

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES and RESULTS

Final report

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PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT:

fromMAY 29, 2003..... to ...JULY, 29, 2005.....

PROJECT TITLE:
INTEGRATION of STANDARD APPROACHES
to FIGHT EMERGING RISKS for INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS
(INTG./ SAFER IDUS)

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I. PROJECT SUMMARY

- I.1. Please give a summary on the development of the project in terms of how the initial planned objectives have been met, the activities undertaken, the products completed, and also the specific activities undertaken regarding dissemination, transfer and multiplication.

The INTEGRATION SAFER-IDUS project (Integration of Standard Approaches to Fight Emerging Risks for Intravenous Drug Users) was designed to support **the development of adequate harm-reduction services for drug users in Estonia and in Romania, on the basis on exchanges of best practices at the European level, notably with France and with Finland.** Romania and Estonia were chosen as priority countries on the basis of (1) the very alarming situation faced by drug users in both countries with regards to HIV (recent major outbreaks of HIV in Estonia, high prevalence of risk behaviors in Romania and lack of adequate prevention services in both countries) and (2) the commitment, capacity, and willingness of the local NGO partners AIDS-I Tugikeskus in Estonia and ARAS in Romania to work at the European level with AIDES in France and the AIDS Council in Finland.

Concretely, here is what we achieved in light of the original objectives :

Research on the situation of Drug Users in Romania and in Estonia

As planned, we implemented a **social research project on the situation of drug users in Romania and in Estonia** (partly modeled upon AIDES experience with similar surveys in France **but locally designed and implemented by the local partners**). Initially designed at a intensive training session in France for 2 Estonian and 2 Romanian representatives (October 2-4, 2003), the surveys included both focus group meetings and questionnaires (151 responses collected in Estonia, 500 in Romania). The results of this research have been widely disseminated at the local level and a synthesis of the results has been shared at international level in the 2 SAFER-IDUS newsletters. This work both strengthened the legitimacy of the local partner NGOs as operators of harm-reduction services and enabled them to make sure that the services they provide match – as much as possible – the needs of their clients.

Inter-country exchanges of best practices

- We intended to organize **internships and country-visits** for a total of 24 participants to be hosted in France and in Finland for Estonian and Romanian NGO and governmental representatives, all focusing upon harm-reduction and support services for drug users.

=> We actually implemented a total of **22** such internships :

	From Estonia	From Romania
In Finland	2+2+2=6	2+1=3
In France	3+4=7	1+2+2+1=6

It proved harder than expected for our Estonian and Romanian partners to identify high-level governmental decision makers willing to participate (even though all expenses were covered for... This revealed a most regrettable lack of commitment from the governmental level about harm reduction. Thankfully, staff from a selection of governmental agencies willingly agreed to be included). On the other hand, the NGO representatives who participated reported that they found such internships to be very beneficial for their work and motivation.

Communications and advocacy

We produced as planned 2 issues of the SAFER IDUS newsletter (in January and in July 2005) – presenting the situation we face as local European NGO involved in harm-reduction work. The first issue was produced in English, French, Estonian, Romanian and Russian (2000 printed copies in English). The second issue was produced only in French and in English (with 2000 printed copies in English), considering that we had then learned that the translation and proofreading work in 5 languages proved extremely complex. We produced additionally 2000 copies of a CD-ROM dedicated to the SAFER-IDUS project. These publications have been disseminated both by direct mailing (to about 400 contacts) through distribution at seminars and meetings, by email distribution (PDF format) and on the www.integration-projects.org website.

Further, the partners of the project intervened publicly to present the project in many occasions (notably at the European Social Forum in France in 2003 – at a press conference in the European Parliament for World AIDS Day 2003 and at other NGO seminars). As planned, both Romania and Estonian partners worked in partnership with other local organisations to form **a local Think-Tank on Harm Reduction** and jointly advocated for reforms that need to be implemented: in Romania this meant developing the work of the already established Romanian Harm Reduction Network (which met on 8 occasions during the project). In Estonia, this enabled AIDS-I Tugikeskus to support a greater involvement of Estonian NGOs in the strategic meetings of Estonian stakeholders on Harm Reduction (for the "Organization of an all-country network of institutions, dealing with drug users – treatment, rehabilitation, harm reduction centers") which took place in September 2004 and June 2005.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

II.1. Please describe the project's progress and achievements, giving a general assessment of the products/results achieved in relation to the specific initial objectives.

Initial objectives:

The project "**Integration/SAFER-IDUs**" will contribute to **scaling up** the outreach projects targeting drug users already set up by the local non-governmental organisations ARAS in Romania and AIDS-TUGIKESKUS in Estonia :

(1) by sharing the lessons learned in the field in the four countries - between both outreach workers (internships) and political decision makers (inter-country visits).

(2) by fostering informed public debate about drug use and its related health risks, in Estonia and in Romania (Think Tanks) as well as on a pan-European scale (multilingual newsletters).

(3) by integrating standard research strategies to evaluate the ongoing pertinence of the outreach projects that are set-up in Romania and Estonia (Focus-Groups followed up by Questionnaires for service recipients).

Products/results achieved in relation to those objectives:

(1) The internships and country visits enabled a total of 16 NGO and 6 Governmental agency representatives (22 sessions in total) from Estonia and Romania to meet directly with French and Finnish harm-reduction experts.

Overall, we can attest these internships greatly benefited the participants in terms of motivation and capacity to implement quality harm-reduction project from drugs users in Estonia and in Romania:

Monica DAN (from ARAS/Romania) for instance stated in her evaluation report :

*The internships also revealed different public and social policies in dealing with drug use and HIV/AIDS more involvement of public authorities, family doctors and pharmacies - in France - and private corporation and local authorities in Finland and in Estonia. What difference from the situation in Romania ! If such things are possible at all - it is possible also here, in Romania. **The internships gave our workers the determination and persistence needed in a such a long and difficult combat with the health care authorities.***

(2) Communications and Advocacy :

At the European level, two issues of a specific SAFER-IDUS newsletter have been produced and disseminated (2000 printed copies of the English version of each – released in January and in July 2005), which featured primarily the concerns of the four partners of the project as providers of Harm-Reduction services. Additionally, a specific "SAFER-IDUS" project CD-ROM was produced and also disseminated in July 2005 (which included notably the multilingual versions of the 1st newsletter). Starting in May 2003, the website www.integration-projects.org included regularly updated information about the SAFER-IDUS project.

The partners of the SAFER-IDUS project further participated to several key European meetings and conferences where they presented the SAFER-IDUS projects and the challenges related to the development of Harm-Reduction Services in Estonia and in Romania (at the European Social Forum in Paris in November 2003, the Open Forum for AIDS Action in Europe in Brussels in March 2004 or at the International Conferences on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm in Melbourne in 2004 and in Belfast in 2005). Funding for participation to these events was not covered by the grant for the SAFER-IDUS project.

At the national level in Estonia and in Romania, the local partners were encouraged to work as a national "Think-Tank" on harm reduction – to ensure that advocacy on Harm-reduction federate as many pertinent stake-holders as possible. In Estonia, this meant that AIDS-TUGIKESKUS was able to promote a greater participation of local Harm Reduction NGOs to a serie of meetings on "Organization of all-country network of institutions, dealing with drug users – treatment, rehabilitation, harm reduction centers" (which took place in september 2004 and June 2005 – and which each brought together about 15 participants, including representatives from the Central Prison Hospital, Youth Centers, Ministry of Justice, NGOs, Crisis Center, Social Ministry, Health Development Institute, local city governments, Parliament, Psychiatric Clinic, Children hospital).

In Romania, ARAS was this able to support the ongoing work of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network which was born from the initiative of several organizations (ARAS, ALIAT, OpenDoors, Stay Alive, Save the Children, Adolescentul, the General Directorate of Penitentiaries, and Armonia) that wanted to improve communication in the field and, therefore, to increase the quality and efficiency of their projects. As part of its activities, the RHRN has produced a Harm Reduction guide for service providers, a Harm Reduction guide for drug users, a service directory, and a regular newsletter. The RHRN has also lobbied central and local authorities to accept our HR interventions (most notably the police) and also to get involved themselves (including city halls, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Justice - General Directorate of Penitentiaries). Over the duration of the project, the RHRN (Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank) has met on 8 occasions.

3/ Research in Romania and in Estonia about the situation and needs of drug users

These 2 research project included both Focus-Groups meetings as well as a written questionnaires to be completed (150 reponses in Estonia – 500 responses in Romania). The methodology was primarily modeled upon AIDES experience in assessing the need of our clients in France. At the intensive training session set up for that purpose by AIDES for 2 Estonian and 2 Romanian delegates in October 2003, we stressed that the Romanian and Estonian partners had to define for themselves the objectives of the study on the basis of the local situation (to ensure also this work did not overlap with other research projects). AIDES support in that regard therefore was focused upon the methodology (Focus Group management techniques, questionnaire design, concrete examples) but certainly not on the actual content of the surveys.

In Estonia the main results – based upon response provide by 75 drug users in Tallinn and 75 in Narva, include the following :

- 18% of respondents are women / **73% are less than 25 years-old.**

- **Significant part of IDU-s are Russian-speaking (more then 70%)**

Generally IDU-s have the "ALIEN'S passports" (56%) 9% have a Russian passport and 25% have an Estonian passports. The ALIEN's Passport is a special grey passport that was issued by the Estonian governments specifically for the members of the "national minority" of Russian speakers in Estonia.

- 85 % are not in school (in spite of their relatively young age) and 50% live with their parents.

