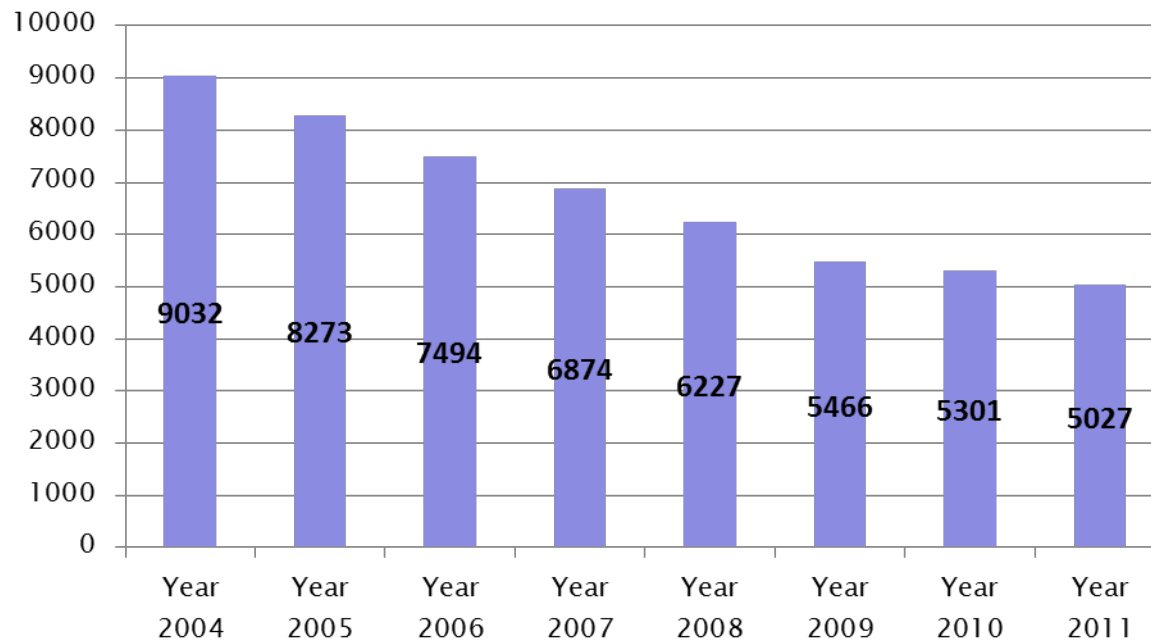


Drug use and HCV in Germany

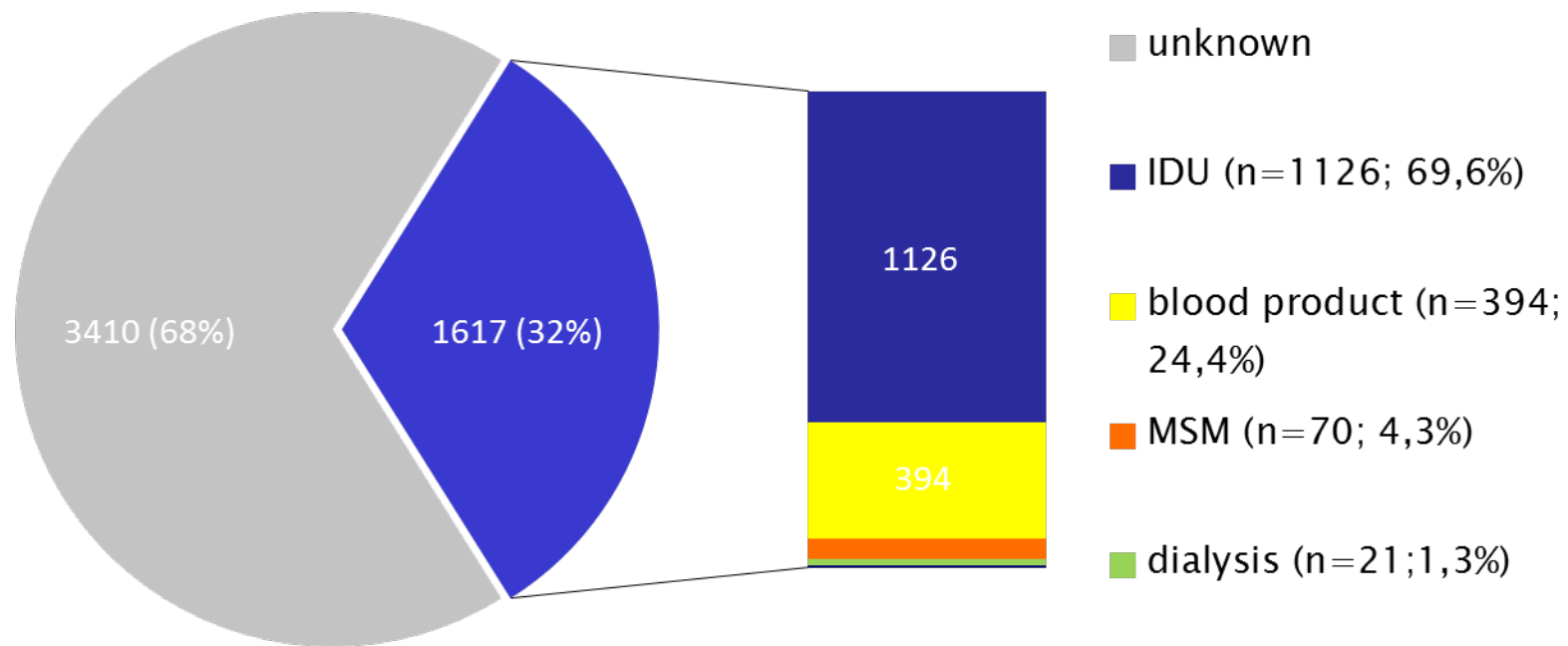
- **Ca.150.000 „problematic“ heroin users**
- **76.000 heroin users in OST**
- **500.000 HCV Infections**
- **5.000-6.000 first diagnosed HCV infections per year**
- **70% unknown route of transmission**
- **(2011 HCV -iV drug use 1126)**
- **HCV prevalence among IVDU about 50-80%**

