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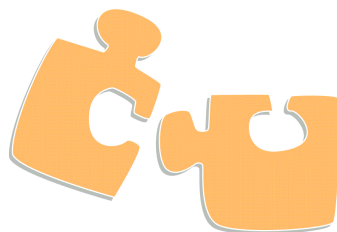
# **NDPHS Expert Group on HIV/AIDS and Associated Infections Progress report CSR 21, Tallinn, 11 April, 2013**

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# NDPHS Goals for the HIV/AIDS & AI Expert Group

- Goal 2: Prevention of HIV/AIDS and Associated Infections in the ND-area has improved
- Goal 3: Social and health care for HIV infected individuals in the ND area is integrated

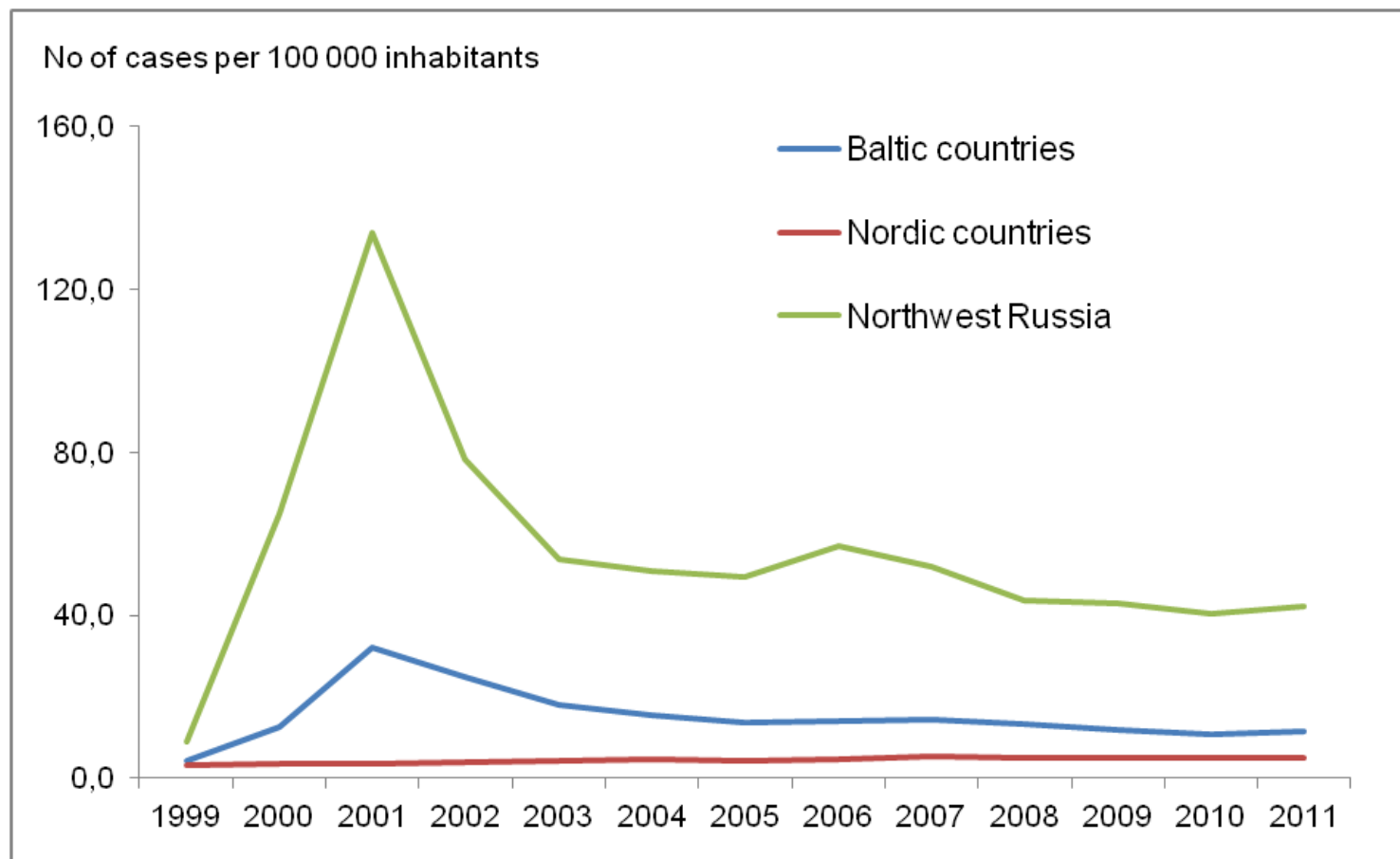




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# Relevance and context of the EG HIV/AIDS & AI work