- Most popular narcotics are heroin 55,5 %; Marihuana 18,5 %; Other opiates (poppy straws/black) 17 % and amphetamine 20,5 %

In Romania, the study complemented a qualitative survey that ARAS already had done in 2003, and revealed the following :

- 55.3 % of the respondents (277 persons) **acknowledged that they had re-used injection equipment already used by someone else within the past month.**

- 90,2% said they had shared preparation equipment within the past month (a high risk of Hepatitis C transmission)

- 32,7% already have experienced an overdose.

The implementation of these 2 surveys clearly strengthened the capacity of ARAS and AIDSi-Tugikeskus to implement such research work (they were after all in charge of the whole process – from the design of the objectives to the analysis of the responses to the questionnaires – with only methodological support from AIDES). It also strenghtened the legitimacy of Harm-reduction work in the eyes of Estonian and Romania governmental decision makers – as it proved that Harm-reduction NGO can have a very professional approach in assessing the situation of the clients they serve.

II.2. With regard to the **Priority** chosen and indicated on the application form for your project, please state **specifically**: how your project has contributed to achieving the objectives and priority originally chosen.

We contributed to achieving the priorities as defined in the 2002 Guidelines for the Drug Demand Reduction Programme in the following ways :

"CEEC NGOs are integrated into existing EU networks dealing with drug dependency":

Thanks in part to the SAFER-IDUS project, ARAS and AIDSi-Tugikeskus have been able to get far more involved in EU networks dedicated to HIV/AIDS (which until 2003, were primarily made of western European members). Notably, Maria Georgescu (ARAS Director) is now a member of the executive committee of AIDS ACTION EUROPE, the pan-European NGO Partnership on HIV and AIDS (www.aidsactioneurope.org). starting in 2005, both ARAS and AIDSi-Tugikeskus are now officially invoveld in the HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum that was initiated by DG SANCO of the European Union. AIDES played a leading role in encouraging the full inclusion of our Estonian and Romanian partners in these networks.

"Quality of CEEC NGO actions is improved"

The internships in France and in Finland, as well as the implementation of the surveys of the needs of Drug Users in Estonia and in Romania, clearly enabled to strengthen the capacity of ARAS and AIDSi-Tugikeskus. Most notably, the Estonian and Romanian participants to the internships reported they found it extremely motivating to see how harm-reduction services have become long-term, publicly supported health services in both Finland and in France.

"Exchange of information and regular contacts established with policy makers at local, regional and national level within the CEECs"

The work carried out locally in Romania and in Estonia as part of the "Harm Reduction Think Tank" included many direct exchanges by the NGOs with their municipal and governmental authorities. In Romania, this led to commitments by the Ministries of Health and Justice, as well as from the Directorate on Penitentiaries, to become far more supportive of harm-reduction programmes. In Estonia, AIDSi-Tugilekus now work on a regular basis with the Central Prison Hospital, the Ministry of Justice, Social Ministry, Health Development Institute, local city governments, and the Parliament. We acknowledge nevertheless that these relations between local NGO and governmental authorities remain very difficult. In Estonia notably, there is still no clear governmental commitment to ensure that the services initiated with the 5-year Global Fund grant will be maintained and developed once this grant expires.

II.3. Please describe the impact of your project in terms of the regions/countries targeted by your project, the sectors, the beneficiaries etc.

Several new initiatives emerged as a direct results of the SAFER-IDUS internships, for instance :

- Camil DUMITRIU from ARAS/Romania was greatly inspired by the French NGO ASUD (French Self Support Group for Drug Users) which he met during his internship in France in July 2004: back in Bucharest, he thus linked up with fellow current and former drug users to start a new NGO, which they called "INTEGRATION" (inspired by the "Integration Projects" run by AIDES) and which aims to make visible the situation faced by Drug Users in Romania. Today, ARAS in Romania works very closely with the spoke-persons from that new INTEGRATION NGO in their advocacy campaigns on Harm-Reduction.
- Christian VERGER, an AIDES volunteer who is also the director of the Methadone Center in Mulhouse (and who – as such – welcomed several delegates from Romania and from Estonia) took upon his own initiative to develop further links with Romania – soliciting successfully some support from the Mairie of Mulhouse (which is already involved in a Twinning Partnership with Timisoara in Romania). He wants in particular to focus upon improving the provision of substitution treatments in Romania.
- The Finnish AIDS Council (also known as "AIDSi-TUKIKESKUS") and AIDSi-TUGIKESKUS in Estonia have always been quite close with one another (hence the almost similar name). The internships in the SAFER-IDUS project enabled the staff from both NGO to get to know one another much better and today, Corinne BJORKENHEIM, the new executive director of the Finnish AIDS Council is strongly committed to maintain a very close relation with AIDSi-Tugikeskus and is seeking Finnish Governmental support for that purpose.

Over the period of the project, it is clear that a vastly increasing numbers of drug users in both Estonia and in Romania have been able to reach adequate harm-reduction services, especially needle-exchange. We acknowledge that this increase was primarily due to the funding received by both countries from the Global fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (which enable ARAS and AIDSi-Tugikeskus to carry out far more work) but the training and exchanges provided as part of the SAFER-IDUS projects was essential to enable new NGO staff members to learn quickly the essential principles of harm-reduction.

II.4. Please state how the project has met the needs identified in your proposal.

Needs identified:

When drafting the proposal in 2002-03, we assessed the following needs :

- 1/ Highly critical situation in Estonia, with a recent and huge increase of HIV among drug users and "the preventive measures implemented so far among IDUs (rehabilitation, methadone programs) covered no more than 5–15 % of those who needed them. "
- 2/ Worrisome risk behaviors were reported among drug users in Romania – while governmental authorities were barely willing to acknowledge the very existence of IDUS in Romania. Above all, the lack of reliable information was most worrisome.

How needs have been met:

The SAFER-IDUS project took place in parallel with the implementation of a whole new range of HIV/AIDS prevention and support activities in both Romania and Estonia funded by Global Fund Grants. This proved most pertinent in terms of synergies because the Estonian and Romanian staff who benefited from the SAFER-IDUS internships were far more likely to be able to concretely use the skills thus acquired as part of Global Fund projects. The Global Fund does not fund inter-country exchanges and this demonstrates how the European Commission can be a most pertinent complementary funder in parallel to the Global Fund.

Overall, partly thanks to the advocacy work done as part of the SAFER-IDUS project, there is now a far greater awareness as the governmental level of the health situation of drug users – as well as (to a limited extent) some concrete commitments to facilitate and support harm-reduction projects.

II.5. Please give details of the organisational and management structures used in the project.

The SAFER-IDUS project was managed by a small coordination team, comprising one representative from each of the partners : Arnaud WASSON-SIMON, AIDES/France, Monica DAN, ARAS/Romania, Jury KALIKOV, AIDSi-Tugikeskus/Estonia and Jari KESANIEMI (replaced in 2004 by Kati ULMALA) from the Finnish AIDS Council. This team regularly communicated via email and telephone. We also had 3 formal coordination meetings (in Bucharest, Tallinn and Paris) as part of the project.

II.6. Please give details of the activities, means and actions used to **disseminate** and **transfer** the results of your project to your partners, as well as to others in the training field outside your partnership, and also to others sectors.

As detailed above, we produced and disseminated two issues of the SAFER-IDUS newsletter (released in January and July 2005) as well as a CD-ROM dedicated to the SAFER-IDUS Projects: each was directly mailed by ARAS to approximately 400 contacts and have also been distributed at seminars and conferences (for instance, at the 2005 Belfast International conference on Harm Reduction, and at a regional training on Harm Reduction organised by the IHRD programme of the Soros/OSI Foundation in Bucharest in early 2005).

In terms of transfer of the results, the other partners of the ongoing INTEGRATION projects (in particular DIA+LOGS in LATVIA, CEE-HRN in Lithuania, BADZ Z NAMI in Poland, the Hungarian Civil Liberty Union, the Czech AIDS Society, the European AIDS Treatment Group) have had a direct access to the progress made as part of the SAFER-IDUS project, notably at our joint meeting

held in the European Parliament in Brussels on March 19 and 20, 2004 as it included a specific session about the SAFER-IDUS project. One very concrete result is that Ruta KAUPĒ as director of DIA+LOGS in Latvia participated (on her own expenses) to the second coordination meeting of the SAFER-IDUS project (which took place in Tallinn, in May 2004) and also contributed an article about the situation in Latvia (which is just as alarming as the Estonian situation) for the 1st issue of the SAFER-IDUS Newsletter.

Finally, all publications in English related to the SAFER-IDUS Project have been made freely available on the website www.integration-projects.org.

II.7. Please describe the **internal and external evaluation** procedures you have implemented.

The internal evaluation procedure included:

- monitoring of the actual completion of the planned activities in due time (internships and newsletters) by the coordination team
- overseeing the proper implementation of the different steps involved in the Estonian and Romanian research projects by the global coordinator (Arnaud WASSON-SIMON) and the AIDES social research manager (Hind GAIGI).
- seeking feedback from the participants to the internships by the national project coordinator in both Romania (Monica DAN) and in Estonia (Jury KALIKOV).
- Ensuring that all three AIDES partners adopted standard accounting and expense reporting procedures for the grant of the project (Arnaud WASSON-SIMON with Delphine FERI – who was replaced in 2004 by Gilles CESARI)
- Finally a specific questionnaire was completed by the participants to the training session about social research which was hosted by AIDES in October 2003 (extremely positive feed-back).

No specific "external evaluation" procedure was planned as part of this project (ie. an evaluation procedure to be implemented by a independent entity that is not directly related to the partners of the project). We would absolutely welcome - however - if the services of DG Enlargement decide to carry out an external evaluation of the SAFER-IDUS project.

