

# INTEGRATION 2001-2004

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*Integration of NGOs based in  
Central and Eastern Europe  
in the European Mobilisation  
against HIV & AIDS.*

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## Key Facts on the INTEGRATION 2001-2004 Project

### Title :

### **Integration of NGOs based in Central and Eastern Europe in the European Mobilisation against HIV/AIDS**

**Grant Agreement N° SI2.323740 (2001CVG4-006)**  
with amendments (extension from 24 to 30 months duration)

### Aims of the Project:

#### **To strengthen the community-based fight against HIV/AIDS in applicant countries:**

\* by providing training to members of NGOs involved in the fight against HIV and AIDS in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania and facilitating the exchange of best practices.

=> *Internships in France and in Finland and 2 joint meetings of the partner NGOs*

\* By assessing, from the perspective of patient-based organisation, the situation relating to HIV and AIDS in each of the above countries and to make and to publicise proposals to strengthen the public response that is needed

=> *Country missions leading to the production of Country-Reports for the 7 target countries*

\* To make the public health expertise and networks related to the fight against HIV/AIDS existing in the European Union are accessible to the NGOs based in the above countries

=> *Support for participation for partner-NGO in European Inter-NGO Forums [notably AIDS ACTION EUROPE] and key European HIV/AIDS Conferences.*

**Total budgeted cost the project:** 285.714,30 EUROS

- 70% of expense to be covered by the European Commission

- Targeted co-funding from the French Embassy in Warsaw: 8772 Euro for the joint work by BADZ Z NAMI and AIDES as part of the Integration Projects in 2003-04.

- Additional co-funding provided by AIDES and Finnish AIDS Council (fundraising from private donors and sponsors).

**Beginning of project:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001

**Duration of project:** 30 months (until April 1<sup>st</sup> 2004)

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**March 19, 2004 : the partners of the INTEGRATION Projects meet in the European Parliament.**  
*(Photo taken by Vaclav Strouhal)*

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## Overview of the INTEGRATION Project 2001-2004 :

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### **Strengthening NGO mobilisation on HIV & AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe :**

The INTEGRATION 2001-2004 project was implemented in parallel with the preparation for the enlargement of the European Union to 10 new member states. Our focus was to identify and to strengthen local, non-governmental mobilisation on HIV/AIDS in 7 of the 13 EU Applicant countries (the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Romania). In all seven countries, we had the honour to meet very dedicated local non-governmental organisations which provide HIV & AIDS prevention and support services. To do so, they rely most often upon the commitment of People Living with HIV & AIDS and their advocates. The very right to start a NGO remains very recent in former communist states, and the governments now in place are only starting to learn how to work with their local NGOs. Compared to France and to Finland obviously, there is far less local financial support available for health NGOs. The partners of the Integration-Projects in Central and Eastern Europe have managed nevertheless, against all odds, to implement innovative strategies to provide information and support about HIV to the people who need it most.

**All of the partners of the INTEGRATION project share a common mission : in each country of the wider Europe, we want to make sure there is at least one trusted and reliable organisation where People Living with HIV/AIDS and members of vulnerable communities can find the high-quality prevention and health support they need.**

**The outcomes of our work since October 2001 include the following :**

=> **We produced – for each of the seven countries - a report on the local situation regarding HIV & AIDS**, to address in particular the situation faced locally by People Living with HIV & AIDS and by members of the most vulnerable communities such as drug-users, migrants, men who have sex with men or sex-workers. These seven reports reflect above all the view of local civil-society and observations made during **the country-missions** (which took place in all seven countries). These reports were released in March 2004 (on the occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the partners on March 19 & 20 and the First Open Forum for AIDS Action in Europe in March 22, 23). Considering the scope of the HIV catastrophe in Estonia, and its obvious relations with the wider Eastern European epidemic, AIDES further produced and disseminated widely in 2003 the film “Breaking the curve, fighting AIDS in Estonia and in Russia” (only the Estonian segment benefited from DG SANCO funding) which vividly complements the Country-report on Estonia.

=> **We enabled local non-governmental actors to learn about best European practices on HIV/AIDS** through **(1) internships** in France and in Finland that were respectively set up by AIDES and the Finnish AIDS Council **(2) participation to 2 joint meetings of the partners** of the project which took place in Riga, Latvia, in April 2003 and in Brussels, Belgium in March 2004 **(3) participation by the partners of the project to key European Conferences** that address HIV & AIDS.

