

Toolkit for the implementation and evaluation of Checkpoints for MSM

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Purpose:

„To **generate operational knowledge** to better understand the role and impact of Community Based Voluntary Counselling and Testing services (CBVCTs) across Europe, as well as to study the use of **innovative strategies** based on new technologies networks,

to increase early HIV/STI diagnosis and treatment among the most vulnerable groups.“

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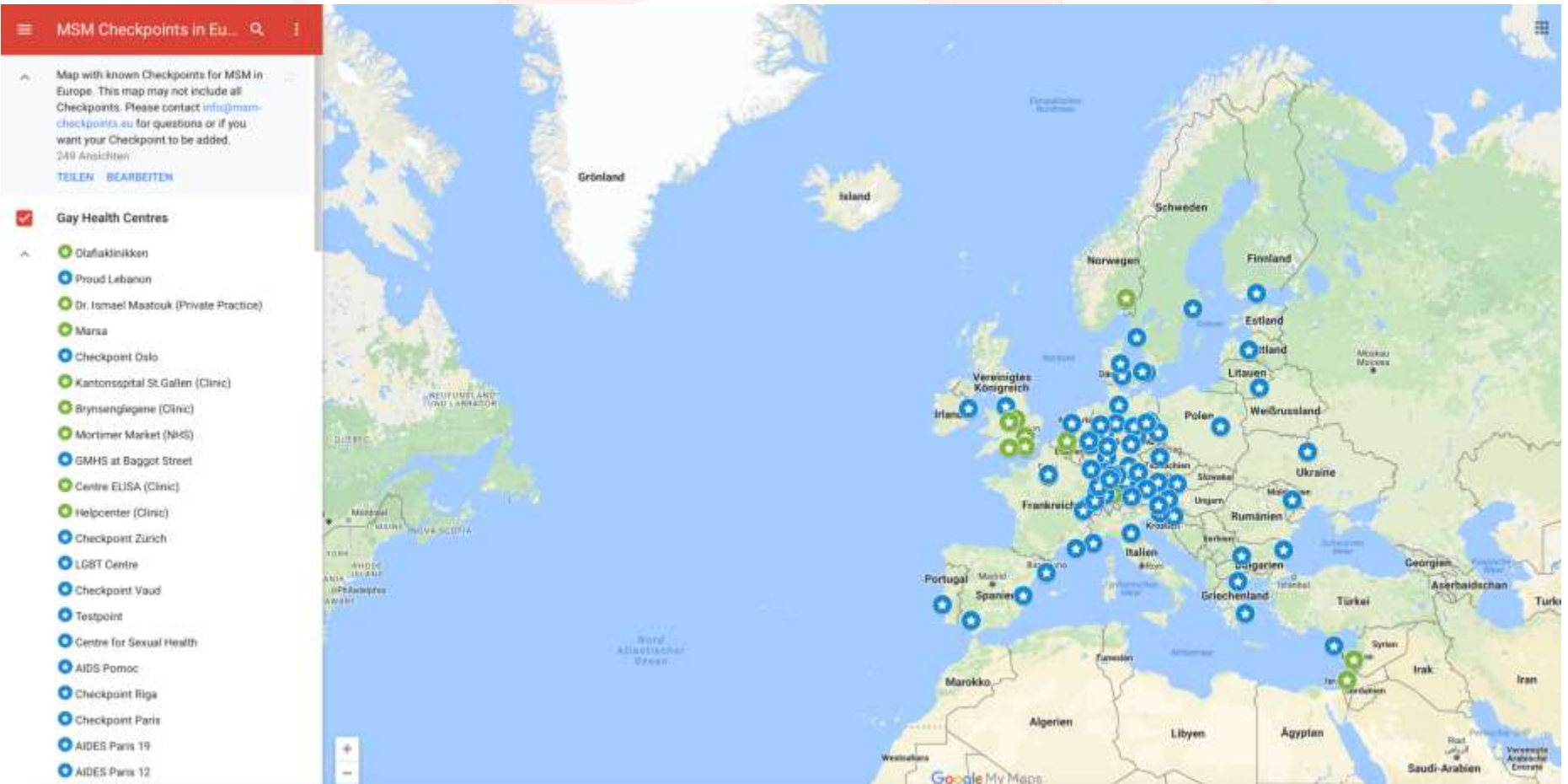
To develop a **Toolkit** to improve the **implementation** of CBVCT services specifically adressed to **MSM** in Europe.