II.8. Please give a precise description of the **cooperation** in your project and state whether this cooperation is to be continued in the future.

Beyond the day-to-day exchanges in between the four members of the coordination team which were necessary to implement properly all aspects of the activities, the SAFER-IDUS project also enabled staff members and volunteers from the four organisations to meet and work together (through the internships notably). The four partners of the SAFER-IDUS project already had worked together starting in 2001 as part of the Integration Project – and will very concretely continue to work together as part of the AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION Projects 2005-2008 (primarily funded by DG SANCO of the European Commission) – which are designed to support the development of local HIV/AIDS NGOs in the new and future EU Member States.

II.9. Please describe your project's added value and its innovative impact in terms of content, methodology, results etc.

The research aspect in the project was clearly innovative in the sense that it demonstrated that the NGOs which implement harm-reduction services in the field also have a central role to play in implementing social research: NGOs may not have by default the professional skills that are needed to carry out adequate research (but that can be learned – as we showed), but we have on the other hand a direct access to drug users – and drug users clearly deeply trust harm-reduction outreach workers that they know.

II.10. Please describe the future sustainability of the project – how, by whom, at which level (regional, local, political, financial, institutional etc)

A central and essential question in both Estonia and in Romania is whether the governments will be willing to maintain and develop the harm-reduction services which today are primarily funded by ongoing Global Fund Grants (but are due to expire in 2008). This was a central focus of the advocacy work we did as part of the SAFER-IDUS project, and we did maintain to obtain promising commitments from several governmental officials. However, both the Romanian and the Estonian governments, as of today, remain most regrettably very reluctant to fund harm-reduction service on the scale that is needed.

Beyond that aspect, the partnership in between the four partners will surely be pursued, most concretely as part of the AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION Projects 2005-2008 which are primarily funded by DG SANCO of the European Union.

II.11. Please describe the **problems** you have encountered (administrative, legal and practical obstacles, difficulties within the partnership, the completion of activities etc.) during the implementation of your project, and the specific **solutions** found.

1. It proved extremely complex to obtain visas to France for Estonian residents who have the **Estonian "Resident Alien's Passport"** (most are members of the Russian minority of Estonia). Thankfully, we did manage to secure these visas when needed but we really did not expect to face such a problem, considering that Estonia is now a member of the EU ! We understand the difficult historical context which explains this situation, yet **we absolutely encourage the Estonian government to move forward with granting equal rights to its citizens of Russian origin**: the institutions of the European Union should play a central role in facilitating this process.

2. High-ranking governmental representatives in Estonia and in Romania who were contacted for the country-visits to France and to Estonia almost systematically refused – which reveals a worrisome lack of commitment for Harm-Reduction (For instance, one of them said he may accept only if his wife was allowed to come along... which was not acceptable on our side !). The governmental agency representatives who participated in the end were committed staff workers who were already very close to the NGOs. They did also greatly benefit from the visits in France and in Finland... but regretably they are not really in a central decision-making position in their country...

3. We must acknowledge that the European Commission remains a very challenging funder for local NGOs: we regret notably the lack of harmonisation in terms of procedures in between the different DGs of the European Commission. That being said, we want to salute the very usefull and expedient support of our key contact at DG Enlargement for this project (Mr Henk VISSER) who always responded very quickly to our questions.

III. PROJECT RESULTS

This section is intended to give an overview of project results and products developed during the period covered by this report.

III.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RESULTS ACHIEVED

	Event/Initiative/ Activity	Completed yes/no	Description		
			Location	Target Audience	Duration
1	Intensive training on Social Research	YES	Paris – France	2 Estonian and 2 Romanian NGO delegates	3 days
2	Research on the situation of Romanian drug users	YES	Bucharest, Romania	Romanian Drug Users : 500 respondents to the questionnaires and about 30 participants to the Focus Groups.	About 12 months
3	Research on the situation of Estonian drug users	YES	Tallinn and Narva, Estonia	Estonian Drug users : 150 respondents to the questionnaires and about 30 participants to the Focus Groups	About 12 months
4	Internships and Country-visits for Estonians in France	YES	Paris, Mulhouse, Nîmes and Marseilles, France	7 Estonian participants (a group of 3 and a group of 4)	One week sessions on average
5	Internships and Country-visits for Romanians in France	YES	Paris, Mulhouse, Nîmes, France	6 participants (1+2+2+1)	One week sessions on average
6	Internships and Country-visits for Estonians in Finland	YES	Helsinki region, Finland	6 participants (2+2+2)	Five day sessions on average
7	Internships and Country-visits for Romanians in Finland	YES	Helsinki region, Finland	3 participants (2+1)	Five day session on average
8	Publication of 2 issues of the SAFER IDUS Newsletter (paper version in English and CD-ROM version with French/Romanian/Estonian/russian translation of the 1 st issue) – 2000 copies each.	YES	Produced in Romania. Article written in France, Estonia, Finland and Latvia.	Sent by mailing to 400 addresses: (Governmental and NGO stakeholders in Europe) Also widely distributed at conferences.	About 12 months for the whole process.
9	Harm Reduction Think Tank meetings in Estonia	YES	Tallinn, Estonia	Enabled participation of 3 NGO representatives to 2 wider meetings with governmental authorities.	2 x 3 day meetings.

10	Harm Reduction Think Tank Meetings in Romania	YES	Bucharest, Romania	Supported the ongoing work of the Romanian Harm Reduction network (meetings of the 9 main partners) – especially meeting with Romanian Governmental authorities	8 specific meetings of the Romanian Harm Reduction network took place during the SAFER-IDUS Project.
11	3 meeting of the coordination team	YES	1/ Bucharest, 2/ Tallinn and 3/ Paris	1 executive representatives from each of the 4 partners (AIDES Budget Controller also attended)	3 meetings x 2 days each.
12	Updating of the www.integration-projects.org website – to include specific info about the SAFER-IDUS project	YES	Updated from Pantin, France	The password-protected section is a collaborative tools for the partners of the project/ the main, open section is a ressource primarily intended for emerging HIV/AIDS NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe	Updated on a regular basis throughout the duration of the project.

III.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RESULTS ACHIEVED (FOR FINAL REPORTS)

Please complete this section using **one form for each group of results/products** developed as part of the project.

Result n°: 1	Completed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Language(s): English, Estonian and Russian
Name: Implementation of Research project about the situation of Drug Users in Estonia.		
Target audience or beneficiaries: Sent by y e-mail and in printed version to all concerned agencies, ministries, Drug Prevention program, local city governments, social commissions, Health Development Institute, NGO-s, GO service providers, Social Ministry and others. Synthetic version of the results have been included in the 2 nd issue of the SAFER-IDUS newsletter (printed in 2000 copies)		Number of pages or duration: The whole process was implemented over 20 months. Initial research plan (drafted in November 2003) was 4 pages long. Final report is 18 pages in English (it comes along a power-point presentation in English with 66 slides !)

Developed/undertaken in cooperation with the following Partners (please give the names of the organisations involved):

Initial methodological support was provided by AIDES.

The work (focus groups and questionnaire) was carried out by ADSi-TUGIKESKUS (in Tallinn, Estonia) and by the Rehabilitation Center fro Alcoholics and Drug Users and the NGO "You are not alone" in Narva.

Analysis of response – drafting of report and dissemination of results was done by AIDSi-Tugilkeskus.

Brief description of results/activities
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Please describe: (1) what needs the activity/result meets, (2) the objectives, (3) content/areas covered, (4) target audience, (5) future developments planned.

Activity/Result 1:

(1) needs met by the product:

- Absence of previous research on social profiles and specific needs of users of Harm reduction services in estonia. Existing services for IDUs are sometimes weakly adapted for local contexts and specific profiles and needs of consumers of services.

(2) objectives:

To identify the profiles of the users of Harm Reduction services in Estonia, - social background and reasons for drug use (family status, employment, legal status, education, living conditions etc)

(3) content and areas covered:

OCTOBER 2003 - Recruitment of participants for Focus Group

NOVEMBER 2003 - Setting up of a' 4 Focus Group – 2 in Narva and 2 in Tallinn and design of questionnaire on basis of Focus Groups Results

DECEMBER 2003 - Testing and Validation of Questionnaire

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2004 - Testing and Implementing of Questionnaire
 MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2004 – administration of questionnaire (150 exploitable responses)
 JUNE 2004 – entering the questionnaires, creation of data base
 JULY-SEPTEMBER 2004 – Analysis of data, dissemination of results

(4) target audience:

Due to the Focus Group strategy, a selection of drug users have themselves been quite involved in the actual implementation of the research.

The target audiences of the results are :

- (1) local implementers of Harm reduction services – so that they can adapt the services they provide to the needs of their clients (Issues related to the "precarity" of the legal status of the clients – notably of those who belong to the Russian-speaking national minority in Estonia – notably need to be better addressed).
- (2) Governmental decision makers in Estonia and in Europe.

(5) future developments planned:

Both open and structured consultations of the clients of Harm-reduction services need to become an integrated part of harm-reduction - so that services constantly adapt to the evolving needs of their clients. AIDSi-Tugikeskus is advocating with Estonian governmental authorities for that purpose.