## HIV notifications Baltic and Barents Sea area 1999-2011

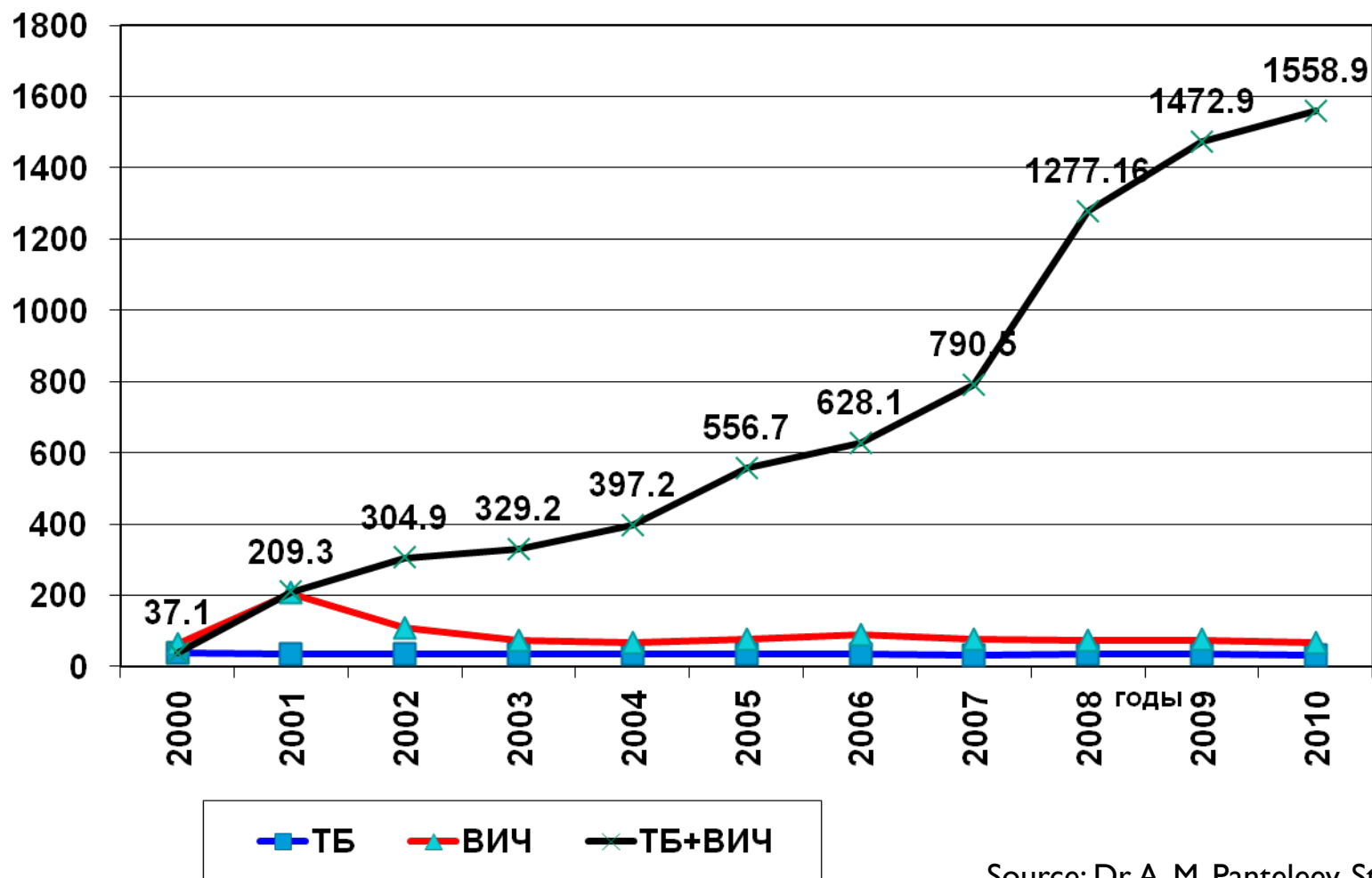


\* Northwest Russia: Arkhangelsk Oblast, Kaliningrad Oblast, Leningrad Oblast, Murmansk Oblast, Nenets Autonomous Okrug , St. Petersburg

