

CALL TO THE EUROPEAN UNION LEADERS AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO REAFFIRM THEIR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT ON HIV/AIDS, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE EUROPE UNION, BY APPROVING A NEW STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN ON HIV/AIDS.

To: José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission

To: Tonio Borg, European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy

Cc: Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament

Cc: Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council

Cc: Lucinda Creighton, Minister for European Affairs of Ireland

Cc: Linas Antanas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Cc: Dimitris L. Avramopoulos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

Brussels, 10 May 2013

We undersigned, taking into consideration:

- The UN Millennium Development Goals (2000),
- The UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (2001),
- The UN Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS (2006, 2008 and 2011) and;
- The Dublin Declaration on Partnership to fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia 2004, highlighting the commitment *“to strengthen the capacity of the European Union to fight effectively against the spread of HIV/AIDS; promote the active involvement of the institutions of the European Union, and other relevant institutions and organisations”* .

Considering that:

- The European Commission (the Commission) Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 26 October 2009 - *Combating HIV/AIDS in the European Union and neighbouring countries 2009-2013 - and its accompanying Action Plan* will come to an end on 31 December 2013;
- The Commission underscored political leadership and a number of measure to be taken, including:
 - *“The need to link the response to HIV/AIDS with the socio-economic priorities in political strategies at country level”*;
 - *“The mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS-related issues across EU policies, legislation and agreements”*;

- *Supporting “ the involvement of civil society organisations, including those representing PLWHA and affected communities, in planning, implementing and evaluating the response to HIV/AIDS in the European Union and neighbouring countries”;*
- *To “maintain the HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum as the principal interface to advise the Commission and the HIV/AIDS Think Tank”;*
- *To “support activities that aim at (1) to decreasing HIV-related stigma, (2) promoting respect for the human rights of all PLWHA and (3) addressing all forms of HIV-related discrimination and support the social inclusion of PLWHA”;*
- *Promote universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support by encouraging “Member States’ national authorities to assess the possibilities of structural and social funds and other instruments to scale up HIV/AIDS related health services”.*

Recognising that:

- Tangible and encouraging gains have been made in the control of HIV/AIDS;
- The European Union has been at the forefront of HIV/AIDS.

Considering that:

- Neither the European Commission nor the European Commissioner for Health and Consumers Policy has clearly committed to develop and adopt an updated strategy and action plan on HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases for 2014-2020;
- As we prepare to celebrate 10 years of the Dublin Declaration in 2014:
 - Complacency towards with HIV/AIDS represents a threat to public health in Europe;
 - The financial, economic and social crisis is jeopardising efforts to achieve prevention, early detection and access to state of the art affordable treatment and care based on public health evidence and human rights;
 - Targeting and allocating funds at the right level to programmes addressing risk groups within the EU and beyond is crucial to the control of the pandemic;
- The European Union, in particular the European Commission, needs to renew political, scientific and social commitment and leadership in order to address the issues mentioned above, and to fully halt the spread of the virus;
- The goal of the strategy must be to ensure affordable antiretroviral therapy for people living with HIV/AIDS, reinforce HIV prevention and end all forms of discrimination.

We, the undersigned,

- Representatives of civil society organizations, of organisations and groups of people living with HIV/AIDS, representatives of community based organisations of most affected and

vulnerable groups (people who use drugs, men who have sex with men, migrants, sex workers, prisoners, ethnic minorities and other vulnerable groups);

- Representatives of health professionals' organisations, of research institutions, of scientific medical societies;
- Practitioners involved in research, prevention, testing, treatment and care;
- Members of the European Parliament;
- National policy makers.

Call on the European Commission to affirm at the HIV and Human Rights Conference, "Right to Health, Right to Life" 27-28 May 2013, in Brussels, to commit to develop a Strategy and Action Plan on HIV/AIDS and frequently associated diseases - viral hepatitis, STI and TB - in order to keep the EU at the forefront of the global efforts to get new infections, AIDS deaths and discrimination cases to zero.

