 and in 2 night clubs
- Formation of Network of supporting doctors (18 different profile specialists involved)
- Involvement of more than 20 volunteers and 30 doctors, including selection and training
- Evaluation on quality of provided services (questionnaires/ surveys of visitors)
- Informative materials (flyers with doctor contacts, business cards with Checkpoint contacts, brochure for men)
- Development of Checkpoint website [www.testpunkts.lv](http://www.testpunkts.lv), maintenance and update of BaltHIV website [www.balthiv.com](http://www.balthiv.com)



# First 10 month of Chekpoint

Checkpoint room, Stabu str. 19/2, Riga



Since the opening day in March 2014, 133 persons have received Checkpoint services - both men and women. In total Chekpoint has been visited for 140 times.

Checkpoint services - fast, anonymous and free of charge!

Network of Supporting Doctors

Consultations

Information

Lubricants

Condoms

**HIV rapid tests**

**Syphilis rapid tests**

Psychological support

Brochures



# Infographic: statistics

HIV STATISTICS IN LATVIA, 2014 / Source: CDPC/

 **1988400**

Population in Latvia, 31 December 2014

 **4917 or 0,25%**

Number of registered people living with HIV and AIDS in Latvia, 31 December 2014

At least one new case of HIV is discovered EVERY DAY in Latvia. In 2014 this number reached 347 in total.

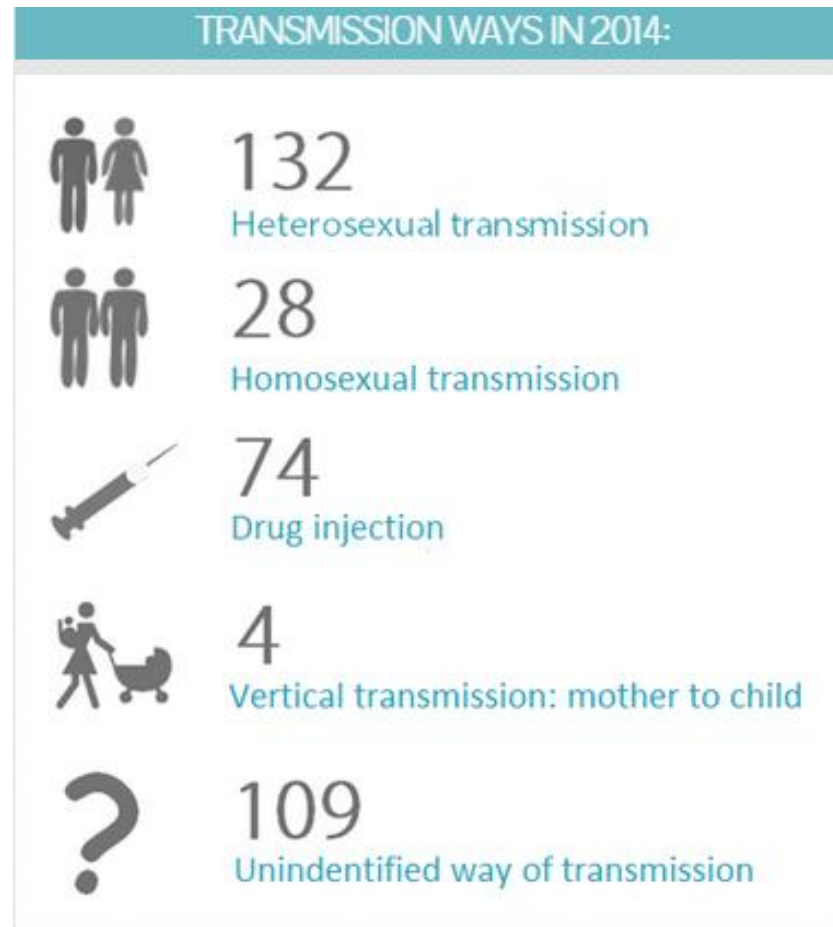
 **111**

New HIV cases within female in 2014

 **236**

New HIV cases within male in 2014

# Infographic: transmission ways



# Infographic: Checkpoint visitors

In total 129 persons have made HIV rapid tests in Checkpoint - 47 or 36,3% of them made it for the first time.



First time

5,26%

HIV positive visitors



HIV positive visitors

HIV negative visitors

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM HIV INFECTION - CHECK YOUR HIV STATUS, USE CONDOM AND BE SURE ABOUT YOURSELF!

## NDPHS project

- Implementation of project «**Building capacity in prevention of HIV and associated infections among youth at high risk**» in cooperation with The Secretariat of the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being (NDPHS), Poland, Russia and Finland. Project coordinator – E. Dompalma-Linuža
  - Agreement No. NDPHS Project #5, financed by European Commission and project member states
  - Implementation period: September 2013 - August 2015
  - Project total budget ~ 375 069,00 EUR, where almost 20 000 EUR assigned for activities coordinated by “Baltic HIV association”



# NDPHS project activities

- Analysis of the situation:
  - Data collection of statistics on HIV and associated infections (AI)
  - Data collection of statistics on associated health behavior among young people
  - Collection of good practice examples on HIV and AI prevention among young people
- Survey within risk groups of young people, in total 403 youngsters interviewed
- Focus group discussions and depth interviews with:
  - experts working with children and youngsters who are at high risk to be involved or are involved in commercial sexual exploitation;
  - experts working with immigrants.
- Organized participation of Latvian representatives in the training session on HIV prevention work in risk groups within young people



## Budget 2014

<b>Income, EUR</b>	<b>52 935,00</b>
From NDPHS project	8 764,00
From SIF project	42 498,00
Member fees	157,00
Donations to SIF project	1 296,00
Donations to NDPHS project	220,00
Contribution of Volunteers (evaluation as co-funding of project)	1 640,00



## Budget 2014

Expenses, EUR	46 739,00
Materials	2 072,00
Services	2 353,00
Training	4 506,00
Transport compensation to the meetings outside Riga	74,00
Stationary	217,00
Brochures, business cards	1 142,00
Representation expenses	4,00

Expenses, EUR	(cont.)
Salaries in NDPHS	9 247,00
Salaries in SIF	20 037,00
Social tax by employer (NDPHS )	2 181,00
Social tax by employer (SIF)	4 723,00
Risk fee	24,00
Communication services	93,00
Bank commissions	71,00