Result n°: 2	Completed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Language(s): English, Romanian
Name: Implementation of Research project about the situation of Drug Users in Romania.		
Target audience or beneficiaries: Sent by e-mail and in printed version to all concerned agencies and fellow Romanian Harm Reduction NGOs: notably Open Doors, Aliat, Armonia – from Timisoara - , Stay Alive, Save the Children and representative of the Ministry of Justice – the Department of the Penitentiaries, the Ministry of Internal Affairs – the Drug Enforcement Unit Synthetic version of the results have been included in the 1st issue of the SAFER-IDUS newsletter (printed in 2000 copies and also included in multilingual version in the SAFER-IDUS CD-ROM)		Number of pages or duration: The whole process was implemented over 20 months. Initial research plan (drafted in November 2003) was 5 pages long. Final report in Romanian and in English is 90 pages long.

Developed/undertaken in cooperation with the following Partners (please give the names of the organisations involved):

Initial methodological support was provided by AIDES.

The work (focus groups and questionnaire) was carried out by ARAS in Romania with technical support from the organisation Operations Research (specialized in social research).

Analysis of response – drafting of report and dissemination of results was done by ARAS, RHRN, and Operation Research.

Brief description of results/activities

Please describe: (1) what needs the activity/result meets, (2) the objectives, (3) content/areas covered, (4) target audience, (5) future developments planned.

Activity/Result 1:

(1) needs met by the product:

- Although the HIV/AIDS prevalence among Romanian IDUs is, according to existing HIV surveillance, relatively low, such situation could be safely attributed to the fact that (since the IDUs do engage themselves in behaviours that put them at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS) that the virus does not yet reach the critical mass in IDUs population and that the existing surveillance (due to its post fact methodology) is not sensitive enough to reveal emergency situations therefore to reveal the opportunity for different programs. More detailed information is therefore needed on the specific risk behaviors of Romanian Drug users – so that harm-reduction programmes can be more effective in reducing these risks.

(2) objectives:

The aim of the research project is to track the risky behaviours among Romanian IDUs, by implementing a baseline behavioural surveillance survey among this target population.

(3) content and areas covered:

The study is based on a questionnaire developed by Catalina Iliuta, Project Research Co-ordinator, and Emil Pislaru, Head of Operations Research, who attended a research training workshop at AIDES in October 2003 in Paris. The questionnaire also intergrated the outcomes of a specific Focus Group (held on November 17, 2003) including both Drug Users and harm-reduction outreach workers to ensure it covered the most pertinent issues. 500 responses have been analysed. The whole process was as follows :

- DOCUMENTATION. (Prior to the research project, a documentation regarding the behavioural surveillance - . PROJECT AND SAMPLING DESIGN
- CONDUCTING Focus Group Session
- TRANSCRIPT OF THE DISCUSSION and DATA ANALYSIS
- TRAINING FOR QUANTITATIVE APPROCH (for implementers of the questionnaire)
- DESIGN OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE (based on previous research steps)
- PRETEST THE QUESTIONNAIRE (tested for length, readability, biases, etc)
- DATA GATHERING
- ANALYSIS
- REPORT – DRAFT AND FINAL
- UTILIZATION and DISSEMINATION OF DATA.

(4) target audience:

Romanian NGOs involved in Harm Reduction / Romanian Governmental Decision makers on health / European and international institutions (notably the Romanian delegations of UNAIDS, UNICEF and the UNDP=

(5) future developments planned:

Shortly after this study, ARAS received additional funding from UNICEF to carry out a specific study about the attitudes of Romanian Pharmacists about drug users (essentially to understand better why so few are willing to sell injection equipment). ARAS has now thus clearly established itself as a reliable Romanian operator for social research.

Regarding European work, ARAS will specifically host a European Seminar "SUSTAINABLE SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS" - BUCHAREST, 10 – 13th NOVEMBER, 2005 (primarily funded by DG SANCO of the European Commission) which will stand as a great opportunity to further publicize ARAS research result and further advocate for a greater support from the Romanian government for targeted HIV/AIDS prevention, including notably Harm Reduction for Drug Users.

Result n°: 3	Completed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Language(s): English
Name: Organisation of internships and country visits about harm-reduction in France and in Finland for both NGO and Governmental representatives from Estonia and Romania		
Target audience or beneficiaries: Romanian and Estonian harm-reduction actors		Number of pages or duration: A total of 22 participants to internships in Finland and in France which lasted 6 days on average.

Developed/undertaken in cooperation with the following Partners (please give the names of the organisations involved):

ARAS and RHRN / Romania
AIDSi-Tugikeskus and the NGO "You're not alone" /Estonia
Finnish AIDS Council/Finland
AIDES/France

Some participants also originated from the following governmental organisations :

The Bucharest methadone center in Romania

Ida-Tallinna Regional Hospital, Pohja-Eesti Regional Hospital Emergency unit and governmental methadone treatment project in Estonia.

A very wide range of both NGOs ASUD Self-Support group and MILDT (French Drugs Agency) and governmental organisation have been visited during these internships in Finland and in France, including :

Munkkisaari Center, Finnish Body Positive, Counselling Center for Sex-Workers, and the Vinkki Needle Exchange center in Finland.

"LOGO" Methadone center, DASS/Departmental Social Services in Nîmes, AIDES Needles Exchange Bus, Médecins Du Monde Marseille team, "Urgences" NGO, ARGILE Methadone Center, ASUD Self-Support group and MILDT (French Drugs Agency)

Brief description of results/activities

Please describe: (1) what needs the activity/result meets, (2) the objectives, (3) content/areas covered, (4) target audience, (5) future developments planned.

Activity/Result 1:

(1) needs met by the product:

For both historical and epidemiological reasons, comprehensive/wide scale harm-reduction services have started a bit earlier in France (1993), Finland (1999) than in Estonia and in Romania (where such services, when they exist, still depend primarily upon international funding). The need to expand the scope and quality of harm-reduction in both Estonia and Romania is absolutely clearly established (huge increase in HIV incidence among drug users in Estonia between 2000 and 2002, demonstrated high level of risk behaviors by Romanian drug users). These internships were designed therefore to provide our Estonian and Romanian peers a very concrete opportunity to learn about the successes (and limitations) of the French and Finnish harm reduction models.

(2) objectives:

To provide Estonian and Romanian harm-reduction workers with a comprehensive and pragmatic presentation of Harm-reduction in France and in Finland.

(3) content and areas covered:

The internships covered both the technical aspects related to the provision of Harm-reduction services (meetings with outreach teams who provide needle-exchange, staff in substitution centers and in methadone bus...) as well as the political dimension of harm reduction in both countries (meetings with elected officials, public health specialists, and governmental agency such as the MILDT in France). Specific emphasis was also placed upon the needs of drug users living with HIV/AIDS (from medical care to global everyday support).

(4) target audience:

Staff working on harm-reduction in both Romania and in Estonia.

(5) future developments planned:

The AIDS ACTION and INTEGRATION Projects 2005-2008 (primarily funded by DG SANCO) include a specific work package for inter-country training of NGO staff who work on HIV prevention and support with vulnerable populations. On the basis of their needs, ARAS and AIDSi-Tugikeskus will thus still be able to participate in internships abroad.

Result n°: 4	Completed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Language(s): English
Name: Publication of 2 issues of the SAFER-IDUS newsletter (both in paper and CD-ROM Version)		
Target audience or beneficiaries: HIV/AIDS and harm-reduction NGO in central and Eastern Europe / Key decision makers on health in Europe.		Number of pages or duration: 1 st issue (12 page) published in French, Romanian, Russian, English and Estonian 2 nd issue (8 pages) in English and French.

Developed/undertaken in cooperation with the following Partners (please give the names of the organisations involved):

ARAS and RHRN / Romania
AIDSi-Tugikeskus
Finnish AIDS Council/Finland
AIDES/France

The 1st issue also included an article by the NGO DIA+LOGS in Latvia.

Brief description of results/activities

Please describe: (1) what needs the activity/result meets, (2) the objectives, (3) content/areas covered, (4) target audience, (5) future developments planned.

Activity/Result 1:

(1) needs met by the product:

We wanted to make sure that adequate visibility was given to the results of the work done as part of the SAFER-IDUS project (the outcomes of the research project and our advocacy priorities) while yet finding a most user-friendly and cost-efficient way to do so. Overall, the great work done by local NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe remains little known, even though they play a central role in democratically reforming and transforming their countries.

(2) objectives:

To adequately inform key health stakeholders in Europe about the outcomes of the SAFER-IDUS project.

(3) content and areas covered:

Articles in issue n°1 (January 2005):

- Edito by Hélène ROSSERT, AIDES Director and vice-president of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria
- Overview: Harm reduction in Romania
- Synthetic results of the SAFER-IDUS Study in Romania
- Interview with Pavel Abraham (Romanian Anti-Drugs Agency)
- Overview: Harm reduction in Estonia
- Overview: Harm reduction in Latvia
- Short update about the situation in France and in Finland
- Comic Strip: Eddy's Harm Reduction Tour (by Pierre Ouin)

Articles in issue N°2 (June 2005):

- Edito by Maria GEORGESCU, ARAS Director
- Synthetic Results of the SAFER-IDUS study of the situation of drug users in Estonia
- Advocacy with pharmacies: a campaign by the Romanian Harm Reduction Network.
- Successes and remaining challenges for harm reduction in Finland.
- Survey in France reveals that drug users are still missing out on optimal medical care for HIV.
- Update about the INTEGRATION Projects and contact info.

(4) target audience:

HIV/AIDS and harm-reduction NGO in central and Eastern Europe / Key decision makers on health in Europe. (Directly mailed by ARAS to 400 key contacts – also distributed at seminars and conferences).

(5) future developments planned:

ARAS is now in charge of communications within the AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION projects 2005-2008, which includes the publication of 6 multilingual newsletter. This publication work as part of the SAFER-IDUS project proved therefore a most pertinent learning process for ARAS – as the making of the SAFER-IDUS newsletter has been progressively handed over by AIDES to ARAS.

