

Breaking the Curve. Fighting HIV/AIDS in Estonia and in Russia.



Release of a filmed documentary illustrating the work of NGOs against AIDS in Eastern Europe

Press Conference

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“The unfortunate distinction of having the world’s fastest-growing HIV/AIDS epidemic still belongs to Eastern Europe (...).” (UNAIDS, December 2002).

Grassroots HIV/AIDS organisations have a major role to play against this emerging health disaster which affects also several of the applicant countries of the European Union. HIV and AIDS should be therefore on the agenda of the European Council on Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumers that will take place on World AIDS Day, December 1st 2003.

Participants:

Chair: Didier Claude ROD, Member of the European Parliament
Giedrius LIKATAVICIUS, Epidemiologist, EuroHIV Programme
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Presentations:

1. The scope of the emerging HIV/AIDS catastrophe in Eastern Europe.
2. The role of NGOs and civil society against HIV/AIDS.
3. What the European Union can do.

CD-Rom version of the documentary entitled “Breaking the Curve”, both in English and French, will be made available to participants.

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