\*\*Baltic countries: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

\*\*\*Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

# Tuberculosis incidence among HIV-infected persons and general population in St. Petersburg per 100,000 inhabitants



Source: Dr. A. M. Panteleev, St. Petersburg

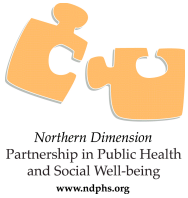
# HIV/AIDS&AI Expert Group

## Progress report for 2012

### SUMMARY

Name of the policy or project	Duration	Budget	Financing	Main partners	Current state
<b>Policy recommendations on integration of social and health care services for HIV-infected individuals</b>	May - December 2012	12 210 EUR	EU (Activity 2 of the project below)	Consultant Boris Sergeev  HIV/AIDS&AI EG Relevant organisations in the partner countries	Published and distributed
(Coordination and implementation of the cooperative actions in the health sub-area of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Action Plan)  <b>Activity 1: Organisation of Logical Framework Approach workshop and subsequent planning meetings</b>	Dec 2011 - Dec 2012	16 408 EUR	EU	NDPHS Secretariat HIV/AIDS&AI EG Relevant organisations in the partner countries	Workshop and two planning meetings organised  Three draft project proposals developed
<b>Support to Development of Low-Threshold Services in the Leningrad Region NDPHS label</b>	2010-2012	214 800 EUR	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland	National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland - lead Leningrad Regional AIDS Centre, Russia	Closing seminar organised Final report submitted

<b>HIV Prevention among Reproductive-Aged Women, Republic of Karelia</b> <b>NDPHS label</b>	2010-2012	209 200 EUR	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland	National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland - lead Karelian Republican AIDS Centre	Closing seminar organised Final report submitted
<b>Strengthening of municipal anti-drug networking in the Murmansk Region</b> <b>NDPHS label</b>	2010-2012	240 900 EUR	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland	National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland - lead Youth Department of Monchegorsk	Closing seminar organised Final report submitted
<b>Taking Up The Challenge: Developing Services to Contain the Spread of HIV and TB among Injecting Drug Users in Kaliningrad Oblast</b> <b>NDPHS label</b>	Feb 2012 - Feb 2014	416 518 EUR	EU NCM	NGO "YLA", Kaliningrad (Russia) - lead; The MONAR Association (Poland); Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (Germany); Ministry of Health of the Kaliningrad Oblast; Nordic Council of Ministers, Information Office in Kaliningrad; Centre for Communicable Diseases and AIDS (ULAC) (Lithuania); The National AIDS Center (Poland)	Low-threshold service centre for drug users opened and functioning



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# Progress during the reporting period (6 months)

- **Goal 2: Prevention of HIV/AIDS and Associated Infections in the ND-area has improved**
  - Project “Taking Up The Challenge: Developing Services to Contain the Spread of HIV and TB among Injecting Drug Users in Kaliningrad Oblast “
    - Low-threshold centre opened in Kaliningrad
    - Booklet on services for drug users prepared, as well as registry of these services for professionals
    - Study tour to Poland
    - Expert Action Board sessions with international experts



## Goal 2 (2)

Three project proposals were developed:

- *Prevention and early detection of HIV among MSM in Northern Dimension Area;*
- *Building capacity in prevention of HIV and associated infections among youth at high risk;*
- *A framework programme Strengthening prevention of the spread of and reduction of impacts of HIV/ AIDS and associated infections in the Baltic Sea Region by joint international activities.*

## Goal 2 (3)

NGO Forum on HIV and Tuberculosis in St. Petersburg on 22-23 November, 2012, organised together with:

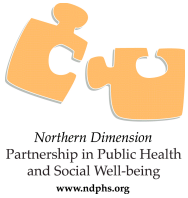
- HIV/AIDS/AI EG and Barents HIV/AIDS Programme
- Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in St. Petersburg
- Regional NGO “Stellit”
- Consulate General of Finland, St. Petersburg
- Drug Abuse Prevention Center, St. Petersburg
- UNAIDS Regional Support Team, Moscow
- Barents Tuberculosis Programme



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# NGO Forum on HIV and Tuberculosis 2

- expected about 40 participants, realized about 80
- approach: participatory working groups
- results: 23 new project topics, reflecting underlying problems and needs
- impact: feed-back was integrated into the internal strategic analysis (“Action Plan”) of the EG



