



Progress and Challenges in Monitoring Elimination among PWID

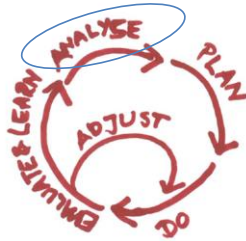
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Challenges in implementing elimination efforts



Data available for monitoring elimination



- Basic data for important indicators in PWID is missing from 40-50% of EU countries
 - Viremic HCV prevalence data rarely available
 - Often local studies for cascade of care data, major scale up needed
 - Prevention & Harm reduction below targets

Challenges:

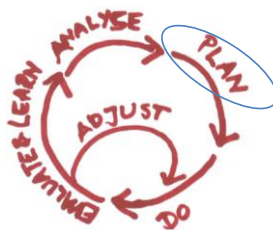
- Heterogeneity of data, comparability challenging
 - Microelimination approach - How to collect national cascade of care data?
- OST & provision of clean N/S below targets
 - Are the set targets sufficient to reach elimination?

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Planning: Viral hepatitis policy inclusive of PWID



- Within the EU/EEA, a national strategy/policy inclusive of PWID only available for 17 countries + 3 in preparation

Challenges:

- Stigmatisation of PWID
- Access to prevention, testing and care for PWID needs to be WANTED and SUPPORTED by countries
- Policies / strategies often not financed
- Can successful implementation work without a strategy?

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Implementation (1)



The Dutch example:

- a hands on approach
- numerous micro-eliminations projects



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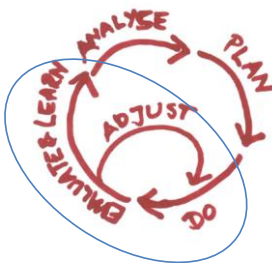
- Registration & monitoring system of viral hepatitis infections needs to be implemented
- How can case-finding strategies be optimised?

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Implementation (2)



The Slovenian example:

- Network approach (multidisciplinary team)
- Model of care for HCV management in PWID



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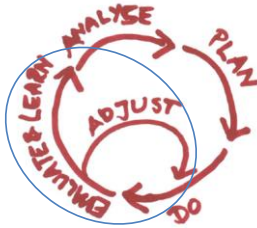
- How to monitor progress in detail? Which players are involved?
- Which data is needed to document progress?
 - new reporting system for cascade-of care data needed
- Monitoring needs to be funded

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Modelling data can help to adjust



- In most settings, treatment scale-up is necessary to substantially reduce HCV transmission among PWID in Europe.
- Parallel scale-up of OST and NSP has greater impact.

Challenges:

- To operationalise increase in treatment case-finding needs to be scaled up
- Next phase: Empirical evidence needed to test model projections