

Effective HCV strategies and action plans

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The manifesto

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Strategy vs. Action Plan

Strategy:



-Provide Access to HCV

Testing

Action Plan:

-Treatment and Care Services;

-Scale-up Harm Reduction,

-evidence and Community-

Based Programs;

-Decriminalize People Who

Use

-Drugs

-Meaningful inclusion of

People who Inject Drugs and

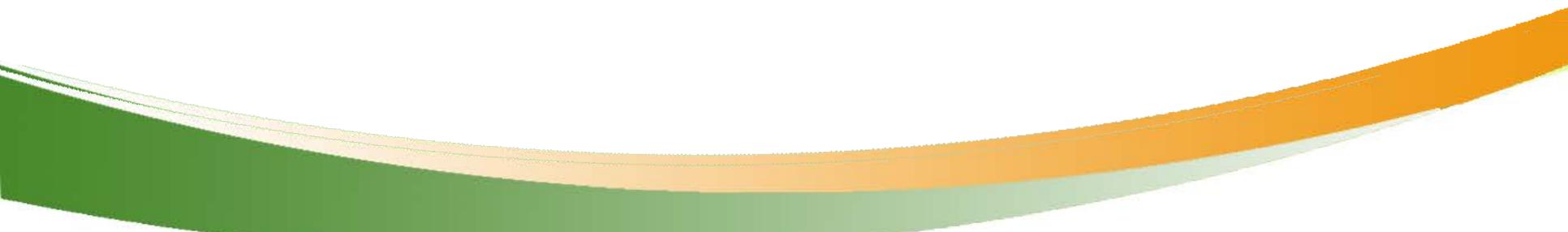
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-organisations;

-Increase Health and HCV

Literacy

Bevore you start

- What is highly needed?
 - How realistic is a „national strategy plan“?
 - Who is paying for?
 - Who is responsible for?
 - How easy it is to convince?
 - How much capacities is needed?
 - How to measure success?
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Pro and cons of a strategy plan

pro:

- A strategy plan covers all aspects:
 - - prevention
 - screening
 - treatment
 - social aspects and de-stigmatisation

con:

- It's a highly administrative act
- It takes long to start with
- The financial dimension is much higher than in specific actions
- You have to convince a lot of institutions

Pros and cons of an action plan

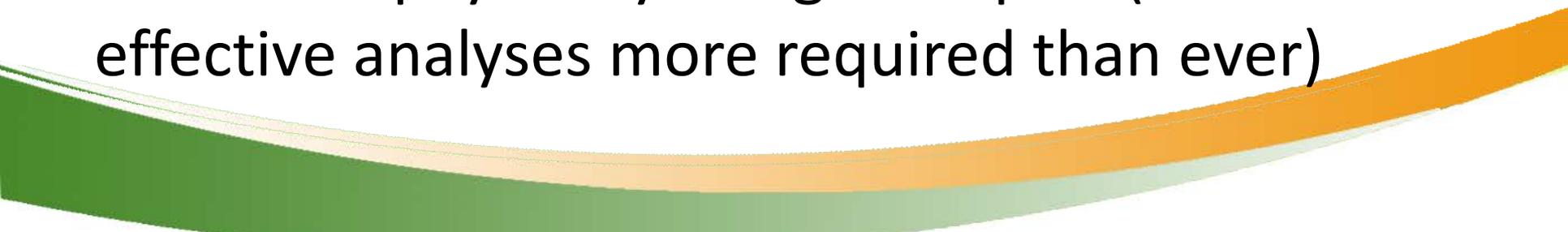
pro:

- You can target specific problems very well
- Specific actions can be started easy
- It's easy to measure success
- Less money needs to be invested
- Single actions can be integrated into existing programmes

con:

- It only covers part of the problem
- It does not allow you to combine several complimentary activities

conclusion

- Analyse the pros and cons of strategy vs. action plan
 - On EU 28 by „Brussels“ there are only single actions possible
 - The implementation of a strategy plan varies from country to country
 - In most cases action can kick off a strategy plan
 - Convince payers by living examples (cost effective analyses more required than ever)
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Thank you !