# NGO Forum on HIV and Tuberculosis 3

## CONCLUSIONS:

- Epidemiological situation continuously difficult
- HIV is still spreading in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Remarkable differences between Russia – Baltic Countries – Nordic Countries
- HIV-TB double infection is increasing
- MDR TB is increasing
- Not enough information about the situation among MSM within the Northern Dimension Partnership Area
- “Most at risk” –groups need much attention
- New innovative solutions are needed to sustain international collaboration with NGOs through the current difficult period concerning changes in funding and legislative context



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## **Goal 3: Social and health care for HIV infected individuals in the ND area is integrated**

- Review on the best practices concerning integration of health and social services for HIV infected prepared, published in:

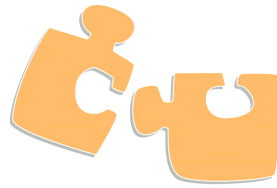
<http://www.ndphs.org/?database,view,paper,73>

# Probably will not be implemented by the end of 2013

**Operational target 2.3:** A review of best practices documents covering the above-mentioned goal, to be used in further local or regional projects, is developed. The document will: (i) collect and disseminate the best practices on effective comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention interventions and MDR TB management, (ii) evaluate and compare various intervention strategies feasible for the NDPHS region, and (iii) document and share research and evaluation results.

– Financing?

– Resources to apply?



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# Development of internal Strategy and Action Plan for the EG HIV/AIDS & AI

- Finalised after the NGO Forum
  - Importance of the “management component”
  - Selection of priorities for provision of technical support
  - Making use of Logical Framework matrix
  - Development of projects – if funding is available!
  - To be used while considering revision of NDPHS strategy for period after 2013

# Definition of core problem and purpose of the Action Plan

➤ Ineffective prevention with harmful impacts of HIV, AIDS & AI (TB, hepatitis B & C, syphilis, gonorrhoea) in the ND Area

– due to insufficiency of international cooperation and joint activities (to be adapted according to prevailing conditions within countries)

➤ Strengthened prevention and reduction of impacts of HIV, AIDS & AI (TB, hepatitis B & C, syphilis, gonorrhoea) in the ND Area

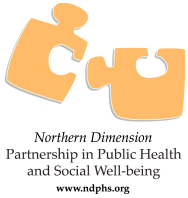
– through facilitation of cooperation by joint international activities (to be adapted according to prevailing conditions within countries)



# Main working areas

Based on identified problem areas

0. **Management** component of the Strategy and Action Plan
1. Provision of support to **policy development** and cooperation
2. Improved monitoring and data on **epidemiological situation** in the ND Area
3. Effective **prevention** of the spread of HIV, TB and associated infections
4. Improved **tuberculosis** situation in risk groups, migrants and other minorities
5. Complexity of the **HIV and TB** situation recognized and **new approaches** developed
6. Improved capacity of the **health care systems** as response to the burden of HIV, TB and AIs



# Regular EG meeting

## Tallinn 28 February

- previous day: planning team meeting for the PAC Side Event, its objective, contents and statement
- discussions on project development, based on the conclusions of the Action Plan
- concluded that we should focus more on advisory and policy development support functions

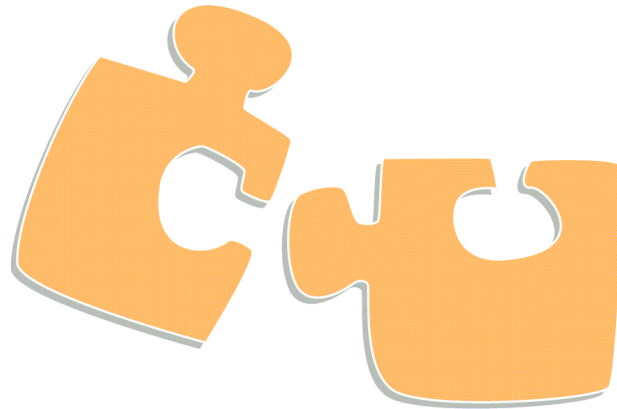
# Challenges

- Several traditional funding sources vanished
  - E. g. Finnish financing for neighbouring area collaboration
- Where to find "own input" demanded in EU projects?
- How to find new possibilities for collaboration when financing is scarce?

# Next steps

- PAC side event on HIV and Tuberculosis
  - Draft programme submitted for discussion
- Statement
  - Draft submitted for discussions and to be further elaborated

**Thank you for your attention!**



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