The internships were designed on the basis of the needs of the partners NGOs and enabled participation to training workshops, visits to local sites in Finland and France which provide HIV prevention and support services, as well as participation to key national events such as the *Nordall Nordic Conference for People living with HIV AIDS* (Hosted by Body Positive NGO of Finland in August 2002), AIDES' National Assemblies (in Nîmes in November 2001 and in the European Parliament in Strasbourg in June 2003), or AIDES' *University for Persons Taking Treatments* - in Angers, France in December 2003. The topics covered included: Health Project Management, Treatment support for people living with HIV and AIDS, Women and HIV, Harm Reduction for Drug Users, advocacy, and self-support.

A total of 22 participants (or 21 different persons as Monica DAN from ARAS came twice to France...) benefited from these internships : from Estonia (2 persons, in Finland), Latvia (2 person in Finland), Lithuania (2 persons in

Finland), Poland (8 participants, in France), Romania (3 participants in France, 2 participants in Italy), the Czech Republic (2 participants in France), and Hungary (1 participant in France). By far, the participants to the internships proved to be the most efficient advocates for the Integration Projects, as many HIV/AIDS volunteers and staff in France and in Finland had then the opportunity to meet in person their peers from Central and Eastern Europe – and thus become far more acutely aware of the HIV/AIDS situation in the EU Accession Countries.

### **From low HIV prevalence to full-blown crisis, the seven targeted countries face vastly different situations:**

**Estonia and Latvia, 2 new EU member states since May 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 are among the countries “worst affected” by “the fastest growing HIV epidemic worldwide” (UNAIDS).** Just as in nearby Russia, Ukraine or Belarus, (the new neighbours of the enlarged EU), the vast recent increase in consumption of illicit drugs among the young, associated to the sharing of injection equipment, are causing a most severe public health crisis. Intravenous Drug Users have been most affected so far (they represent 73% of all reported cases of HIV in Estonia and Latvia). The number of HIV infections attributed to sexual relations is now increasing steadily (EuroHIV) and health systems remain little prepared to cope with the huge emerging needs for treatments and care (WHO). According to WHO, UNAIDS, the World Bank, the CIA, UNDP, the Open Society Institute, and others: **the impacts of this Eastern European HIV/AIDS epidemic are likely to be enormous in terms of human suffering and loss.** Severe negative impacts are expected in terms of life expectancy, social cohesion, economic growth, and the overall stability of the region. Due to our geographical, economical and cultural proximity, the enlarged European Union and especially most of the new member states will obviously be affected in many ways.

### **Governments in Central and Eastern Europe need to further increase their support to their local civil society :**

Across the 7 countries overall, there remain dangerous gaps in the national HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis prevention, harm-reduction and sexual health strategies. Further, governments in Central and Eastern Europe remain on the whole quite reluctant to work with their local civil society – and this obviously obliges many NGO to depend almost exclusively upon international funds (EU Funds or Private Foundations such as the Open Society Institute) for the work they do. **All too often, People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) and members of the most vulnerable communities do not yet have access to the quality, low-threshold, prevention and support services they need.** In Romania for instance, harm reduction services for drug users remains very dangerously small in scope. Hungary has officially one of the lowest prevalence of HIV on the planet but until recently, access to anonymous testing was near-impossible which discouraged people from undergoing HIV testing altogether. Lithuania today provides antiretroviral treatments (ARVs) to only less than 30 people while about 200 need them immediately and many more Lithuanians will need them soon. The Czech Government should be credited for having implemented early enough a comprehensive HIV/AIDS strategy which includes ongoing participation of local civil society (this strategy played a role in keeping HIV prevalence at a very low level in the Czech Republic) but reductions in funding obliges local NGO to vastly reduce the scope of the essential services they provide.

Globally, the ongoing transition processes (i.e. PHARE funds are being phased out and many private international funders are now “moving east” because they assume that new sources of funds should become available upon entry into the EU...) leaves many local health actors in the new EU member countries in a quite precarious situation. Clearly the national governments in Central and Eastern Europe ought to commit far more support for HIV prevention, care, and support – and this needs to include greater financial support for their local civil society. Thankfully, many of these local NGOs from the new EU member states will bring into the enlarged EU sharp expertise, a willingness to innovate, and rock-solid dedication which will benefit health actors across the EU.

