# **PrEP in France**

An activist point of view



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#### **Before 2016: Mobilization for PrEP**

#### To prove the effectiveness of PrEP

- 2012-2016: Participation in the ANRS-Ipergay clinical trial as co-investigator
  - By recruiting participants
  - And supporting them during the trial
- Solid scientific results, validation of the "demand driven" dosage regimen
- Monitoring model for PrEP in France
  - At the medical level
  - For peer-based support



#### **Before 2016: Mobilization for PrEP**

# Fighting for access to PrEP (authorization and covering by public health insurance):

- "Flash PrEP": a quantitative survey about knowledge and desirability of PrEP (3024 respondents)
- "Classic" Advocacy (Ministry, Parliament, stakeholders...)
- Activist mobilization: "Free PrEP Now!"
- Decision of the Board of AIDES to prescribe PrEP illegally
- "PrEPage": a qualitative survey about informal use of PrEP called "PrEP sauvage"





#### **Before 2016: Mobilization for PrEP**

#### PrEP'Dial:

- Facebook group for PrEP users and their "friends": + 6000 members in May 2017
  - Sharing information, orientation
  - Research
  - Space for debate
  - Self-support
- Virtual support in addition to medical monitoring: diversity of members, no limitations in the duration of interviews, high reactivity (24h / 24, 7/7)
- Limits: some people play the doctor, no confidentiality, mainly MSM > the Charter





# **Victory!**

- November 2015: the Minister of Health announces the authorization of PrEP and its covering by public health insurance
- December 2015 : writing of the temporary recommandation for use (RTU)
- January 2016: PrEP can be prescribed by hospital physicians
- June 2016: PrEP accessible at CEGIDDs (public screening centers)
- Summer 2016: the European Medicines Agency gave its approval for Truvada as PrEP



# 2016: Implementation of PrEP

## **Promoting access to PrEP**

- Information/promotion of PrEP :
  - Participation to a public prevention campaign about combined prevention
  - Creation of promoting documents
  - Newspaper articles
  - o Etc.
- Set up of a map of PrEP consultation places
- Organisation of a conférence for Gay/MSM leaders : « RéLOVution »
- Flash! PrEP in Europe survey (15 000 respondants):

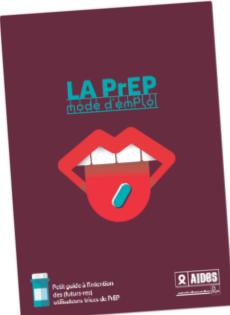
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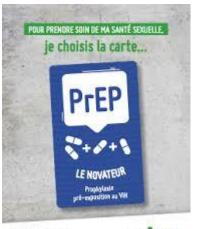








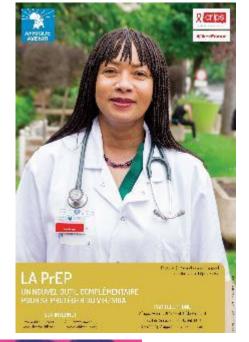


















# 2016: implementation of PrEP

## Inform and guide the public towards PrEP

Important role of AIDES activists:

- In 2016 PrEP came up in 14,122 individual interviews, representing 28% of all interviews conducted. Percentage twice as high among MSM: 56% in 2016 compared with 20% in 2015
- Orientation of 2,170 HIV-negative and HIV-vulnerable people to PrEP consultation
- 1,288 collective actions addressed the PrEP theme in 2016 against 617 in 2015.
   Among these collective actions :
  - Information sessions on the Prep open to anyone interested;
  - Groups of exchanges or self-support between users of Prep.
- Promotion of these actions on social networks (Facebook) and on gay apps (Grindr, Hornet)

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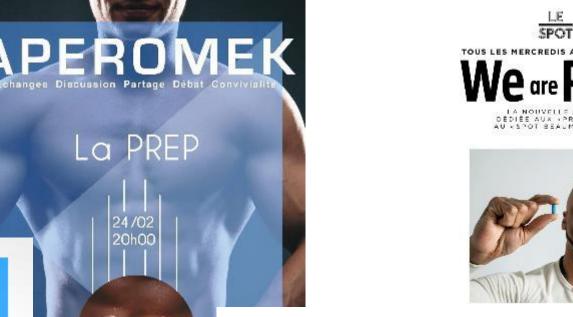
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# 2017: data of the last year

#### RTU Data:

- 2805 people had accessed PrEP in 2016
- 97,9% men
- Age average: 37
- Regions: Ile de France 59,7%, Auvergne Rhône-Alpes 10,6%, PACA 8,6%
- French people: 89,6% (other 9%, not specified 1,4%)
- Dosage regimen of Truvada: « demand drive » 58,1%, continuous 41,4%, not specified 0,6%

#### Only one contamination of a person who was taking PrEP

Marketing authorization accorded by EMA and set up in France from March: Changes: renewal of prescription is made possible for liberal doctors, « demand drive » dosage regimen not concerned by this authorization

# Focus support for PrEP

#### Official recommendations:

- The French group of experts recommends that the PrEP dispensation should be carried out with « a support (counseling) to the adherence to this prevention tool and the adoption in terms of safer sexual practices for all STIs »
- In October 2015, a commission of French Agency for Medicines recommended « community support to complement prescription and medical follow-up »
- The fact sheet on good use of medication for Truvada in PrEP specifies: « It is possible for the PrEP user to benefit from individual support offered by community and HIV / AIDS associations »

# Focus on support for PrEP

#### **Characteristics**

- Community-based (peer-based): empathy, non-judgment in regard to sexual practices, substance use, lifestyle, etc
- Integrated into the medical consultation: before / after, on site, partnership agreement, briefing / debriefing with the medical team, etc.
- A long-term support, no "one shot", D0 / M1 / M4 / M7 ...
- Interview about all the sexual health problems and directs to other professionals (global health)
- Provision of prevention materials: condoms, lub, injection kits, etc.
- Available and reachable by email, text message or telephone
- From the individual to the collective : towards groups of exchanges between peers
- Evaluated: data collection and analysis

# Focus on support for PrEP

## Profile of PrEP users supported by AIDES

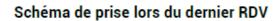
In 2016, 1,580 PrEP support interviews were conducted by our teams

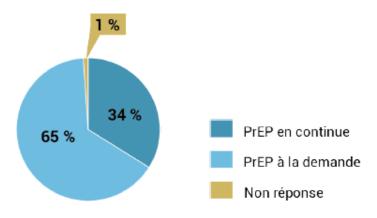
This represents 807 different people, that is to say 29% of the people under PrEP followed for PrEP in 2016













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# 2017 and after: perspectives

- Scaling up: the number of PrEP users is insufficient to have an impact on the epidemic
- Promote knowledge of PrEP among target audiences (street campaigns, social networks, communities, etc.)
- Work on access to PrEP for other communities : migrants, trans people
- Develop new forms of support (offshoring, remote) and seek funding
- ANRS-Prevenir clinical trial (3000 people in IDF): includes a scientific evaluation of the community support
- New forms of PrEP to come: other molecules, other modes of administration (injections, implants)

#### More information on <a href="https://www.aides.org/prevention">www.aides.org/prevention</a>

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Thanks to AIDES activists involved in the field. And to the headquarters sectors concerned: advocacy, quality / evaluation, research, Europe platform of Coalition Plus

Thank you for your attention!

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