MSM Checkpoints

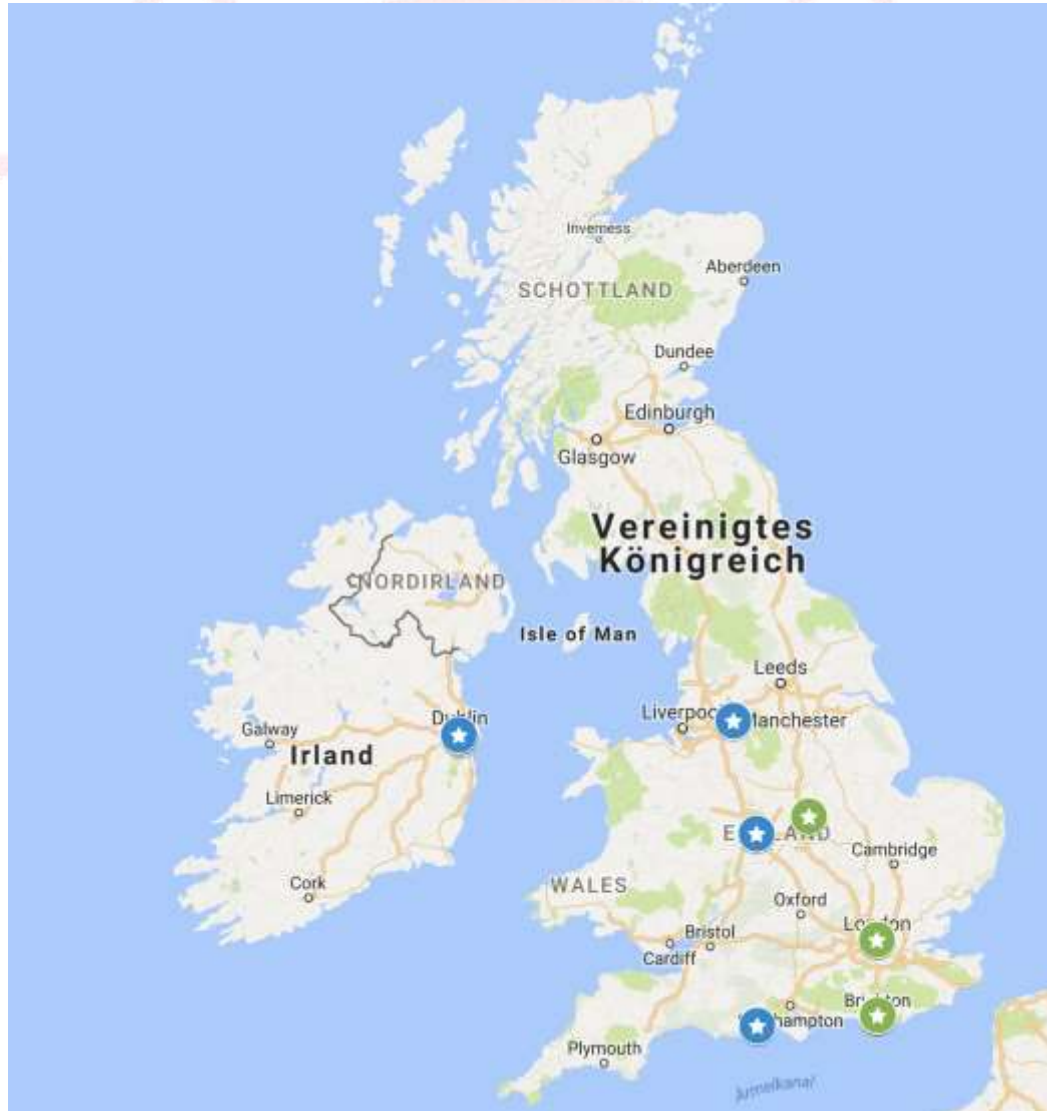


- Implementation of many CBVCT centers that specifically address MSM in Europe
- **Checkpoints** – CBVCT and health centers for MSM
- **Great diversity**
 - Adapted to local needs, local conditions and local restrictions
 - Great variety in services
 - Different structures

Map of MSM Checkpoints



Map of MSM Checkpoints



Toolkit for MSM Checkpoints



- Internetbased Toolkit to support NGOs that **recently established or want to start** a CBVCT Service/Checkpoint for MSM
- Main information needed
 - for **planning** and **operating** a Checkpoint
 - to **assure quality of services**
- **Systematic self-evaluation-tool**
- Not adapted to a specific health system or environment
- **Suggests to take into account what is locally needed**

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- Checklists, guidance and tools, action plans +
- Using the toolkit for planning +
- Using the toolkit for quality assurance +
- Using the toolkit for quality improvement +

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Operating a Checkpoint



CBVCT Services & Organisational Needs



Counselling / Linkage to care



Communication



Advocacy



Quality Improvement & Innovation

Chapter structure

- Description
- Checklist(s)
- Guidance and tools
- Action Plan(s)





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Operating Environment
Regulatory and Legal Frameworks

National laws and regulations as well as the standards and codes of conduct of regulated professions govern the operations of health and social services. CBCVTs may fall under one or several of these frameworks. This checklist asks questions about the main legal aspects of operating a CBCVT. Because regulatory and legal frameworks differ from country to country, it is important to find out exactly what is required in your situation. It may be helpful to get legal advice if you are unsure.

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A 'Description' popup window is centered on the screen, containing the following text:

Description

National laws regulate the use of medical and diagnostic devices, including HIV tests. Formal authorisation to conduct a specific type of test may be required, CBVCTs aiming to offer testing technologies that maximise uptake by MSM are therefore often forced to operate in a legal 'grey' area.

The background content shows a table with the following structure:

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Guidance

A key advantage of CBVCT services targeting MSM is their ability to provide a more or less immediate result, even though it may require confirmatory testing if reactive. This means most CBVCTs offer a form of rapid HIV testing using oral fluid or a capillary blood sample.

Laws and regulations may prohibit anyone other than a medical professional to conduct such tests and interpret the results. National health authorities provide information on which tests are approved for use and under which conditions.

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It is important to remember that testing technology is evolving and new options become available from time to time. [The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control \(ECDC\)](#) and [WHO](#) websites provide current advice and recommendations. Any new test must also be approved on the national level before it can be used of a CBVCT.

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Operating a Checkpoint
Regulatory

External resources; e.g. organisations or HIV Quality Action Tools

Other resources from Euro HIV EDAT

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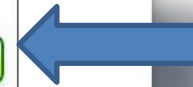
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Action Plan

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Action Plan

Item	What will be done?	Who will it do?	When?	How will we monitor it?	Action
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Conclusion

- Useful and practical Toolkit
- Adaptable to local needs
- Helps to establish and provide low-threshold, quality based CBVCT Services for MSM
- Enables Checkpoints to optimize and develop their services

- Available from June 2017 on

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