## **Perspectives for ongoing inter-NGO work across the Enlarged European Union :**

The conclusions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> joint meeting of the partners (held in the European Parliament in Brussels on March 19 and 20, 2004) confirmed assertively that the exchanges and shared work initiated from 2001 to 2004 through the Integration Project need to be pursued. The partners NGOs from the 7 countries identified the following as key-benefits from their participation in the project :

- Experience of work in International environment
- Experience exchange with “older”, established AIDS organizations from Western Europe
- Financial support for equipment purchase and travelling
- Improved our image as an “AIDS organization that works internationally”
- Wider opportunities for European involvement including the possibility to inform the EU about our local situation.

One obvious major challenge faced in the Integration Project is that the funds allocated by DG SANCO could absolutely not, for legal reasons, be used to pay for salaries in “non EU” countries – which means that the vast amount of work contributed by the partners from the EU Accession Country was done... on a voluntary basis. The possibility to pay salaries for the partners was included in the initial project submitted to DG SANCO by AIDES in 2001; requests for amendments in that regard were sent to the European Commission ; the director of ARAS/Romania further wrote a letter to the European Commission specifically on this issue... ultimately to no avail (The contract was based on regulations in place in 2001, which strictly forbade funding for salaries outside of the EU).

Overall however, the skill and legitimacy acquired by the partners through the Integration project will facilitate their access to both local and international funding. Concretely, the NGO Badz Z Nami and AIDES in France obtained 8772 Euro in 2003 from the French Embassy in Warsaw as targeted co-funding for our involvement in the Integration Project and we expect to see that support be renewed. AIDES/France, AIDSi Tugikeskus/Estonia, ARAS/Romania and the Finnish AIDS Council have successively applied for funds to DG Enlargement for the “Integration/SAFER-IDUS” Project (**Integration of Standard Approaches to Fight Emerging Risks among Intravenous Drug Users**) which, since 2003, have enabled us to very concretely develop Harm Reduction strategies for drug users in Romania and in Estonia. As summarized by Jury KALIKOV, director of AIDSi-Tugikesku: “the SAFER-IDUS project is the most welcome outcome of the Integration Project !”.

Finally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint-Meeting of the partner NGOs in Brussels was purposefully arranged to take place just before the 1st Open Forum for AIDS Action in Europe so **as to enable all partners to fully participate to the launch of AIDS ACTION EUROPE, the pan-European NGO partnership on HIV and AIDS**. In Brussels therefore, on March 22 and 23, 2004, more than 120 HIV and AIDS non-governmental and institutional actors originating from 35 European countries (including 23 of the countries of the Enlarged EU) identified our shared priorities for the years ahead. Maria GEORGESCU, director of ARAS (the Romanian partner of the Integration Project) further became member of the Steering Committee of AIDS ACTION EUROPE.

## **The AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION Project 2005-2008**

One immediate outcome of the Open Forum for AIDS Action in Europe are the “AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION projects 2005-2008” which were submitted to DG SANCO in April 2004. This initiative brings together 24 local HIV/AIDS organisations from across the enlarged European Union, the European AIDS Treatment Group, the Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network and of course AIDS ACTION EUROPE is designed to scale-up the exchanges of best practices on HIV and AIDS made possible in the first phase of the Integration Project (with more partners from western Europe as well as from the new EU countries and the remaining accession countries). If funded, the AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION Projects will thus make available the best pan-European practices on (a) HIV/AIDS prevention and support, (b) harm reduction, and (c) sexual health promotion to strengthen services provided especially in the 10 new EU members states and the 3 EU Accession Countries. The AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION Projects have been reviewed and praised positively, in writing, by representatives from UNAIDS, EMCDDA, the Positive Action Foundation and the Open Society Institute: we hope of course that decision makers from DG SANCO will also agree to pursue their support to strengthen – through the exchange of best practices - the quality of HIV/AIDS and sexual health prevention and support services in the enlarged European Union.

## Calendar of key activities and related events:

The asterisk (\*) indicate events closely related to the Integration Project but which were **absolutely not** funded by the grant received by DG SANCO.

