

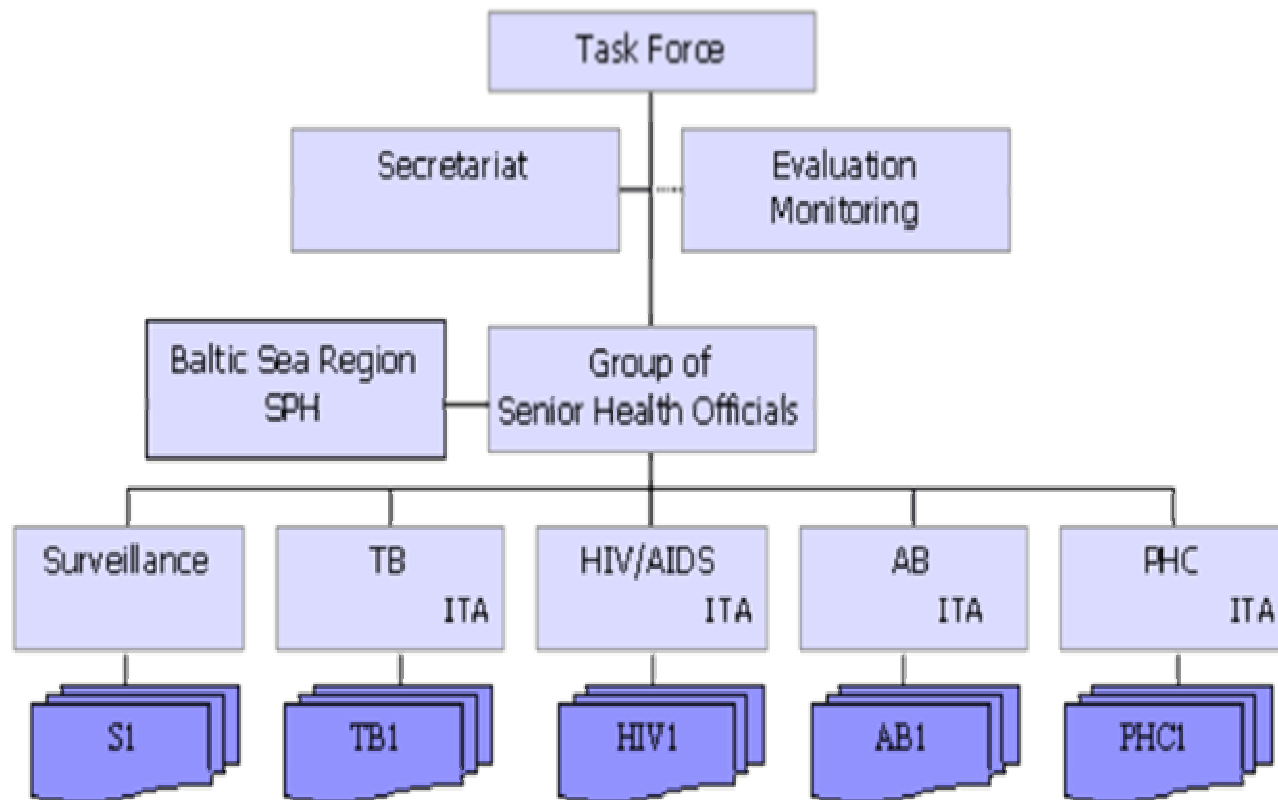


Essential National Efforts Toward Structural Reform and Securing Cross-border Collaboration in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS

