

Future perspectives for quality improvement activities

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Quality Action
Improving **HIV** Prevention in Europe

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Introduction

- Prevention continues to play a major role in the HIV response
- Great progress has been made in the biomedical approaches to prevention. However, they are complex interventions that demand high quality implementation.
- ‘How do we know what works’ – conference title in 2008 - remains crucial.





How do we know what works – the first quality assurance conference in the field

- Organised by BZgA and WHO Regional Office for Europe
- 80 participants from 20 countries
- Follow up:
 - Collecting existing QA/QI instruments from the HIV and general health promotion field
 - Establishing a coordinating body
 - Awareness raising for quality in HIV prevention (workshops, roadshows, capacity building etc.)
 - Capacity building
 - Establishing a strong exchange between government and non-government organisations





The foundation of IQ HIV

- Coordinating body: Federal Centre for Health Education, WHO Regional Office for Europe and AIDS Action Europe
- Collection and adaptation of tools to the field of HIV prevention
- Workshops to familiarize a group of experts with the tools
- Roadshows and workshops at national and international conferences
- Organisation of a follow up conference in Berlin 2012





Preparing for an EU project

- IQ HIV with the support of the German Ministry of Health advocated for an EU project
- In 2012 concrete preparations started
 - A working plan was drafted
 - Partners were brought on board
 - Complex negotiations were held
 - Political and financial support was secured.
- 2013: Start of the Joint Action





And now?

- IQ HIV – the launch pad of the Joint Action - is ready to be the home to the activities that have defined the Joint Action.
- IQ HIV has resumed its activities and is prepared to help ensure the continuation of the Joint Action's successes and look to the future.
- It is the existing network for quality in HIV prevention.



What comes next?

- IQ HIV should define specific goals for the next period. Options include:
 - Promoting the Joint Action's policy kit
 - Ensure the adoption of the Joint Action's Charter
 - Establish and foster linkages to countries, institutions and national organisations – continue strengthening and expanding the network
 - Continue exploring the role of participation in QI
 - Promote the use of ,Shift' for national and regional programmes
 - Do advocacy for Quality improvement
 - Revisiting ,doing the right things right' and focus on the ,right things' – work on Standards