<b>Dissemination of results *</b>	<i>April 20 to 25, 2004: Harm reduction documentary selected !</i> Arnaud WS with AIDES Harm Reduction experts will attend the 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm (15th ICRDRH) in Melbourne Australia, to present the documentary "Breaking the Curve: Fighting AIDS in Estonia and in Russia" which has been selected to be presented in the Film Festival Symposium.
<b>Dissemination of results *</b>	APRIL 24, 2004 : ARTE-TV : Partners of the integration projects are featured in French-German TV programme on HIV in the new EU member countries - including documentaries filmed in Estonia, Poland and Hungary (More info - in French)
<b>The future of the INTEGRATION Partnership *</b>	May 24, 2004: The steering committee of AIDS ACTION EUROPE, the pan-European NGO Partnership on HIV and AIDS mandates AIDES with the current partners of the Integration Projects to produce concrete inter-NGO project to be titled "AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION" to be presented to DG SANCO (EC) - Deadline: April 26, 2004. Contact: europe@aides.org.
<b>Dissemination of results</b>	March 22 & 23, 2004 Brussels - 1st Open Forum for AIDS ACTION in EUROPE - (with more than 100 HIV/AIDS NGO delegates - <a href="http://www.aidsfonds.nl/europe">www.aidsfonds.nl/europe</a> ) Contributions included : Central and Eastern Europe in the context of EU Enlargement (Situation Analysis and Action Plan) [only local hostel cost covered for intergration partners]
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Joint meeting</b>	March 18-20, 2004 Brussels - OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIV/AIDS NGOS IN THE ENLARGED EUROPEAN UNION - , Meeting of the partners of the Integration projects – This final gathering of the partners was linked on purpose with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Forum for AIDS Action in Europe (above).
<b>Internship</b>	March 6 & , 2004 : The president of BADZ Z NAMI is invited to participate and to speak to the Public Congress on Women and HIV, set up by AIDES, Sida Info Service and others in Paris., France.
<b>Dissemination of results</b>	Dublin - 23&24 Feb. 2004 Breaking the Barriers- Partnership to fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia - Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (Coordinator of the Integration Projects, on behalf of AIDS ACTION EUROPE), Zoltan LACZO (Pluss, Hungary), Emmanuel TRENADO (AIDES, France), Marija SUBATATE (European Partnership Office, Lithuania) were among the many HIV/AIDS NGOs who participated as delegates to this great conference, set up by the Irish Presidency of the EU, which should be congratulated for the new standards set in terms of transparency and participation of civil society. Now, the promises and commitments in the Governmental Dublin Declaration need to lead to new national and EU laws and programmes on HIV and AIDS...
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Country-Mission – Czech Rep</b>	February 6-8, 2004: 2nd mission to Prague by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON, to finalize the Country-Report on the Czech Republic in partnership with the CSAP (Czech AIDS Society).

<b>Internship in France</b>	December 7-12 2003: Wojciech (from the Polish NGO Badz Z Nami), Robert (from the Hungarian NGO PLUS) and Nicoleta (ARAS, Romania) attended "AIDES' University for Persons Taking Treatments" - in Angers, France.
<b>Internship in France</b>	December 4-7 2003: Dr Hana Malinová and a colleague from the Czech NGO "Rozkoše bez Rizika" met the AIDES outreach group for sex-workers in Bordeaux, France.
<b>Coordination &amp; Dissemination of results</b>	On November 25 and 26, 2003, representatives from AIDES, ARAS, DIA+LOGS and Finnish AIDS Council met in Brussels for a coordination meeting – to also set up, on November 26, 2003 a Press Conference in the European Parliament, Brussels – “For a stronger EU response against HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe” Outcomes of the coordination : => Preparation in Brussels of the upcoming 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the partners NGOs => Planning for the remaining steps on the Integration Project (internships & country reports).
<b>Dissemination of results*</b>	November 15th, 2003: Presentation of the Integration-Projects (including the documentary "Breaking the Curve") by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON at a workshop at the European Social Forum, at the workshop on Drugs and Harm Reduction
<b>Coordination</b>	October 24-25, 2003: (Integration Partnership) Coordination meeting between AIDES and PLUS (Hungary) took place in Pantin, France. => Preparation of the Country-Report for Hungary => Preparation of PLUS participation to AIDES' University for People Taking anti-HIV treatments => Follow-up of AIDES-PLUS contractual agreement.
<b>Internship in France</b>	September 16-21, 2003: Visit and training in France for 5 representatives from Badz'z Nami (Poland) in France
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Country Mission Romania</b>	July 21-23: Bucharest / Romania – Follow up of first country-mission (following the launch of the SAFER-IDUS project in Bucharest) – [Per Diem cost only]
<b>Country Mission - Poland</b>	June 26-30, 2003: Intg.-Projects Coordinator attends the Polish National Meeting for People Living with HIV/AIDS (organized by BADZ Z NAMI nearby Poznan).
<b>Internship in France and Dissemination of results</b>	June 20-22, 2003: AIDES 2003 CONGRESS (in the European Parliament in Strasbourg) features plenary session about fighting AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe -. Panel Speakers include Wojciech TOMCZYNSKI (BADZ Z NAMI, Poland), Monica DAN (ARAS, Romania), Dr Françoise HAMERS (Coordinator of EuroHIV) and Sacha TSEKHANOVICH* (Humanitarian Action/MDM, Russia). [*Sacha's participation was of course funded by AIDES's own resources, not the DG SANCO grant]
<b>Dissemination of results*</b>	June 12-15, 2003: The Conference on Drug Demand Reduction Budapest, Hungary - organized by EC - DG ENLARGEMENT – bring together European NGOs involved with the new Drug Demand Reduction projects funded by DG Enlargement.
<b>Coordination</b>	April 26-27, 2003: Coordination meeting in Paris, France, for the Integration Partnership (Ruta KAUPÉ/DIA+LOGS/LATVIA, Monica DAN ARAS/Romania, Bengt LINDBLÖM and Jari KESANIEMI Finnish AIDS Council/Finland, Arnaud WS, AIDES, France) => Follow up from the First Joint meeting of partner NGOs in Riga.