Signatories of the Call to the European Commission and European Leaders to re-affirm their Leadership and Commitment on HIV/AIDS, both inside and outside of the European Union, by Approving a new Strategy and Action Plan on HIV/AIDS

	Name of Organisation	Representative	Country
1.	AIDS Action Europe	Elena Grigoryeva, Chair Steering Committee	Europe/international
2.	Coalition PLUS	Hakima Himmich, President	Europe/international
3.	Correlation Network	Eberhardt Schatz	Europe/international
4.	East Europe & Central Asia Union of PLWH, ECUO	Dr. George Mataradze , Executive Director	Europe/international
5.	Eurasian Harm Reduction Network	Serge Votyagov, Executive Director	Europe/international
6.	European AIDS Clinical Society	Manuel Battegay, President	Europe/international
7.	European AIDS Treatment Group	Brian West, Chair	Europe/international
8.	European Harm Reduction Network	Maria Phelan	Europe/international
9.	European Public Health Alliance	Monika Kosinska	Europe/international

10.	Global Health Advocates	Patrick Bertrand, Executive Director	Europe/international
11.	Harm Reduction International	Rick Lines, Executive Director	Europe/international
12.	HIV in Europe Initiative	Jens Lundgren and Ton Coenen, Co-chairs	Europe/international
13.	HIV-Nordic, co-operative body of the Nordic organizations for people living with HIV	Leif-Ove Hansen, Chairman	Europe/international
14.	International Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Trans and Intersex Association - Europe (ILGA Europe)	Evelyne Paradis, Executive director	Europe/international
15.	International Network of People who Use Drugs	Eliot Ross Albers, Executive Director	International
16.	International Palliative Care Initiative, Open Society Foundations	Mary Callaway, Project Director	International
17.	International Planned Parenthood Federation - European Network	Vicky Claeys, Regional Director	Europe/international
18.	Platform For International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants	Michele Levoy	Europe/international
19.	Standing Committee of European Doctors	Dr Katrín Fjeldsted, President	Europe/international
20.	TAMPEP International Foundation & TAMPEP Network	Licia Brussa	Europe/international
21.	AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Zoya Shabarova, Europe Bureau Chief	Europe/international
	European Parliament Party Affiliation	Member of the European Parliament	Country
22.	Group of the Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left	João Ferreira	Portugal
23.	Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left	Inês Zuber	Portugal
24.	Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left	Marisa Matias	Portugal
25.	Group of the European People's Party	Elisabeth Morin Chartier	France
26.	Group of the European People's Party	Maria Graça Carvalho	Portugal
27.	Group of the European People's Party	Regina Bastos	Portugal

28.	Group of the European People's Party	José Manuel Fernandes	Portugal
29.	Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance	Rui Tavares	Portugal
30.	Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance	Jean Lambert	United Kindom
31.	Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance	Carl Schlyter	Sweden
32.	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe	Nathalie Griesbeck	France
33.	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe	Fiona Hall	United Kindom
34.	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Edite Estrela	Portugal
35.	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Michael Cashman	United Kindom
36.	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Norbert Neuser	Germany
37.	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Vital Moreira	Portugal
38.	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Asa Westlund	Sweden
39.	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Claude Moraes	United Kindom
40.	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Glenis Wilmott	United Kindom
41.	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Linda McAvan	United Kindom
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42.	Men with Social Mission	Ashot Gevorgyan	Armenia
43.	Real World, Real People	Elina Azaryan, Co-president	Armenia
44.	Aids Hilfe Oberösterreich	Dr. Elisabeth Müllner	Austria
45.	Aids Hilfe Wien	Philipp Dirnberger	Austria
46.	Public Union Against AIDS	Ehtiram Pashaye, Focal Point advocacy	Azerbaijan
47.	Sensoa -Flemish centre of expertise on Sexual Health	Chris Lambrechts, Executive Director	Belgium
48.	Plate-Forme Prévention SIDA	Thierry Martin, Directeur	Belgium
49.	Siréas/Sidaids-Migrants	Maureen Louhenapessy	Belgium
50.	Partnerships in Health	Aida Kurtović	Bosnia-Herzegovina
51.	Center Amalipe	Momchil Baev, Coordinator health	Bulgaria