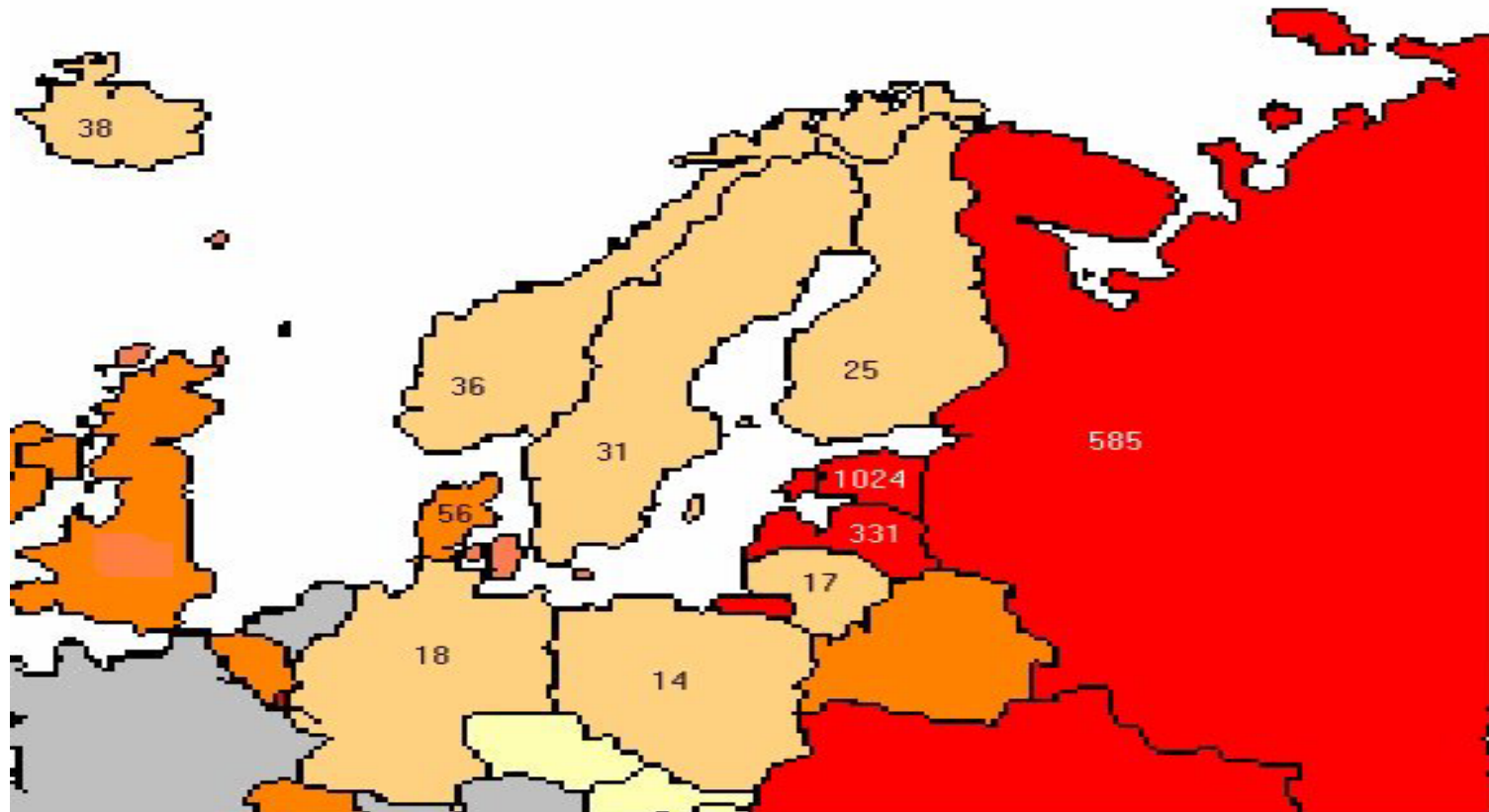
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