<b>Country mission</b>	April 6-17, 2003: Mission to Estonia (April 6-10) and then to Russia - to film the documentary "Breaking the Curve"* (Arnaud WASSON-SIMON, Nicolas MILLET, Tanya REZNICHENKO) [*strictly separate funding was secured for the Russian part of this mission]
<b>1 st Joint Meeting</b>	April 3-5 2003: 1st joint meeting of the Partners of the Integration Projects ( in Riga, Latvia) in parallel with the conference 'Effective advocacy for health in Europe' co-organized by EPHA and Open Society Institutes Network
<b>Coordination – AIDES/ARAS</b>	March 3, 2003: Bilateral Coordination AIDES-ARAS (Monica DAN and Maria GEORGESCU from ARAS, Arnaud WS AIDES) Outcomes of the AIDES-ARAS coordination : => Preparation of Country-report for Romania => Follow up of AIDES-ARAS partnership agreement => Preparation of upcoming internships in France.
<b>Inter-NGO coordination AIDES – ARAS with pan-European NGOs</b>	March 2, 2003: INTEGRATION - Meeting between Pan-European HIV/AIDS NGOs including representatives from AFEW/Russia, AIDES/France, ARAS/Romania, AIDS FONDS/Netherlands, Abraço/Portugal, Deutsche Aids Stiftung/Germany, NATIONAL AIDS TRUST/United Kingdom, Sensoa/Belgium - with guests representing UNAIDS and ICASO. This is one of the meeting that laid the foundation for creating AIDS ACTION EUROPE.
<b>Country Mission – Czech Rep</b>	February 8-13, 2003: 1st Country Mission to Czech Republic (A. WASSON-SIMON and Michael GOETZ, AIDES)
<b>1st Country Mission in Poland</b>	November 27 - December 3rd, 2002: 1st Country-mission to Poland (Arnaud WS and Olivier DENOUE, AIDES)
<b>Internship</b>	October 26-30, 2002 : Calalina ILIUTA and Anca COSTACHE from ARAS Romania participate to the Training Session on Harm Reduction and Health Services for Drug Users hosted by LILA in Bologna (set up in partnership with AIDES and other European partners)
<b>1st Country-mission in Hungary</b>	September 2-8, 2002: 1st Country Mission to Hungary (Arnaud WASSON-SIMON and Emmanuel TRENADO, AIDES)
<b>Internships in Finland</b>	9-11 of August 2002 — Participation of 2 Estonian, 1 Latvian and 1 Lithuanian to the Nordall Nordic Conference for People living with HIV AIDS (Hosted by Body Positive NGO of Finland).
<b>Coordination</b>	August 8-11, 2002: Bilateral coordination in Helsinki of the Integration Partnership (Jari KESANIEMI, Bengt LINDBLOM, Arnaud WASSON-SIMON) => Follow up of partnership agreement between AIDES and the Finnish AIDS Council => Preparation of the 1st Joint meeting of the partner NGOs => Definition of shared methodology for the Country-missions and the Country-reports
<b>1st Country Mission to Lithuania</b>	15th to 17th of July 2002 - by Bengt LINDBLOM and Jari KESANIEMI
<b>1st Country</b>	17th to 19th of June 2002 – by Bengt LINDBLOM and Jari KESANIEMI