		programmes	
52.	Dose of love Association	Nela Ivanova, Director	Bulgaria
53.	SANANIM	Richter Jiri	Czech Republic
54.	HIV-Denmark	Bent Hansen	Denmark
55.	AIDS-Fondet	Henriette Laursen, Director	Denmark
56.	AIDSi Tugikeskus, NGO AIDS Information & Support Centre	Jury Kalikov	Estonia
57.	Estonian Network PLWHIV	Latsin Alijev, Director	Estonia
58.	HivFinland	Sini Pasanen, Director	Finland
59.	HIV-Foundation/Finnish Aids Council	Irma Pahlman, Executive Director	Finland
60.	AIDES	Bruno Spire, president	France
61.	New Vector	Konstantine (Koka) Labartkava , Chair	Georgia
62.	Women for Health	Irma Kirtadze M.D.	Georgia
63.	Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V	Silke Klump	Germany
64.	SPI Forschung GmbH	Elfriede Steffan, Tzvetina Arsova Netzelmann	Germany
65.	Wissenschaftliches Institut der Ärzte Deutschlands (WIAD) gem. e.V.	Dr. Caren Weilandt Deputy Managing Director	Germany
66.	Positive Voice	Marianella Kloka	Greece
67.	Hungarian Civil Liberties Union	Ferenc Bagyinszky	Hungary
68.	Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign	Anna Quigley	Ireland
69.	Jerusalem AIDS Project	Hanni Rosenberg, Chair	Israel
70.	Arcigay - Italian LGBT Association	Flavio Romani, president	Italy
71.	Associazione Cnca	Armando Zappolini	Italy
72.	Associazione Gruppo Abele	Joli Ghibaudi	Italy
73.	Associazione Insieme	Luigi Coppini	Italy
74.	Associazione Nadir onlus	Filippo Von Schloesser, President	Italy
75.	Associazione nazionale per la lotta contro l'AIDS - ANLAIDS onlus	Fiore Crespi, chair	Italy
76.	CCM Comitato Collaborazione Medica	Marilena Bertini – Chair	Italy
77.	Circolo di cultura omosessuale “Mario Mieli”	Andrea Maccarrone, President	Italy

78.	Committee for the Civil Rights of Prostitutes onlus	Hermine Letonde Gbedo	Italy
79.	European Parliament Working Group on Innovation, Access to Medicines and Poverty-Related Diseases. Head of the research project Geopolitics, Public Health and Access to Medicines (GESPAM).	Daniele Dionisio	Italy
80.	Forum Droghe	Giorgio Bignami, M.D., President	Italy
81.	La Federazione nazionale CNCA	Armando Zappolini.	Italy
82.	LILA - Italian League for Fighting Aids	Alessandra Cerioli, National Chair	Italy
83.	NPS Italia Onlus	Mariangela Errico, President	Italy
84.	Osservatorio Italiano sull'Azione Globale contro l'AIDS	Stefania Burbo – Focal Point	Italy
85.	Public Foundation "Answer"	Yelena Rastokina, chair	Kazakhstan
86.	DIA+LOGS, support centre for those affected by HIV/AIDS	Ruta Kaupe, Chair of board	Latvia
87.	HIV.LV Association	Aleksandrs Molokovskis, chair	Latvia
88.	I Can Live Coalition	Jurgita Poskeviciute, Director of Administration	Lithuania
89.	PLWH association "Pozityvus gyvenimas" (Positive life)	Head of association Jurgis Andriuska	Lithuania
90.	H.E.R.A. - Health Education and Research Association	Bojan Jovanovski, Executive Director	Macedonia
91.	Social Centre for people living with HIV, "Living with Hope"	Rusu Ecaterina	Moldova
92.	„Speranța Terrei,,	Feodora Rodiucova, chair	Moldova
93.	Soros Foundation-Moldova	Liliana Gherman, Director of the Public Health Program	Moldova
94.	Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)	Kevin Moody, International Coordinator / CEO	Netherlands
95.	AIDS Foundation East-West	Anke van Dam, Executive Director	Netherlands
96.	dance4life foundation	Susan van Esch, Manager advocacy & youth involvement	Netherlands
97.	HIV Monitoring Foundation	Peter Reiss, Director	Netherlands

