



### What is Connect Plus?

Connect Plus e.V was set up in April 2001 by a group of social workers, physicians, psychologists, educationalists and others actively involved in the AIDS-Hilfe movement in Germany.

The main aim of this social organization is to make the competence and experience accumulated by governmental and non-governmental organizations (such as HIV-positive networks, clinics, AIDS centres) working in the sphere of HIV/AIDS in Germany available to the countries of Eastern Europe. In recent years the focus of Connect Plus' work has been on Ukraine.

### What does Connect Plus do?

Connect Plus e.V supports the struggle against HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe by sharing German knowledge and experience. More specifically by:

- setting up contacts with experts from Germany working in the sphere of HIV/AIDS who are able to provide their knowledge and experience in special educational programmes for professionals and volunteers in HIV/AIDS projects
- organizing exchange programmes for senior and medium medical staff.
- providing humanitarian support for HIV/AIDS projects

### Projects in 2009 -2010

#### Preventive measures in schools

Train the trainer prevention programmes in schools in the Chernovetskyi region of Western Ukraine. In cooperation with the Freiburg Catholic University of Applied Science. In the framework of German-Ukrainian anti HIV/AIDS partner sponsorship and with the help of Ministry of Health of Germany.

#### Study-tours of German projects operating in the sphere of HIV/AIDS

Visits to different organizations and projects in the sphere of HIV/AIDS in Germany for physicians, social workers, activists working in "self and mutual help" movements in governmental and nongovernmental organizations in Ukraine or other countries.

#### Training of professional specialists in the fundamentals of the secondary drug prevention

This project aims to improve the living conditions of children and young people who engage or have engaged in the experimental, casual or risky use of legal and illegal drugs in Odessa. The project is organized with the help of the "Aktion Mensch" fund.

#### Improving care and therapy for people with a co-infection of HIV and tuberculosis in Ukraine.

This project is being undertaken in collaboration with AIDS centers and clinics that provide treatment for tuberculosis in Ukraine and with the support of the German Ministry of Health and World Health Organization (WHO) office in Ukraine.

#### Training of physicians, social workers and medical staff who work in the sphere of substitutive therapy and the development of a national training programme in Ukraine.

Train the trainer programs, the development of educational materials. With the support of GTZ and in collaboration with the Ukrainian Institute of Social Health.

#### Support and prevention of HIV/AIDS for commercial sex workers.

Networking and education with the involvement of peers. Within the framework of German-Ukrainian anti HIV/AIDS partner sponsorship. Supported by the Ministry of Health.

#### Training of young volunteers in internet-based crisis intervention.

Strengthening of an organization for the establishment of internet advisory services by young people for young people. With the financial support of the "Aktion Mensch" fund. [www.krizisam.net](http://www.krizisam.net)

#### Prevention of HIV/AIDS among men who have sex with men. Support of the network development.

Within the framework of German-Ukrainian anti HIV/AIDS partner sponsorship. With the support of the Ministry of Health.

#### Training of multidisciplinary teams in the sphere of substitution therapy in the Poltava region (Ukraine)

Training of multidisciplinary teams in the sphere of substitution therapy in hospital and dispensary clinic departments in the Poltava region. Under the auspices of drug agencies in Stuttgart. With the financial support of "Aktion Mensch" fund and the special Poltava/Filderstadt twin-cities programme.

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