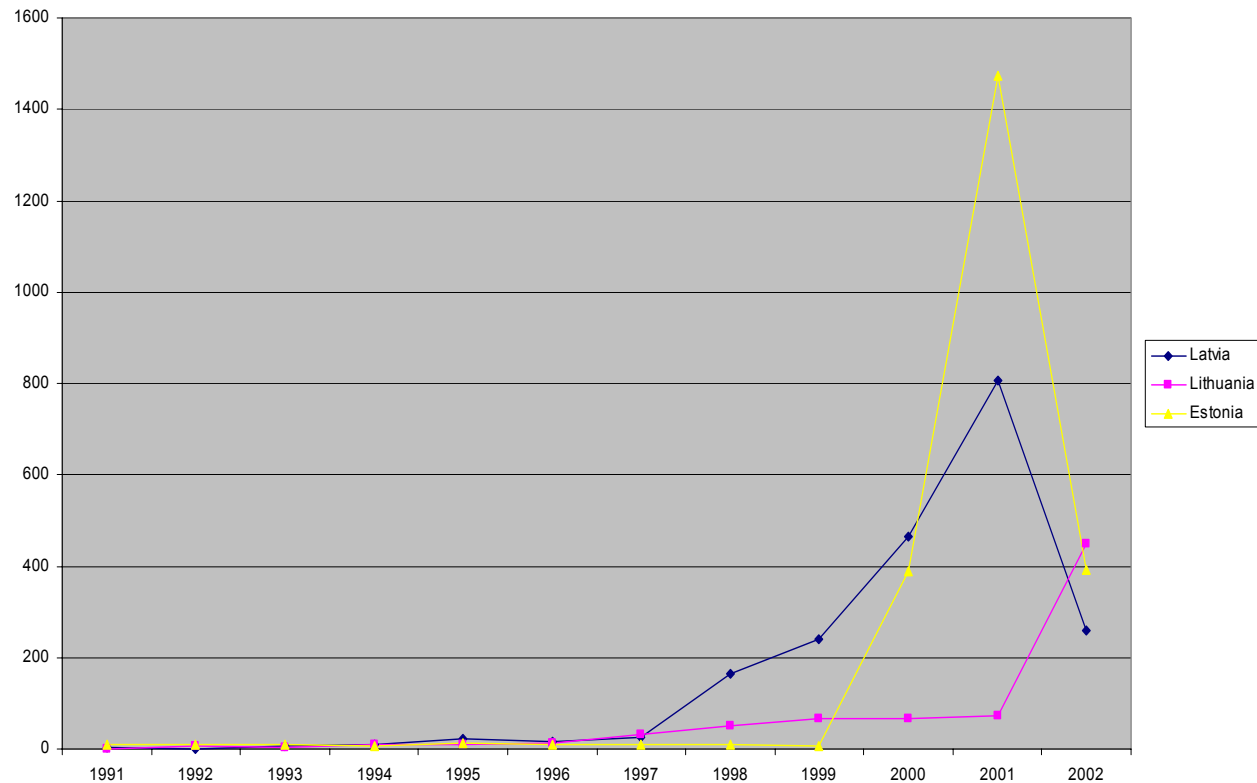
Structure of the Task Force bodies