Result n°: 5	Completed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Language(s): Estonian, Russian and Romanian
Name: Establishment/development of a "Think-Tank" on Harm Reduction in both Romania and in Estonia		
Target audience or beneficiaries: Fellow Harm-reduction NGOs and key governmental stakeholders in both Romania and in Estonia		Number of pages or duration: In Estonia: greater NGO participation (3 persons) to 2 3-day meetings with Governmental representatives In Romania : development of the work of RHRN (8 specific meetings)

Developed/undertaken in cooperation with the following Partners (please give the names of the organisations involved):

ARAS and RHRN / Romania
AIDSi-Tugikeskus /Estonia

Brief description of results/activities

Please describe: (1) what needs the activity/result meets, (2) the objectives, (3) content/areas covered, (4) target audience, (5) future developments planned.

Activity/Result 1:

(1) needs met by the product:

Sure enough, in France and in Finland, harm reduction was first promoted and spearheaded by NGOs (Médecin du Monde, ASUD, Act-Up and AIDES in France, the Finnish AIDS Council with others in Finland). But due credit must be given to the elected officials who took the risk of promoting the need for outreach health services for drug users, even though such orientations still meet public hostility. As the need for the development of harm-reduction services for drug-users in Estonia and in Romania is clearly established, and considering that governmental authorities have no less than a central role to play in this process, the "Think-Tank" process that was integrated in the SAFER-IDUS project was designed to make sure local Harm-Reduction both (1) work openly with one another (2) exchange regularly with pertinent governmental authorities on the issues they face and their needs.

(2) objectives:

For Romania : strengthen the already well established work of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network (which bring 9 committed local stakeholders on harm-reduction) and which already was in 2003 an entity well know by governmental authorities.

For Estonia (where regretably, local stakeholders on harm-reduction do not work as closely with one another), ensure that NGO Harm Reduction representatives are better represented in strategic meetings about Drug Use.

(3) content and areas covered:

For Romania :

During the reporting period, meetings of the were organized in Bucharest, gathering the Romanian Harm reduction Network members (civil society organizations: ARAS, Open Doors, Aliat, Armonia – from Timisoara - , Stay Alive, Save the Children and representative of the Ministry of Justice – the Department of the Penitentiaries, the Ministry of Internal Affairs – the Drug Enforcement Unit), as well as international agencies: UNAIDS, UNICEF, the EC delegation or OSI – which also provide technical support and funding for the harm reduction development in Romania, the Ministry of Health and the National Anti Drug Agency.

September the 11 th, 2003 and January the 15 th, 2004 – on the research development and analyzing the activities and perspectives of HR services in Constanta and Timis counties. Training sessions with police officers in Bucharest, family doctors, students in Medicine, Social work, psychology.

April the 15 th, 2004 – with UNICEF, UNAIDS – focusing on planning the training and collaboration with the pharmacies and chains of pharmacies, in order to ensure syringe accessibility (the one of the studies of RHRN showed that starting with 2003, less than half of the pharmacies are purchasing insulin syringes and even less agree to sell them without a prescription from a doctor). The meeting also focused on the intervention targeting mass media, which develops many aggressive and discriminatory messages.

October the 1 st 2004– with UNICEF, UNAIDS, EC Delegation at Bucharest, the Ministry of Health, the National Anti Drug agency and the representative of the Methadone Center in Bucharest – the meeting focused on the necessity of the implementation of the national drug strategy (the strategy is good, yet it is only a strategy, which is not implemented). The EC delegation representative had a weird point of view on HR, as a mean to support and encourage the drug use. The person only favored the abstinence project.

November the 1 st, 2004: focused on peer education and supporting the beneficiaries - IDU's - organization – newly created "Integration".

March the 15 th, 2005 – focused on the quality improvement of existing methadone treatment services, on the HR promotion campaign among pharmacies and on the advocacy strategy, directed to the Minister of Health, Dr. Cinteza.

May and June 16 th, 2005: focusing on the development of the methadone service in the Infectious Disease Institute "Dr. Matei Bals", with the support of the Ministry of Health and ensuring the trained, motivated, competent counselor for the Minister of Health, in drug treatment problems. Finally, the solution was to delegate one of the ARAS personell in the Ministry of Health, to work within the General Direction for Public Health, to ensure the rapid implementation of HR services, at least in Bucharest.

The meetings also allowed the division of responsibilities in developing the standards for the HR and methadone treatment services.

June the 30 th, 2005: Press conference, RHRN in collaboration with UNICEF, attired unexpectedly few mass media representatives, the press release, revealed the gap between strategies, official programs, standards and speeches and the reality: extremely low accessibility at clean injecting syringes as well as to treatment facilities and social services for IDU's, allowing for extremely frequent risk behaviour.

For Estonia :

Support provided by AIDS-Tugikeskus in the organisation of the meetings "Organization of all-country network of institutions, dealing with drug users – treatment, rehabilitation, harm reduction centers" (financial support from the SAFER-IDUS project for 3 of the participants).

- 1 national meeting held on 30/08-02/09/2004

Participants 17 persons

Lieneke Austie Trimbos Institute Holland

Also present : Central Prison Hospital, Youth Centers, Ministry of Justice, NGOs, Crisis Center, Social Ministry, Health Development Institute, local city governments, Parliament, Psychiatric Clinic, Children hospital

This was followed by 3 regional meeting regarding creation of network in Ida-Virumaa, Tallinn and Paide.

- 2nd national meeting held on 27-28/06/2005

Participants 15 persons:

Represented - Central Prison Hospital, Youth Centers, Ministry of Justice, NGOs, Crisis Center, Social Ministry, Health Development Institute, local city governments, Parliament, Psychiatric Clinic, Children hospital, police, Global Fund programme, as well as AIDSi-Tugikeskus.

(Presentation about SAFER IDUs project and Power Point presentation with SAFER-IDUS research results.)

(4) target audience:

Key decision makers about drug use and health in Estonia and in Romania

(5) future developments planned:

The Romanian Harm-Reduction Network has been able over time to secure a variety of other funding sources (such as OSI and UNICEF Romania) and its members remain very committed so there is little doubt it will pursue its advocacy and training work.

In Estonia, AIDSi-Tugikeskus and a selection of other NGOs still have the CCM (country-Coordinating Committee) of the Global fund Grant as a formal opportunity to exchange with governmental decision makers- at least until early 2008.

IV. TIMETABLE OF COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

Detailed list of activities realised during the period covered by this report

	Date		Description of activity	Objective(s) and/or result(s) achieved	Partners involved (country and name)
	from (d/m/y) ¹	to (d/m/y)			
	12/5/2003	15/5/2003	Participation Drug Demand Conference organized by DG Enlargement in Budapest in June 12-15 2003	Update from DG Enlargement about objectives of programme. Sharing of information about the project with other grant recipients. Informal preparation of SAFER-IDUS inter-partners agreement.	Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES / France) Tatjana MAGEROVA (Narva Rehab Center / Estonia) and Corina MARCULESCU (ARAS / Romania)
	29/5/2003	Ongoing	Communications: Information about the SAFER-IDUS projects is posted on the website (and is regularly updated)	=> Provide open access to key info related to the project => The website include a password protected section, desicated to facilitate the inter-NGO management of the SAFER-IDUS project.	Arnaud W. SIMON (AIDES)
	20/6/2003	22/6/2003	Communications : AIDES 2003 CONGRESS (held in the European Parliament in Strasbourg) features plenary session about fighting AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe	<i>Panel Speakers includes Monica DAN (ARAS, Romania) who presented ongoing joint work between AIDES and ARAS (includingthe SAFER-IDUS project)</i>	Monica DAN (ARAS:Romania) Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES, France) Audience included 300 participants, mostly AIDES volunteers partner NGO and governmental representatives.
	17/7/2003	20/7/2003	Coordination Meeting 1/3 , hosted by ARAS in Romania	Defining contractual agreements in between the partners Programming of internships and research project Meetings with Romanian Decision makers on harm-reduction to present the SAFER-IDUS project.	Monica DAN & Corina MARCULESCU (ARAS, Romania) Bengt LINDBLOM and Jari KESANIEMI (Finnish AIDS Council) Jury KALIKOV (Estonia) Arnaud WASSON-SIMON and Delphine FERI (AIDES, France)
	1/9/2003	30/6/2004	Research in Estonia : "Socio-psychological portrait of drug user"]	Focus Group and Questionnaire study of Drug Users in Estonia (at needle exchange points, methadone treatment centers, daily centers)	AIDSI-Tugikeskus (Tallinn: Paldiski, Maardu) and the Narva Rehabilitation Center (Narva: Johvi, Silla)
	11/9/2003	11/9/2003	Meeting of Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank (The members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) 1/8	Meeting on the research development and analyzing the activities and perspectives of HR services in Constanta and Timis counties. Training sessions with police officers in Bucharest, family doctors, students in Medicine, Social work, psychology.	ARAS/Romania and the other members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network
	17/9/2003	17/9/2003	Communications; Participation to the conference on Drug Policies in Europe hosted in the European Parliament by MEP Alima BOUMEDIENNE-THIERY (NOT FUNDED by the SAFER-IDUS Grant)	European inter-NGO and inter-platform dialogue about current situation regarding drug use. <i>Presentations in plenary session on the Integration Projects (including SAFER IDUS) and on the health situation of Drug Users in Romania.</i>	<i>Presentation by Monica DAN (ARAS) and Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES). The audience included about 80 participants from across Europe.</i>

¹ Please give dates as follows: d/m/y (d: day, m: month, y: year), e.g. 21/12/95.

