

The minutes of European Network meeting the 4. September in Copenhagen.

Hosted by Hiv-Danmark with support of GlaxoSmithKlein, Denmark.

Participants:

**Sweden:**

Hans Nilson, RFHP.

Andreas Berglöf, RFHP.

Lasse Lindberg, RFHP.

Anders Licke, RFHP.

**Norway:**

Per Miljeteig, HIVNorge.

**Finland:**

Leila Väänänen, Positiiviset ry.

Ritva Karjalainen, Positiiviset ry.

Kari Suomela, Positiiviset ry.

**Iceland:**

Percy Stefánsson, Alnæmissamtökin.

**Italy:**

Rosaria Iardino, NPSItalia.

**Poland:**

Wojciech J. Tomczyński, SIEĆ PLUS.

**United Kingdom:**

Gus Cairns, UKCoalition.

**Denmark:**

Henrik Arildsen, Hiv-Danmark.

The participants presented them self and their organization. And gave their views on a European network.

The meeting decided to not take a decision about whether to or not join the AAE. The first thing is to make the net work running, before taking any decisions about this. And it was important that the network gave the starting process a special focus to make sure it has a good foundation before the launch.

The meeting agreed that there is a lot of issues in all countries that is common, and it will be useful for the European organizations to share their experiences on the different issues. And to help new emerging organizations with Know-how.

The meeting decided the following

**Criteria for membership:**

- European democratic organizations driven by PLWHA and for PLWHA
- Organization that are principally PLWHA advocacy organization
- Network accepts membership by 2/3 Majority.

These criteria have to be send round to the rest of the network for comments.

**Purpose for the organization:**

**Sharing of experiences, driven by issues such as:**

- Mobility
- Health
- Criminalization
- Discriminations
- Harm-reduction
- Back to Work
- Quality of life
- Positive prevention

**Ensure the GIPA principles and encourage PLWHA leadership.**

**Name on the European network:**

HIVeurope.

The meeting decided to appoint Henrik Arildsen, Hiv-Danmark, to take leadership on establishing the new network. Henrik Arildsen accepted, but asked members of the network to be helpful, when it was needed.

NPSItalia decided to grant 6000 euro's worth of secretary help from Marcella Ferracci for the next 6 months to help the network getting started.

The network decided to meet again in London, the 3. and 4. of December, to make further discussions and decisions to make the network running. The meeting will hosted by UKCoalition and they will try, together with Henrik Arildsen, to find sponsors for that meeting.

Minutes taken by Henrik Arildsen.