Cases diagnosed with HIV infection in 2001 per million population



Registered HIV cases by year in Baltic's



Three main target areas for action

- **prevention of infections related to drug injection**
- **prevention and care of sexually transmitted diseases with particular emphasis on vulnerable groups**
- **support for a comprehensive and sustainable health promotion program for young people with special emphasis on vulnerable groups**

Outputs:

- 1. Low-threshold support centers for HIV and STI diagnosis, treatment and prevention**
- 2. Clean needles and syringes and condoms easily available**
- 3. A decrease in incidence of HIV to 20 per 100 000 and STI to central European levels**
- 4. An increase in awareness and knowledge about safer sex**
- 5. Universal access to treatment of pregnant HIV positive women**

Activities:

- **Establish agreements with local authorities and professionals and implement models for HIV and STI prevention, diagnosis and treatment**
- **Establish routines and management for harmonized methods for treatment of STIs in accordance with WHO guidelines**
- **Outreach work and stimulation of peer education in the risk groups**
- **Distribution of clean needles and syringes and condoms**
- **Voluntary HIV-testing of all pregnant women and offer of treatment to HIV-positives to prevent vertical transmission**
- **Stimulation of health promotion and sex-education in schools**

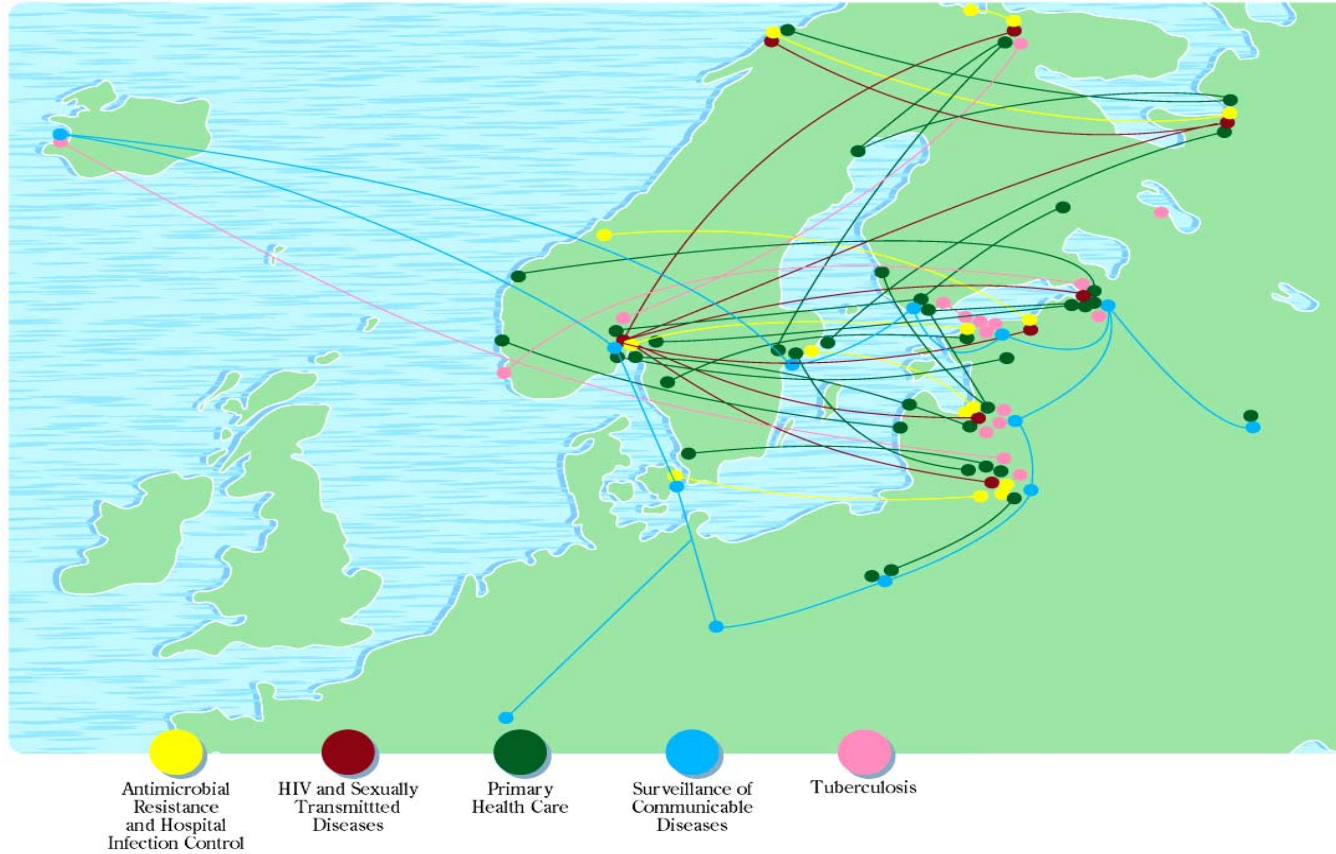
Preconditions for establishing projects

- 1. The activities must be based on clear national policies of the host country:**
- 2. The country, city county or oblast itself must take the lead, define the locations and level of co-operation, and in that sense invite other states in for collaboration**

Projects registered in the TF database as of May 26 2002.

Host Country	S	TB	HIV/AI DS	AB	PHC	Total
Estonia	1	5	4	3	7	20
Latvia	2	7	4	5	8	26
Lithuania	2	2	2	5	8	19
Poland	0	0	2	0	3	5
Russia	13	6	11	8	14	52
Multinatio nal	4	0	1	1	0	6
All Countries	22	20	24	22	40	128

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