2/10/2003	4/10/2003	Training session on Social Research Strategies & Harm Reduction to launch the SURVEY segment of the Intg-SAFER IDUS Projects in Estonia and in Romania, hosted by AIDES in France	<p>=> Shared understanding of the key steps of the research process:</p> <p>(A) Identification of objectives of research initiative (B) Feasibility (C) Focus Group(s) (D) Analysis of Focus Group(s) (E) Refining of the objectives of questionnaires based upon results of Focus Groups. Establishing in writing the methodological steps for implementation of Questionnaire. (F) design, validation and administration of questionnaires (G) Analysis of questionnaires (H) Dissemination of results.</p> <p>=> Definition of deadlines of each of the above steps (especially from C to H)</p> <p>=> Aquisition of Focus Group techniques and definition of process for implementing Focus Group(s) and carrying out analysis in Estonia and in Romania (to be carried out absolutely BEFORE the end of the year 2003)</p>	<p>Emil PISLARU, ARAS/Romania Catalina ILIUTA, ARAS/Romania Tatjana MAGEROVA Narva Center For Alcoholics and Drug Users / Estonia Marina TZIZ, AIDS-TUGIKESKUS, Estonia</p> <p><u>From AIDES/France :</u> Arnaud WASSON-SIMON, Hind GAIGI, Bruno SPIRE Christine CALDERON Hélène ROSSERT</p> <p><u>Russian-English-French Interpreters:</u> Tanya REZNICHENKO Olga MOJAEVA</p>
17/10/2003	17/10/2003	Meeting in Constanta, Romania of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network (Romanian Think Tank on Harm Reduction)	=> facilitating inter-NGO mobilisation in Romania about Harm Reduction	Monica DAN (ARAS/Romania) and others.
12/11/2003	16/11/2003	Internship / 2 romanians in Finland / on Harm Reduction in Finland, hosted by the Finnish AIDS Council	=> Visits and meeting with providers of harm-reduction services and support for drug users in Finland (Munkkisaari Center, Finnish Body Positive, Counselling Center for Sex-Workers, Finnish AIDS Council, Vinkki Needle Exchange center)	Corina MARCULESCU and Mihaela NEGOITA (ARAS, Romania) Jari KESANIEMI and Kati ULMALA (Finnish AIDS Council)
15/11/2003	15/11/2003	Communications: Public presentation of INTG./ SAFER IDUS project at the European Social Forum, in Paris, France. (NOT FUNDED by the SAFER-IDUS Grant)	=> Update participants to session dedicated to drug use about the situation in central and Eastern Europe regarding HIV/AIDS and harm reduction.	Arnaud WASSON-SIMON & Sandie SEMPE (AIDES) & approx. 50 participants to the session (mostly European NGO Representatives)
26/11/2003	26/11/2003	Communications: Press conference in the European Parliament in Brussels " <i>For a stronger EU response against HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe</i> " (NOT FUNDED by the SAFER IDUS GRANT)	=> Update European Decision maker about alarming situation regarding drug use and HIV/AIDS, notably (but not only) in Estonia and in Latvia.	Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES/France) / Jari KESANIEMI (Finnish AIDS Council) / Monica DAN (ARAS Romania) <u>Other Guest speakers :</u> Didier ROD, MEP Giedrius LIKATAVICIUS, Epidemiologist, EuroHIV Ruta KAUPÉ DIA+LOGS NGO in Riga, Latvia <u>Participants :</u> about 25 journalists and parliamentary assistantants.
15/1/2004	15/1/2004	Meeting of Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank (The members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) 2/8	Meeting on the research development and analyzing the activities and perspectives of HR services in Constanta and Timis counties. Training sessions with police officers in Bucharest, family doctors, students in Medicine, Social work, psychology.	ARAS/Romania and the other members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network

18/3/2004	20/3/2004	Communications: Presentation of preliminary results of the SAFER-IDUS surveys in Estonia and in Romania to joint meeting of NGOs from Central and Eastern Europe (NOT FUNDED by the SAFER IDUS GRANT)	=> Sharing with other European NGOs the methodology and preliminary results of the SAFER-IDUS Surveys.	Presentations by Monica DAN (ARAS, Romania) and by Jury KALIKOV (AIDSi-TIGIKESKUS, ESTONIA) Participants : approx 30 person, mostly HIV/AIDS NGO representatives
22/3/2004	23/3/2004	Communications: Participation of several SAFER IDUS partners at the <i>1st Open Forum for AIDS ACTION in EUROPE</i> (NOT FUNDED by the SAFER IDUS GRANT)	=> Presentation of the policy paper " <i>HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe - Situation Analysis and Action Plan</i> " written by Arnaud W. SIMON which includes information provided by our Romanian and Estonian partners.	About 100 NGO representatives and decision makers from across Europe participated to this open forum.
15/3/2004	15/3/2004	Communications: Article published about the situation in Romania in the March 2004 issue of the Remaides Magazine (NOT FUNDED by the SAFER IDUS GRANT)	=> Basic general audience update about the HIV and Harm reduction situation in Romania	Remaides is a magazine on HIV and AIDS distributed in France and worldwide in more than 40 000 copies
31/3/2004	4/4/2004	Internship / 2 Estonians in Finland / on Harm Reduction in Finland, hosted by the Finnish AIDS Council	=> Visits and meeting with providers of harm-reduction services and support for drug users in Finland (Finnish AIDS Council, Aurora Hospital, Munkkisaari Center, Counselling Center for Sex-Workers, Vinkki Needle Exchange center, Russian Mission at the Salvation Army in Helsinki)	Juty MAGEROV and Lidia SUIMETS (from the Narva Rehabilitation Center in Estonia) Jari KESANIEMI and Kati ULMALA (Finnish AIDS Council)
15/4/2004	15/4/2004	Meeting of Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank (The members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) 3/8	Meeting with UNICEF, UNAIDS – focusing on planning the training and collaboration with the pharmacies and chains of pharmacies, in order to ensure syringe accessibility	ARAS/Romania and the other members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network
15/4/2004	20/4/2004	Internship / 1 Romanian in France / on NGO based harm reduction services for Drug Users	=> Meetings with AIDES staff involved in methodological support on Harm reduction / support for local project development	Nicoleta DASCALU (ARAS Romania) Arnaud WASSON-SIMON and Jean-Marie LEGALL (AIDES, France)
20/4/2004	25/4/2004	Communications: The documentary "Breaking the Curve" produced by was selected to be presented at the <i>15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm (15th ICRDRH) in Melbourne Australia</i> (NOT FUNDED by the SAFER IDUS GRANT)	This filmed documentary presents the critical HIV situation in Estonia and in Russia, focusing upon the responses set up by local NGO (including of course the Estonian Partners of the SAFER-IDUS project)	Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES). The audience included about 60 decision makers on harm-reduction and NGO representatives from around the world.
26/4/2004	26/4/2004	Communications: Broadcasting on ARTE-TV (in France and in Germany) of documentary presenting the local work of AIDSi-Tugikeskus and the Narva Rehabilitation Center in Estonia (NOT FUNDED by the SAFER IDUS GRANT)	=> Short presentation of the scope of the HIV problem among drug users in Estonia. Produced by company "Phare et Balise" – Contacts in Estonia facilitated by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON from AIDES/France	Estonian NGO colleagues featured : Jury and Tatiana MAJEROV, Nelli KALIKOVA and others. Estonian drug users were also interviewed.
13/5/2004	16/5/2004	Coordination Meeting 2/3 , hosted by AIDSi-Tugikeskus in Estonia	=> Joint update on global management and financial follow-up of the project => Shared agreement to delegate from ADES in France to ARAS in Romania the production of Communications Material for SAFER-IDUS (Newsletter and CD-ROM) to enable greater local ownership of results => Definition of articles for 1st SAFER-IDUS newsletter => Meetings with other local HIV/AIDS NGOs in Tallinn	Arnaud WASSON-SIMON and Gilles CESARI (AIDES), Jury KALIKOV, Irina MOROZ (AIDSi-Tugikeskus / Estonia) Jury MAGEROV (Narva Rehabilitation center), Monica DAN (Romania). <u>Other guest:</u> Ruta KAUPPE (DIA+LOGS, Latvia – who paid herself for her expenses).