Newly diagnosed HCV Infections in Germany



Hepatitis C

Probable mode of transmission - reported exposures, 2011, n=5027



Drug use and HCV in Germany

-The Problems-

- not enough attention is paid in Germany on the fight against Hepatitis C
- old, incomplete and scrappy data about HCV and HIV infections related to drug use.

Drug use and HCV in Germany

-Joining forces-

- + We established the Coalition for drug use and hepatitis in 2004
- + our goal was and is to raise attention and gain knowledge regarding hep c among PUD, Staff and politicians
- + overall aim is to work towards a national strategy and to present a draft for a strategy in germany.

Drug use and HCV in Germany

-Joining forces-

Fixpunkt & DAH in coop. with others implement a lot a modell projects, pilot interventions as

- **TEST IT** Hepatitis and hiv counseling and rapid testing for drug users in low threshold settings.
- Research about **HIV&HCV-testing & HBV-vaccination** of people in OST.
- **SMOKE IT** Change of opiate consumption: from injecting to inhaling.
- **FiP-C**- HCV early interventions among younger PUD

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-Next Steps-

- **+ DRUCK-Studie (drugs and chronic infections) 2011-2015**
Sero-behavioural survey among injecting drug users in Germany
- Multicenter cross-sectional study 2012-15 (funded by the MoH) in collaboration with DAH and low-threshold services
- 2000 IDU (in 8 cities), testing&counselling (HIV HCV HBV) 2 pilot cities in 2011 (n=534)
- **DRUCK Study - a step towards a national Hepatitis Strategy**

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-Next Steps-

- **DRUCK-Studie (drugs and chronic infections) 2011-2015**
(Results unweighted, Leipzig: preliminary)

	HIV	Anti-HCV+	Anti-HCV,HCV-RNA+
Berlin (N =337)	3,9%	57,3%	37,1%
Essen (N=197)	6,1%	73%	45%
Leipzig (N=130)	0%	31,5%	18%

- Sources: Robert Koch-Institut: Epidemiologisches Bulletin 33-12

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-Next Steps-

- **+ Drug consumption rooms network**
- professional exchange
- **Potential of improving prevention strategies (alternatives to injection) and access to therapy for drug users who are injecting**
- **+ More to be done**
- Early intervention in young people, MSM, party settings (networks)
- Prevention in custodial settings
- Quality development of needle syringe programmes

- Coverage and quality of NSP in Germany
- Results: Specialised harm reduction services are missing in most areas of Germany
- Low budget and questionable quality of most services

Stefanie Flöter et al.:

Prävention von Infektionskrankheiten bei
injizierenden Drogenkonsumenten
in Deutschland, eine Bestandsaufnahme, IFT 2011

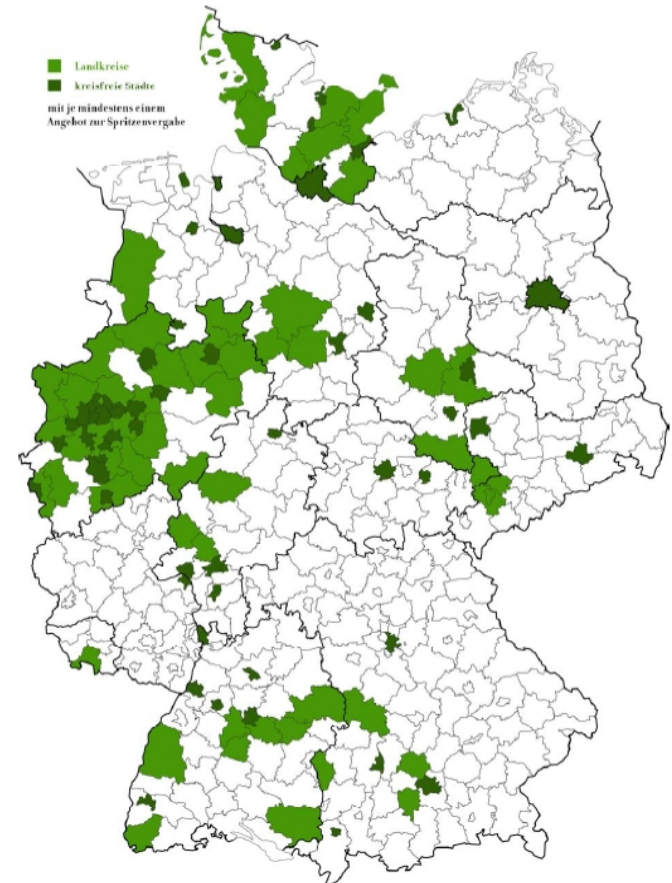


Abbildung 3: Verfügbarkeit von Maßnahmen zur Spritzenvergabe (inklusive Automaten) auf kommunaler Ebene auf Basis der Angaben der Länderexperten sowie einer ergänzenden Internetrecherche

- Thanks for your attention.

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on behalf of Dirk Schäffer who is ill and greets everybody in this
room