Update Monitoring Committee
Current state of affairs

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Prevention

Increase access and uptake of PrEP by key populations by reducing barriers at structural, provider and user level



Testing

Further develop the legal framework for lay provider combined HIV and STI testing



Care

Ensure that all people living with HIV in Belgium benefit of prompt access to the most adequate ART and care



Quality of life

Strengthen advocacy for non-discriminatory legislation and policies with regard to people living with HIV





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APPROUVE GOEDGEKEURD

GTI prévention

Proposition du Comité de Monitoring pour un plan national HIV reconduit pour la période 2020-2026 accordant une attention particulière aux IST

IKW preventie

Voorstel van het HIV Monitoring Comité voor een voortgezet nationaal HIV Plan 2020-2026 met bijzondere aandacht voor soa's

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Vergadering 20 oktober 2022

Milestones reached 2022-2025

Approval HIV Plan at the Interministerial Conference

- Political endorsement
- Validation priority action
- •Continued role of MC

Pneumococcus vaccine reimbursed for 65-80y with certain comorbidities

Herpes zoster vaccination for PLWH reimbursed

Re-introduction HPV reimbursement file by MSD including catch up vaccination till 30y and PLWH till 45y

January 2023

October 2023

November 2024

October 2022

September 2023

November 2023

March 2025

Psychosocial care for PLWH reimbursed

- Conventions with HRC
- An accompanying committee meeting (RIZIV, HRC, Sciensano) monitors the state of affairs
- •UMC for ART remains concern with local policies

Enlarged legal frame for demedicalised testing approved

- •KB/RD syphilis, HIV, HBV, HCV
- •In collaboration with HCV Coalition

PrEP delivery for uninsured sex workers via CBOs

- Conventions with 5 CBOs
- An accompanying committee meeting (RIZIV, CBOs) monitors the state of affairs
- PrEP cost and allocated budget remains concern

PrEP delivery through CBOs for uninsured sex workers



Prevention

PrEP for sex workers with difficult access to health care

HIV Plan action 3.4: Increase access and uptake of PrEP by key populations by reducing barriers at structural, provider and user level

	Alias	Espace P	Pasop	Ghapro	TOTAL
Sex workers covered by PrEP convention (aimed)	75	27	34	77	213
Sex workers initiated PrEP traject	60	25	36	69	190
Sex workers retained in PrEP traject on 30/09/2025	32	23	21	48	124
Reasons for ending PrEP traject					
HIV infection (baseline)	2	0	1	0	3
Access/continue PrEP abroad	0	2	1	0	3
Continue PrEP in other sex worker CBO	0	0	3	5	8
Continue PrEP in HRC	0	0	1	4	5
Other reason	0	0	0	1	1
Unknown reason - lost to follow up	26	0	9	11	46

PrEP delivery through CBOs for uninsured sex workers

- The power of wording: "the cheapest" vs "the cheapest available" in RIZIV/INAMI convention
- Recognition STIs as occupational diseases - <u>Belgisch Staatsblad</u> <u>travailleurs du</u> <u>sexe NL.pdf</u> (18 AUG 2025)



Welke soa's worden erkend?

HIV aids
Hepatitis B
Syfilis
Humaan papillomavirus (HPV)
Chlamydia
Gonorroe
Trichomoniasis

Sinds 1 december 2024 maakt de wet van 3 mei 2024 het mogelijk om sekswerkers legaal in dienst te nemen met een arbeidsovereenkomst.

Vanaf 6 september 2025 worden bepaalde seksueel overdraagbare aandoeningen (soa's) erkend als beroepsziekten voor deze werknemers.

Voor wie geldt dit?

- Alleen sekswerkers met een arbeidsovereenkomst, waarvan de werkgever wettelijk erkend is, kunnen hiervan gebruikmaken.
- Zelfstandigen en personen die niet aan de wettelijke voorwaarden voldoen, komen niet in aanmerking.

Vaccination



Care

Vaccination (HPV, Pneumococcus) HIV patients

HIV Plan action 4.2: Ensure the availability and accessibility, including reimbursement, of vaccines for people living with HIV as recommended by the European guidelines (EACS)

- Re-introduction HPV reimbursement file by MSD including catch up vaccination till 30y and PLWH till 45y
- Awareness raising among politicians
- No news yet by Fedris as to the reimbursement/compensation for vaccination of sex workers
- Pneumoccocus vaccine with clinical evidence for PLWH

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Belgische Kamer van volksvertegenwoordigers

15 september 2025

VOORSTEL VAN RESOLUTIE

betreffende een beter beleid inzake vaccinatie tegen het humaan papillomavirus (HPV)

(ingediend door mevrouw Carmen Ramlot c.s.)

Chambre des représentants de Belgique

15 septembre 2025

PROPOSITION DE RÉSOLUTION

visant à améliorer la politique vaccinale contre le papillomavirus humain (HPV)

(déposée par Mme Carmen Ramlot et consorts)

Psychosocial care for uninsured PLWH

- HRC convention enlarged
 - Currently >400 uninsured PLWH covered under this convention

BUT

- Urgent Medical Care for ART remains concern
- Differences in local OCMW/CPAS policies in obtaining valid medical card
- The need for speed & continuity
- Administrative complexity UMC/Requisitorium



Mid-term evaluation HIV Plan lead to reset priorities: focus on prevention & testing

With a vision of <u>proximity</u> and <u>accessibility</u>, we aim to bring prevention and testing closer to populations affected by HIV, ensuring a <u>stigma-free</u>, <u>non-discriminatory</u> and <u>diversity-sensitive</u> approach. In this respect, the Monitoring Committee propose to prioritize the following actions:

- Increasing awareness of preventive measures and addressing risk perception and social norms among key populations and the general population
- Promoting condom use as a method for preventing STIs and HIV, and ensuring better accessibility, including financial affordability
- Enhancing access to PrEP by allowing GPs to have a prescribing role
- Adopting a tailored, location-based testing strategy by integrating HIV screening into general practices and emergency departments in high-prevalence areas, while expanding community-based services and targeted outreach

Focus on new priorities

Prevention: awareness raising & condom promotion

<u>Federal</u>: KCE application condoms

Regional: reinforcing actions in existing regional conventions – prevention organisations took focus to heart

Education: more support for comprehensive sex education needed





Focus on new priorities

PrEP

<u>Federal</u>: federal policy statement & policy note VDB, policy note Belgian PreP Network, RIZIV/INAMI

Constructive dialogue with Cabinet VDB on GP involvement in PrEP delivery

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<u>La prescription de PrEP en médecine</u> <u>générale - SSMG</u>



PrEP: Rol van de huisarts

PrEP is preventieve medicatie die effectief beschermt tegen infectie met hiv. Huisartsen zijn in toenemende mate betrokken bij PrEP-zorg. In deze e-learning leert u basiskennis over PrEP en hoe u dit met uw patiënten kan bespreken.

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La prescription de PrEP en médecine générale

Focus on new priorities

Testing

Brussels: Constructive meeting with Vivalis on location based testing:

Implementation GP & pilot project in hospital emergencies Follow up by working group



What will the future bring?



Further constructive developments in ongoing and priority actions

A new **integrated Plan for 2027-2031** on HIV-STI-HBV-HCV



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