5/7/2004	11/7/2004	Internship / 2 Romanians in France – Harm reduction and substitution services. Hosted by AIDES in Paris and in Mulhouse	=> Visits and meetings of harm-reduction services and self support groups for drug users in France. (Meetings with ASUD Support Group, CSST Support Center in Colmar, Injection Room in Bâle, Ludic Self Support Group, "Bemol" low threshold center, AIDES street outreach, meeting with Mulhouse elected officials, "Terrasse" Methadonce center in Paris)	Camil DUMITRIU (ARAS, Romania, founder of a self support NGO for Romanian Drug Users) and DR. BENGESCU (Bucharest Methadone Center) Organisation in France: Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES) and Christian VERGER (AIDES volunteer / Director of Methadone center).
30/8/2004	2/9/2004	Estonian Think-Tank on Harm Reduction (meeting 1/2)	1 st meeting of key-stakeholders for the "Organization of all-country network of institutions, dealing with drug users – treatment, rehabilitation, harm reduction centers"	AIDSi-TUGIKESKUS/Estonia (along with Governmental officials, local governments, mass-media, NGOs, politicians)
1/10/2004	1/10/2004	Meeting of Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank (The members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) 4/8	Meeting with UNICEF, UNAIDS, EC Delegation at Bucharest, the Ministry of Health, the National Anti Drug agency and the representative of the Methadone Center in Bucharest – the meeting focused on the necessity of the implementation of the national drug strategy (the strategy is good, yet it is only a strategy, which is not implemented).	ARAS/Romania and the other members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network
7/10/2004	13/10/2004	Internship / 1 Romanian in France – Hosted by AIDES in Le Mans and in Paris	=> Participation to AIDES yearly national congress – which included workshops about Harm Reduction and a Plenary session about AIDES international work.	Nicoleta DASCALU (ARAS/Romania)
1/11/2004	1/11/2004	Meeting of Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank (The members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) 5/8	Meeting focused on peer education and supporting the beneficiaries - IDU's - organization – newly created "Integration" .	ARAS/Romania and the other members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network
10/11/2004	13/11/2004	Internship / 2 Estonians in Finland. Harm reduction and rehabilitation services	=> Visits and meeting with providers of harm-reduction and rehabilitation services and support for drug users in Finland (Pro-Tukipiste center for Sex-Workers, STAKES / The National Research and Development Center for Welfare and Health), Vinkki Needle Exchange center, Body Positive Association, Munkkisaari Service Center, Kurvi Drug Addiction Treatment clinic, Finnish AIDS Council and Russian Mission to the Salvation Army in Helsinki)	Irina MOROZ and Irina MIRONOVA (AIDSi-Tugikeskus, Estonia) Coordination in Finland by Kati ULMALA (Finnish AIDS Council)
15/1/2005	30/1/2005	Communications : Release of the 1st issue of the SAFER IDUS Newsletter (1/2)	=> Communication at the European level about key results related to SAFER IDUS project	Sent by mailing to 400 key contacts in Europe. Also disseminated at seminars and conferences.
7/2/2005	13/2/2005	Internship / 2 Romanians in France	=> Visits of ASUD Self-Support group and MILDT (French Drugs Agency) in Paris. Visits of local Harm reduction Activities in the Mulhouse Region	Liana VELICA, & Adriana OPRA (ARAS, Romania) <u>French-Romanian Interpreter:</u> Roxana BAUER <u>Coordination in France:</u> Arnaud WASSON-SIMON and Véronique CAZALY (AIDES)

14/2/2005	20/2/2005	Internship / 3 Estonians in France.	=> Visits of Harm reduction related sites in the Mulhouse Region (ARGILE Methadone Center, low threshold Center, AIDES local harm reduction activities)	Boris MOROZ, Tatiana MAGEROVA and Ellu EIK (Estonia). <u>French Russian Interpreters:</u> Alissa KATS and Alexei LOBKOV. <u>Coordination in France:</u> Arnaud W. SIMON and Christian VERGER
14/3/2005	17/3/2005	Internship / 1 Romanian and 2 Estonians in Finland.	=> Visits and meeting with providers of harm-reduction and rehabilitation services and support for drug users in Finland (Finnish AIDS Council, Vinkki Needle Exchange and Health Education Services, STAKES / The National Research and Development Center for Welfare and Health, Munkkisaari Service Center, Body Positive Association, Finnish Health Association, Helsinki Youth Crisis Center)	Diana DIOC (ARAS, Romania) Gerri ALAMETS and Triin MOLLER (AIDSi-Tugikeskus, Estonia) Coordination in Finland by Kati ULMALA (Finnish AIDS Council)
15/3/2005	15/3/2005	Meeting of Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank (The members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) 6/8	Meeting focused on the quality improvement of existing methadone treatment services, on the HR promotion campaign among pharmacies and on the advocacy strategy, directed to the Minister of Health, Dr. Cinteza.	ARAS/Romania and the other members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network
20/3/2005	24/3/2005	Communications: speeches by SAFER-IDUS Partners at the 16th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm in Belfast, UK	Public Presentations by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON from AIDES (ASSESSING THE HEALTH NEEDS OF DRUG USERS WHO COME TO AIDES (FRANCE) and by Marian Ursan from ARAS (DEVELOPING HARM REDUCTION ACTIVITIES AMONG RUMANIAN SEX WORKERS)	ARAS:Romania and AIDES/France (about 80 participants at the sessions).
16/6/2005		Meeting of Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank (The members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) 7/8	Meeting focusing on the development of the methadone service in the Infectious Disease Institute "Dr. Matei Bals", with the support of the Ministry of Health and ensuring the trained, motivated, competent counselor for the Minister of Health, in drug treatment problems. Finally, the solution was to delegate one of the ARAS personell in the Ministry of Health, to work within the General Direction for Public Health, to ensure the rapid implementation of HR services, at least in Bucharest.	ARAS/Romania and the other members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network
20/6/2005	21/6/2005	Coordination Meeting 3/3: hosted by AIDES in Paris, France	=> Preparation of final activity and expenses report => Finalisation of SAFER-IDUS Newsletter 2/2	Monica DAN (ARAS/Romania), Jury KALIKOV (AIDSi-Tugikeskus, Estonia) Kati ULMALA (Finnish AIDS Council), Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES/France).
27/6/2005	28/6/2005	Estonian Think-Tank on Harm Reduction (meeting 2/2)	1 st meeting of key-stakeholders for the "Organization of all-country network of institutions, dealing with drug users – treatment, rehabilitation, harm reduction centers"	AIDSi-TUGIKESKUS/Estonia (along with Governmental officials, local governments, mass-media, NGOs, politicians)

	30/6/2005	30/6/2005	Meeting of Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank (The members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) 8/8	Press conference, RHRN in collaboration with UNICEF, attired unexpectedly few mass media representatives, the press release, revealed the gap between strategies, official programs, standards and speeches and the reality: extremely low accessibility at clean injecting syringes as well as to treatment facilities and social services for IDU's, allowing for extremely frequent risk behaviour.	ARAS/Romania and the other members of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network
	4/7/2005	10/7/2005	Internship: 4 Estonians in France	Visits of local Harm-Reduction services in Nîme and in Marseille ("LOGO" Methadone center, DASS/Departmental Social Services in Nîmes, AIDES Needles Exchange Bus, Médecins Du Monde Marseille team, "Urgences" NGO, Medical practitioner in Nîme hospital).	Irina MOROZ, Jury KALIKOV, Oleg PIDRUTZNOJ, Irina MIRONOVA (AIDSi-Tugikesus and Narva Rehab. Center / Estonia) <u>Coordination in France:</u> Arnadu WASSON-SIMON, Véronique CAZALY and Cyril Martin (AIDES/France) <u>French-Russian Interpreter:</u> Lucine JAPHAROVA-BRUTTI
	15/7/2005	28/7/2005	Communications : Release of the 2nd issue of the SAFER IDUS Newsletter (2/2) – Release of SAFER-IDUS CD-ROM	=> Communication at the European level about key results related to the SAFER IDUS project	Newsletter and CD-ROM sent by mailing to 400 key contacts in Europe. Also disseminated at seminars and conferences.

V. DISSEMINATION/VISIBILITY ACTIVITIES

V.2. Dissemination activities

Please send us a copy of all documents/materials produced on the dissemination strategy. You are also requested to answer the following questions:

Key documents produced :

- global presentation of the SAFER-IDUS project.
- Issue 1 and 2 of the SAFER-IDUS Newsletter
- CD-ROM containing specifically multilingual version of the 1st newsletter
- report of the Estonia research
- report of the Romania research

□ To what extent do the different partners participate in the dissemination activities?

The four main partners of the project were equally involved in the identification and redaction of the articles for the 2 SAFER-IDUS newsletters (which was done notably at our coordination meetings) ARAS in Romania was specifically in charge of the production and mailing of these 2 newsletters and of the CD-ROM. AIDSi-Tugikeskus played an essential role in the production of the Russian and Estonian version of the 1st issue of the newsletter.

□ How have the products been transferred to other people or organisations, and what networks and structures have been used?

The members of the Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network (CEE-HRN / 175 addresses), AIDS ACTION EUROPE and other key national HIV/AIDS NGOs in Europe (40 addresses) have been systematically included in the mailing of the printed version of the newsletter and the CD-ROM.

Our mailing list also includes :

- a selection on international foundations (83 addresses)
- a selection of French Foundations (35 addresses)
- MEPs known to be involved in health issues (25 addresses)
- Key stakeholders in Estonia and in Romania (Ministry of Health, Drugs Agency, Public Health Institutes...) and in the European Commission

□ From the following activities/tools, what dissemination channels have been used?

Promotional materials (leaflets, brochures etc.)

How many have been printed, in what languages, which is the target for these and how many have been circulated to each target group?

General presentation of the SAFER-IDUS project : in English / Approx 100 printed copies distributed in the early stage of the project (to assist notably in arranging meetings for the Internships).

Newsletter 1: 2000 printed copies printed in English / 2000 copies on CD-ROM to include all 5 language versions (English / French / Romanian / Russian and Estonian). Directly mailed to approx 400 contacts (see above). Also distributed at international conferences (notably the International Harm Reduction Conference in Belfast in 2005).

Newsletter 2: 2000 printed copies in English. Also translated in French. Directly mailed to approx 400 contacts (see above). Also distributed at seminars and international conference.

Report of the Romanian SAFER-IDUS research : Romanian version widely distributed to decision makers in Romania (as part of

the activities of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network) to about 30 contacts. Synthetic results also included in issue N°1 of the SAFER-IDUS Newsletter above.

Report of the Estonian Safer IDU research : Dissemination in Estonia at the Think Tank meetings, to mass media (press release), to annual newspaper, on web page, by e-mail to all concerned agencies, ministries, Drug Prevention program, local city governments social commissions etc.. (approx. 50 direct contacts). Synthetic results included in newsletter N°2 above.