<b>Mission to Latvia</b>	
<b>Dissemination of results</b>	June 11 <sup>th</sup> 2002: as part of the CHANGE project (2000-2002), Arnaud WASSON-SIMON presented " <i>Integrating Public Health in the Enlargement Process: what needs to happen concerning HIV/AIDS</i> " during a briefing at the European Parliament.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Country Mission in Romania</b>	From January 25 to February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2002 : 1 <sup>st</sup> country mission in Romania (Arnaud WASSON-SIMON and H�el�ene ROSSERT - in partnership with ARAS).
<b>Internship in France</b>	November 8-11, 2001: Monica DAN from ARAS Romania participates to AIDES 14 <sup>th</sup> National Assembly in Nimes, France.
	<b>October 1<sup>st</sup> 2001: Official beginning of the Integration Partnership</b>

## List of complementary documents and reports :

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### 1. The Country-Reports

#### **The Country Reports [leading authors in brackets] :**

Estonia	[by Jury KALIKOV, AIDSi-Tugikeskus)
Latvia	[by Ruta KAUPÉ, DIA+LOGS)
Lithuania	[by Marija SUBATATE ( ICASO Eastern European Partnership Office) Arnaud WASSON SIMON, (AIDES), Jari KESANIEMI (Finnish AIDS Council)]
Poland	[by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON ( AIDES) Olivier DENOUE ( AIDES) and Wojciech TOMCZYNSKI, (BADZ Z NAMI) - <u>in English and in French</u> ]
The Czech Republic	[by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES), Michael GOETZ (AIDES) and Ivo PROCHASKA]
Hungary	[by Zoltan LACZO and Zsuzsa SZABO]
Romania	[by Monica DAN, ARAS]
<b>Synthesis :</b>	HIV and AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe in the context of EU Enlargement: a Situation Analysis and Action Plan [by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES) presented at the Open Forum for AIDS ACTION in Europe on March 22, 2004. <u>In English and in French</u> ]

### 2. Communications

« A l'Est du Nouveau ! » Article published in March 2004 in the Remaides Magazine (in French – Remaides is a leading worldwide publication on HIV & AIDS, received directly by more than 10000 subscribers and printed in 40 000 copies).

Article Published in the newsletter of EGO (Espoir Goutte d'Or) – 4<sup>th</sup> Trimester 2003

Abstract presented to the World AIDS Conference – Bangkok, Thailand 2004.

#### **Documentary (CD-ROM version) :**

Breaking the Curve: Fighting AIDS in Estonia and in Russia  
(2003 / Produced by AIDES / Filming in Estonia carried out as part of the INTEGRATION Country Missions)  
4-page presentation of the film in French and in English.

Press Release about the Press Conference in European Parliament – November 26, 2004  
Power Point Presentations made during this press conference.

CD-Rom Recording : ARTE-TV: “Le Forum des Européens: le VIH dans les nouveaux pays de l'UE” – - included documentaries filmed in Estonia, Hungary, and in Poland and featuring the partners of the INTEGRATION projects - broadcasted on April 26, 2004

8-page report by ARTE on their TV program on HIV in the new EU Member States.

Article about the Integration Project published in AIDES'Buletin for Volunteers.

### **3. Joint meetings of the partner NGOs**

**The First Joint meeting of the Partner of the INTEGRATION Project (in parallel with the conference 'Effective advocacy for health in Europe' co-organized by EPHA and Open Society Institutes Network)**

=> Agenda of the Conference "Effective advocacy for health in Europe"

=> List of Participants

=> Power Point Presentations made at the Conference by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES) and Hélène ROSSERT, board Member of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (AIDES)

**Participation of Partners from the INTEGRATION Project to AIDES's National Congress in the European Parliament in Strasbourg in June 2003.**

**The Second Meeting of the Partners of the INTEGRATION PROJECT (European Parliament – Brussels – March 18-20, 2004)**

=> Agenda – List of Participants

=> Presentations

**The Open Forum on AIDS Action in Europe  
Brussels, March 22& 23, 2004**

=> Report & Action Plan

### **4. AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION 2005-2008**

Synthetic presentation of the project presented to DG SANCO in April 2004.

### **5. FINANCIAL REPORT of the INTEGRATION Project.**

Expenses carried out by AIDES, the Finnish Council and the partners as part of the INTEGRATION Project, from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2001 to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2004.