

Belgian HIV Plan



Where are we?

Monitoring Committee, 2016



Priorities of the Monitoring Committee 2016

- Task Force PrEP for Belgium
- Task Force Testing Strategy



Task Force *PrEP for Belgium*

The Task Force has the aim to support the process of making PrEP available in Belgium. It is therefore a platform to communicate on PrEP to different stakeholders.

Support will be gained on different levels:

- Building support and commitment of the Health Ministry;
- Building support among clinicians;
- Building support and commitment of the LGBT-community and -organisations, civil society (prevention organisations).

PrEP TRAJECTORY

NOV 2010	iPrEx shows first significant results with PrEP in humans
JUL 2012	FDA approves PrEP in US
SEP 2013	HIV Plan includes PrEP
OCT 2014	PROUD/IPERGAY shows effectivity of PrEP
NOV 2015	PrEP for Belgium Task Force advocates for access
JAN 2016	France reimburses PrEP
JUL 2016	Approval EMA
AUG 2016	Marketing authorisation EC
OCT 2016	Gilead enters demand for reimbursement CTG/CRM in Belgium

Task Force *Testing Strategy*

- **Protocol agreement** on prevention (21 March 2016) resulting in Technical Working groups to formulate actions for CIM
- Presided by ISP
- Priority focus on Pilar Prevention Hiv Plan with room for Testing Strategy

Primary Prevention

- Current **information** was actively distributed and priority groups were targeted;
- **Distribution** of condoms and lubricant, test offer, *needle exchange* promoted towards priority groups
- **Professionals** participated in information sessions, conference cycles, roundtable debates and contributed to collective projects;
- Financial advances made by ARC as to **NONOPEP** are reimbursed



Fight against discrimination

- Federal State Secretary Elke Sleurs commissioned LGBT-organization çavaria to propose legal actions
- Report is expected



PLAN D'ACTION NATIONAL
DE LUTTE CONTRE
TOUTES LES FORMES
DE VIOLENCE BASÉE
SUR LE GENRE | 2015-2019

Outstanding questions “Primary Prevention”

- **HPV vaccination of boys:** advice from SHC was expected 1st quarter 2016; industry needs to enter demand to enlarge reimbursement criteria RIZIV/INAMI
- HPV vaccination of boys is on short list for KCE studies 2017, final answer expected in December 2016

Test and Treat

- Favourable advice 9224 SHC on **demedecialised and decentralised** testing
 - resolution was adopted April 2016;
 - Adaptation of AR/KB 78 May 2016;
 - Council of State followed August 2016;
 - Execution AR/KB beginning 2017
 - Financing of projects *remains regional competence*
- Brochure on **hiv selftest** released November 2016;
- Regularisation financial support of **Anonymous Testing Centers**
- **Aids Reference Labs** collaborate to review financial criteria by the end of their convention (December 2017)



Treatment of PLwH

- Access to treatment (and reimbursement) **independent of CD4-count** confirmed as from **1st December 2016**
- **Patients with elevated risk for complications (HIV/HCV coinfectied)** will have access to treatment independent of stage fibrosis (F0) beginning 2017

De Block s'attaque à l'hépatite C

SANTÉ La ministre libère le budget pour soigner quatre fois plus de patients

► Objectif : endiguer l'épidémie qui s'étend.
► Mais les contaminés ne seront pas indemnisés à court terme.

Après avoir révolutionné les labos, l'innovation va débarquer dans les hôpitaux pour soulager des milliers de nouveaux malades. La ministre Maggie De Block annonce, en exclusivité pour *Le Soir*, que le nombre de patients atteints du virus de l'hépatite C qui seront traités va quasi quadrupler pour atteindre 2.700 malades dont la vie est potentiellement en danger. Il en coûtera 90 millions.



De Block pakt levensgevaarlijke leveraandoening ook in vroeg stadium aan

Behandeling hepatitis C sneller terugbetaald

Minister van Volksgezondheid
Maggie De Block (Open VLD)
wil hepatitis C in ons land
terugdringen en trekt daarvoor
negentig miljoen uit.

Quality of Life PLwH

- Awareness raising campaigns on **anti-discrimination** of PLwH
- Improving **empowerment and self-management** of PLwH
- **Participatory approach** in development of information materials, workshops, empowering materials for patient-doctor communication



Positive Council

- **Official recognition** by Minister of Health (July 2016)
- **Consultation** on CD4 criteria
- **Participation** Monitoring Committee meetings

