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COBATEST Network Steering Committee

15.30-16.30 19 November 2018

Carrer de Roc Boronat, 81-95, 08005 Barcelona

Attendees

Name	Organisation	Initials
Jordi Casabona	CEEISCAT	JC
Lella Cosmaro (Dial-in)	Lila Milano	LC
Laura Fernàndez	CEEISCAT	LF
Christos Krasidis	AIDS Action Europe (AAE)	CK
Michael Krone	AIDS Action Europe (AAE)	MK
Sebastián Meyer	DEVO Network	SM
Andriy Radetsky representing Andrey Chernyshev	Alliance Global	AR

Apologies

Daniel Simões	GAT Portugal
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Agenda item	Comments	Action Points
Background	<p>MK and JC explain the background of the AAE collaboration. Until now it has been focussed on monitoring and evaluation but this collaboration will improve advocacy activities.</p> <p>Delays in receipt of Operating grant for 2018 caused delays in meeting planning. Grant for 2019 has already been approved which will ease planning of 2019 activities. Grant is 80% from European Commission, 20% co-funding including app. 4% from Deutsche AIDS Hilfe.</p>	
Objectives of the	Objectives have not been agreed upon or formalised but members	Establish plan of action and strategic objectives

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COBATEST Network	<p>contributed the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collecting standardised indicators</li> <li>• Improving data collection tools</li> <li>• Supporting advocacy</li> <li>• Expansion to Eastern European countries</li> <li>• Improve collaboration between different stakeholders, in this case academia and NGOs</li> <li>• Establish an advocacy tool to be used at national level in order to promote national funding for CBVCTs</li> <li>• Using data to make a difference to service users</li> <li>• Improving network structure</li> <li>• Establishing up-to-date best practice guide</li> <li>• Promoting capacity building (training for counsellors)</li> <li>• Supporting organisations in “post-Global Fund” countries</li> <li>• Promote integration of data into formal health system</li> <li>• Promote visibility of members at European level</li> </ul>	Prepare draft in order to reach a consensus in April SC meeting
Organisation issues	<p>First steering committee comprises 2 members from AAE, 2 members from CEEISCAT, 4 members from CBVCTs.</p> <p>We must decide: is this composition adequate, going forward how should composition be decided, how long members will serve? Composition of 4 CBVCT members could be based on a combination of; magnitude of testing, representation in the network, strategic goals, geographic reach</p> <p>Not clear if we need terms of reference for the SC.</p> <p>Although the Network would benefit from an advisory board, that may not be necessary given the experience of LC and DS in European projects.</p> <p>Next SC meeting will be in April 2019</p>	<p>Define role and composition of SC Steering Committee meeting 2019</p> <p>Send the AAE terms of reference so SC can see if it is adequate for our purposes. MK - November 2018</p> <p>Decide if ToR are necessary Steering Committee meeting 2019</p> <p>Send Doodle to decide date for 2019 SC meeting December 2018</p> <p>Decide location and date of members meeting SC meeting 2019</p> <p>Incorporate section on data</p>

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	<p>hosted by AAE in Berlin</p> <p>Next members meeting will be in October 2019</p> <p>Antwerp-based low-threshold centres wish to submit disaggregated data from January but services are based in hospital. Does this fit with definition of CBVCT?</p> <p>There are no limitations on participation in the COBATEST Network with regards to size of organisation. Even organisations with very small number of tests can use data collection tool.</p> <p>If financing for COBATEST Network ceases, the data will remain the property of the network and member organisations. A process should be put in place for SC to approve use of data by third party.</p> <p>Few SC members will be at HepHIV in Bucharest.</p> <p>COBATEST Network website should link to AAE website</p>	<p>use and access into terms of reference/ plan of action. <b>March 2019.</b></p> <p>Send information about HepHIV conference and who from Network is attending to members. <b>AC will send email to members prior to conference.</b></p> <p>Edit COBATEST website to link to AAE <b>When IT issues resolved</b></p>
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