98.	Aids Fonds & Soa Aids Nederland	Ton Coenen, Executive Director	Netherlands
99.	National Network of PLWHA „SIEĆ PLUS”	Wojciech J. Tomczyński, Chair	Poland
100.	GAT - Grupo Português de Activistas sobre Tratamentos de VIH/SIDA	Luís Mendão chair of the BoD	Portugal
101.	Associação Positivo	Ricardo Fernandes BoD	Portugal
102.	Ser+	Andreia Pinto Ferreira, Executive Director	Portugal
103.	Transgender activist	Jo Bernardo, TransgenderActivist	Portugal
104.	Liga Portuguesa Contra a SIDA	Maria Eugenia Saraiva, President of the board	Portugal
105.	Médicos do Mundo Portugal	Carla Fernandes, Lisboa (National project coordinator)	Portugal
106.	Associação ILGA Portugal - Intervenção Lésbica, Gay, Bissexual e Transgénero	Paulo Côrte-Real, President	Portugal
107.	Acompanha, CRL	Sandra Pancas, Sidade Aberta project coordinator	Portugal
108.	Gabinete de Atendimento à Família (GAF)	Leandra Rodrigues, Coordinator	Portugal
109.	Associação Existências	Paulo Anjos, President of the board	Portugal
110.	HIV/AIDS Anti -Discrimination Center	Pedro Silvério Marques, Director	Portugal
111.	APDES (Piaget Agency for Development)	Alina Santos, Board	Portugal
112.	Associação para o Planeamento da Família	Duarte Vilar, Executive Director	Portugal
113.	Associação Bué Fixe	Mr. Dynka Amorim (Chair)	Portugal
114.	Fundação Portuguesa a Comunidade Contra a SIDA	Filomena Frazão de Aguiar, President	Portugal
115.	ARAS – the Romanian Association Against AIDS	Nicoleta Dascalu, Project manager	Romania
116.	SENS POZITIV Association	Alina Dumitriu, Executiv Director	Romania
117.	Center for Health Policies and Services	Cornelia - Doina Matic	Romania
118.	Alaturi de Voi Romania Foundation	Angela Achitei, President	Romania
119.	Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation	Silvia Asandi, MD Director	Romania

120.	Humanitarian project, Novosibirsk	Denis Kamaldinov MD, PhD, Chair of Bord	Russia
121.	Non-Profit Partnership "ESVERO"	Pavel Aksenov, Executive Director	Russia
122.	NGO "All-Russian Union of PLHIV"	Vladimir Mayanovsky	Russia
123.	Nonprofit Organization of Social Support of the Population "Project April"	Vershinina Natalia Ivanovna, Administrator	Russia
124.	Association „Stav +“	Laslo Sili, Program Manager	Serbia
125.	Odyseus	Iveta chovancova	Slovakia
126.	Fundación Triángulo	Gerardo José Pérez Melía	Spain
127.	gTt-VIH (Grupo de Trabajo sobre Tratamientos del VIH)	Juane Hernandez, president	Spain
128.	Asociación bienestar y desarrollo	Felisa Pérez Antón	Spain
129.	Projecte dels NOMS-Hispanosida	Ferran Pujol Director	Spain
130.	Andalusian Federation ENLACE	Carmen Martínez Perza	Spain
131.	Actuavallès	Alberto Capitán, Director	Spain
132.	ÀMBIT PREVENCIÓ	Merce Meroño Salvador	Spain
133.	Salud por Derecho	Vanessa López	Spain
134.	Foro Español de Activistas en Tratamientos del Vih, (FEAT)	Diego García Morcillo, President	Spain
135.	Association Stop Sida	Rafael Muñoz Castro, President	Spain
136.	Coordinadora de Asociaciones de VIH y sida de la Comunidad Valenciana – CALCSICOVA	Carlos Manuel Gómez García, President	Spain
137.	Vivir en Positivo, Asturias	Mercedes Sánchez Jul , President	Spain
138.	REDVIH	Julio Gómez, President	Spain
139.	UNAD	Pedro Quesada	Spain
140.	"Colectivo GALACTYCO" CARTAGENA Y COMARCA	José María García Hernández, President	Spain
141.	LGBTI Algarabía (Colectivo de Lesbianas, Gays, Bisexuales, Trans e Intersexuales de Tenerife)	Carlos Savoie Pérez	Spain
142.	Apoyo Positivo	Jorge Garrido, director	Spain
143.	ADHARA	Carmen Reyes Palacios Bautista, President	Spain
144.	ACCAS	Carmen Martín García, President	Spain
145.	CESIDA (State coordinator of HIV and AIDS)	Udiarraga Garcia Uribe, President	Spain