Web sites, newsgroups

Have you a Web site? Do you know how many hits it has had? Do you have an Internet newsgroup? How many participants are there in this newsgroup?

The web-site of the Integration project was set up in 2002 and started to include, starting in 2003, specific and updated information about the SAFER-IDUS Project. This website has received a total of 53093 hits since January 2004 which averages out to about 100 hits per day.

An other essential purpose of this website is its password protected section – which greatly facilitated the pan-european coordination of the SAFER-IDUS Project.

Internet Address	http://www.integration-projects.org
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Conferences

Have you or any of your Partners spoken at any conferences or seminars about your project? Where and when?

20/6/2003/ 22/6/2003 AIDES NATIONAL 2003 CONGRESS (held in the European Parliament in Strasbourg) featured plenary session about fighting AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe . Panel Speakers included Monica DAN (ARAS, Romania) who presented ongoing joint work between AIDES and ARAS (including the SAFER-IDUS project). Audience included 300 participants, mostly AIDES volunteers partner NGO and governmental representatives.

17/9/2003: Conference on Drug Policies in Europe hosted in the European Parliament by MEP Alima BOUMEDIENNE-THIERY - Presentations in plenary session on the Integration Projects (including SAFER IDUS) by Arnaud W. SIMON and on the health situation of Drug Users in Romania (by Monica DAN). The audience included about 80 participants from across Europe.

15/11/2003: Public presentation of AIDES work with local NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe (including the SAFER IDUS project) by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON at the European Social Forum, in Paris, France (approx. 50 participants to the session)

26/11/2003: Press conference in the European Parliament in Brussels "For a stronger EU response against HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe" – SAFER-IDUS partners who intervened included Arnaud WASSON-SIMON (AIDES/France) / Jari KESANIEMI (Finnish AIDS Council) / Monica DAN (ARAS Romania). Participants : about 25 journalists and parliamentary assistantants.

20/3/2004 Presentation of preliminary results of the SAFER-IDUS surveys in Estonia and in Romania (by Monica DAN and Jury KALIKOV) to joint meeting of NGOs from Central and Eastern Europe (in European Parliament in Brussels. Participants : approx 30 person, mostly HIV/AIDS NGO representatives

22/2/2004 1st Open Forum for AIDS ACTION in EUROPE - Presentation in plenary of the policy paper "HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe - Situation Analysis and Action Plan" by Arnaud W. SIMON which includes information provided by our Romanian and Estonian partners. Participants: about 100 NGO representatives and decision makers from across Europe.

March 20-24, 2005: 16th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm in Belfast, UK. Public Presentations by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON from AIDES (ASSESSING THE HEALTH NEEDS OF DRUG USERS WHO COME TO AIDES (FRANCE) and by Marian Ursan from ARAS (DEVELOPING HARM REDUCTION ACTIVITIES AMONG RUMANIAN SEX WORKERS)

Other

Have you undertaken any other dissemination activities?

Articles by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON about the HIV/AIDS situation in Romania in the March 2004 issue of the Remaides Magazine, a magazine on HIV and AIDS distributed in France and worldwide in more than 40 000 copies

Article " AIDS NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe Face Multiple Obstacles to Fighting the Epidemic " in the December 2004

issue of the Choice Magazine (<http://www.ippfen.com/files/103.pdf>) by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON

Article " From Dublin to Vilnius: moving towards a coordinated and stronger EU response to HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia "" by Arnaud WASSON-SIMON in the Winter 2004 issue of the EATN newsletter.

Broadcasting on April 26, 2004 on ARTE-TV (in France and in Germany) of documentary presenting the local work of AIDSi-Tugikeskus and the Narva Rehabilitation Center in Estonia (Produced by Phares et Balise with technical support from AIDES and AIDSi-Tugikeskus).

- Do you intend to widen the scope of your dissemination activities to organisations outside the actual partnership, other organisations or other countries?

Information produced as part of the SAFER-IDUS project has been systematically and strategically disseminated to organisations and foundations in Europe and internationally (as described above), well beyond the immediate partners of the project.

VI. PROJECT PARTNERS

VI.1 Please give a brief description of the **role** of each Partner in the different phases of the project.

(Add an extra sheet if necessary.)

	Partner's Name	Country	Description of roles
1	AIDES 14, rue Scandicci - T our Essor 93500 Pantin CEDEX - FRANCE Tel + 33 1 41 83 46 31 - Fax + 33 1 41 83 46 39 Email asimon@aides.org Web www.integration- projects.org	FRANCE	Arnaud WASSON-SIMON, European Coordinator - Global Coordination of the project (definition of contractual agreements with our partners in Estonia, Finland and Romania / Liaison with the European Commission) - Organisation of internships and training session in France - Updating of the website www.integration-project.org - Support in production of SAFER-IDUS newsletter with ARAS (Romania) Hind GAIGI, AIDES Manager on methodology : - specific support in the training session about the research project and the implementation of the research work in Romania and in Estonia Delphine FERI and Gille CESARI: AIDES Budget Controllers - follow up of financial aspects of the project Specific support for the training session and internships was also provided by Christian VERGER, Véronique CAZALY, Cyril MARTIN, Héléne ROSSERT, Bruno SPIRE, Christine CALDERON. Thanks also to the interpreters – who where recommended primarily by the ESIT Interpretation School in Paris.
2	ARAS ASOCIATA ROMANA ANTI-SIDA 5, Intrarea Mihai Eminescu, Sector 2 020079 Bucuresti ROMANIA / ROUMANIE Tel +40 21 2100 771 Fax 40 21 21 02 077 Email : aras@arasnet.ro Web : www.arasnet.ro	ROMANIA	Monica DAN, Project Manager - Key contact at ARAS for the SAFER-IDUS project – representation of ARAS at European coordination level – overall management of the Romanian part of the project - Identification of beneficiary for internships abroad. - Catalina ILIUTA, Coordination of ARAS Harm Reduction projects and Emil PISLARU, Researcher (from the Operation Research Agency): coordination and implementation of the SAFER IDUS Research project in Romania. - Corina MARCULESCU, budget controller for ARAS
3	AIDS-i Tugikeskus AIDS Information & Support Center Kopli 32 Tallin 10412 ESTONIA Tel +372 641 3165 Email tugikeskus@hotmail.com Fax +386 1241 9999 Contact: Jury KALIKOV	ESTONIA	Jury KALIKOV : Director of AIDS-TUGIKESKUS – overall management of the project for Estonia. Identification of beneficiary for internships abroad. Dr Irina MOROZ: Coordination of the research project for Estonia (in partnership with Tatiana MAGEROVA from the Narva Rehabilitation center)

4	<p>Finnish Aids Council (also known as Suomen Aids-Tukikeskus) Hietaniemenkatu 5 00100 Helsinki FINLAND Tel +358 207 465 700 Fax +358 207 465 709 Email kati.ulmala@aidstukikeskus.fi Web www.aidstukikeskus.fi Contact : Kati ULMALA</p>	FINLAND	<p>Coordination of the project for Finland was endorsed by Bengt LINDBLOM (Director) and Jari KESANIEMI (Project Manager) in 2003-2004. In 2004-2005, this coordination role was endorsed by Kati ULMALA (Social Affairs manager). => organisation of internships and training session for Estonian and Romanians in Finland. Asta TIRONEN: Budget controller for the Finnish AIDS Council.</p>
5	<p>Romanian Harm Reduction Network Pantelimon 86 Bucuresti ROMANIA Tel +40 74 5 101 467</p>	Romania	<p>Romanian platform of Romanian NGO and agencies committed to the development of Harm Reduction Services in Romania: => Supported ARAS in the information and advocacy work about harm reduction in Romania (as part of the Romanian Harm Reduction Think Tank)</p>
6	<p>Narva Rehabilitation center for Drug Users and Alcoholics Karja 6c Narva, Eesti 20306 Estonia Tel: +372 5645 2814 Email : rehabi@hot.ee</p>	Estonia	<p>Tatiana MAGEROV from the Narva rehabilitation center participated to the design and implementation of the SAFER-IDUS research work in Estonia (in partnership with Irina MOROZ in Tallin). The Narva Rehabilitation Center was one of the main partners of the Estonian Harm Reduction Think Tank organised by AIDSi-Tugikeskus.</p>



VII. INTERACTION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES (FOR FINAL REPORTS)

Please give details of any projects developed under other Community programmes or initiatives which complement yours, **where applicable**.

(Only for projects which have a degree of complementarity/transversality - in terms of topic, content, contracts, etc. - with other Community projects, programmes or initiatives)

COMPLEMENTARITY with other Community initiatives and/or programmes

Programme or initiative	Project N°	Title	Nature of the link
DG SANCO "Europe Against AIDS programme)	Grant Agreement N° SI2.323740 (2001CVG4-006)	INTEGRATION of NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe in the European Mobilisation against HIV/AIDS (2001-2004)	The SAFER-IDUS project was initiated and conceived by some of the partners on the INTEGRATION project, who desired to focus more on Harm reduction on the national level in Estonia and in Romania where the situation is very alarming. Presentation of the outcomes of the SAFER-IDUS project have been made at joint meetings of the partners of the INTEGRATION project.
DG SANCO: Community Programme for Public health	Grant Agreement - 2004302	AIDS ACTION & INTEGRATION 2005-2005	This is the continuation of the Integration project cited above (with more partners across Europe). This project will enable the partners of the SAFER-IDUS project to pursue our relation further (through notably the joint organisation of seminars and internships).