

YOUTH & HIV: POLICY & ACTIVISM PRIORITIES

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Key evidence: What we know

- **Early testing and treatment really work.**
- **Peer support and education really work.**
- **Adherence is crucial.**
- **Undetectable = uninfected.**
- **Tailor the HIV response for various settings in WHO Europe 53.**
- **Almost two-thirds of new HIV infections in Europe are in Russia: mainly PWID, sex work related, and MSM. (Followed by Ukraine and Uzbekistan.)**

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- **SCALE UP TESTING**, e.g., out-of-hospital, in young people's NGOs & outreach events; self-testing, lay/peer testing.
- **PRIORITISE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER EDUCATION AND NETWORKING**, e.g., treatment literacy, child protection, anti-stigma, mental health.
- **EXPAND YOUTH PEER SUPPORT**, e.g., pre-test information sharing, adherence, psychosocial support, buddy and mentoring projects.
- **CHALLENGE LAWS & PRACTICES** that block youth access to testing and treatment, e.g., consent, centralised testing.
- **INCREASE COLLABORATION** with PWID, sex work and MSM partner organisations in Russia and Ukraine.