146.	ÀMBIT PREVENCIÓ	MERCE MEROÑO SALVADOR	Spain
147.	Hetaira Association	Cristina Garaizabal Elizalde	Spain
148.	CASDA, Associació ciutadana contra la sida de Castelló	María Jose Calero Martinez, president	Spain
149.	AVACOS	Carlos Manuel Gómez García	Spain
150.	CALCSICOVA	Carlos Manuel Gómez García	Spain
151.	Asociación bienestar y desarrollo	Felisa Pérez Antón	Spain
152.	Asociacion Murciana de VIH - AMUVIH	M. Dolores Alegría Barroso	Spain
153.	ACASGI del Pais Vasco	Paki Lucha	Spain
154.	Comité Ciudadano Antisida de Extremadura (CAEX)	Santiago Pérez Avilés	Spain
155.	Comité Antisida de Palencia	BÁrbarBARA LÓPEZ GORDÓN	Spain
156.	Asociacion Itxarobide	Udiarraga García Uribe	Spain
157.	Swiss Aids Federation	Harry Witzthum	Switzerland
158.	Positive Living Association	Pinar Oktem, Vice-chair	Turkey
159.	Public Youth Organization "Self Help Club Life +"	Irina Grigorieva, Chair of Bord	Ukraine
160.	"Spark of Hope", patients with Viral Hepatitis C (VHC)	Oleh Martynyuk, Chairman	Ukraine
161.	Club "Svitanok"	Svitlana Moroz	Ukraine
162.	Foundation "Life"	Marina Lebedeva, chair	Ukraine
163.	Czernowitz branch of «All-Ukrainian NPLWH"	Vadim Velyzhanyyn	Ukraine
164.	Association of HIV affected women - "HIV-positive women"	CEO-Iryna Borushek	Ukraine
165.	East Europe and Central Asia Union of PLWH	President –Zhovtyak Volodymyr	Ukraine
166.	All-Ukrainian Network of PLWHA	Executive Director – Kurpita Volodymyr	Ukraine
167.	Livi branch "All - Ukrainian NPLWH"	Dmitri Tyhach	Ukraine
168.	Kharkiv branch "All - Ukrainian NPLWH"	Dmitriev Sergey	Ukraine
169.	Melitopol Branch of All-Ukrainian NPLWH	Litvin Igor, chair	Ukraine
170.	"We, women", regional women's charity	Director Chernyachenko Oksana Aleksandrovna	Ukraine
171.	Krivorog Branch All -Ukrainina NPLWH	Oleksandr Kripak	Ukraine

172.	Rivne Branch of All-Ukrainian NPLWH	Yuriy Lazarevych and Anna Kotenko	Ukraine
173.	Crimean branch of All-Ukrainian NPLWH	Natalia Yegorova	Ukraine
174.	Era of Mercy	Kostiantyn Zverkov Chair	Ukraine
175.	Center for Social Adaptaion "Galaxy"	Alexei Licin, Director	Ukraine
176.	National AIDS Trust	Yusef Azad, Director of Policy and Campaigns	United Kindom
177.	Waverley Care	Grant Sugden, Direktor	United Kindom
178.	Community of PLHIV in Uzbekistan	Sergey Uchayev, Director	Uzbekistan
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179.	Member of Parliament and Doctor	João Semedo	Portugal
180.	Member of Parliament	Ana Sofia Bettancourt	Portugal
181.	Member of Parliament	Pedro Farmhouse	Portugal
182.	Member of Parliament	Isabel Galriça Neto	Portugal
183.	Member of Parliament	Teresa Caeiro,	Portugal
184.	Member of Parliament	Carla Cruz	Portugal
185.	Member of Parliament, coordinator of the Portuguese All party Group on HIV/AIDS	Ricardo Baptista Leite	Portugal
186.	Member of Parliament	Manuel Pizarro	Portugal
187.	Health Policies of Civil House of the Portuguese President, former Member of Parliament	Clara Carneiro	Portugal
188.	António Diniz	National AIDS Plan Director	Portugal
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190.	Stefano Vella	Director of Clinical Pharmacology, Instituto Superiore di Sanità	Italy
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192.	Caroline Sabin	UK Collaborative HIV Cohort (CHIC) Study	United Kindom
193.	Joep Lange	Head of the Department of Global Health, Academic Medical Center (AMC), University of Amsterdam	the Netherlands
194.	Kamal Mansinho	Doctor & researcher on	Portugal

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195.	Manuel Pizarro	Health Comission, Socialist Party, former Secretary of State for Health	Portugal
196.	Maria Teresa Pizarro Beleza	Dean of the NOVA Faculty of Law	Portugal
197.	Henrique Barros , Prof.	Director of the Institute of Public Health and Preventive Medicine - University of Porto; former national AIDS Coordinator	Portugal
198.	Sónia Dias, Prof.	Portuguese Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	Portugal
199.	Prof Rui Sarmiento,	Director of Infectious Diseases Department Centro Hospitalar do Porto-Hospital de Joaquim Urbano. Chair od APECS Assotiation for the Clinical Study of AIDS	Portugal