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PROJECT

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- **Background**: There is a strong need for knowledge of best practices to guide, educate, care and prevent HIV/AIDS. On individual level, early detection of HIV/AIDS rely greatly on the decision making process starting from acknowledging that one may get or have HIV and leading to the actual act to get tested, treated if needed and get educated to live as fully life as possible without risking him/herself or others.

- **Target groups** are the adolescents (15-21 years) who have started (or are starting) their active sexual life. They are a vulnerable group because both of their young age and (sometimes) irresponsible sexual behavior. They may have lack of knowledge, premature attitude about their unvulnerability, and they are not necessarily prepared for intercourse and prevention. Another target group is professionals who work with adolescents.
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- **Aim** is to develop, test and disseminate strategies, innovative methods and environments for achieve persons at risk, early diagnosis and treatment as well as prevent HIV/AIDS
- **Outcomes** are the developed methods, environments, practice guidelines and manuals to reach and empower adolescents to recognize their potential risk of getting or being infected by HIV, advance early testing, treatment and prevention.
- Adolescents’ awareness and knowledge of HIV/AIDS contamination and prevention will increase.
- Additionally, professionals working with adolescents will increase their skills, know-how and competence about how to reach, recognize adolescents at risk, how to guide them to tests and provide support to them. Likewise, their know-how about how to intervene, give sex education, carry out different sex education interventions and prevent HIV/AIDS both in individual and community level, will increase.
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• **The strategy** is to work in close cooperation with adolescents, professionals who work with them and researchers. The professionals will come from educational, social and health care as well as recreational and voluntary institutions. Furthermore, the adolescents themselves will be taken along to all development processes to confirm the relevance of outcomes from the target groups' point of view.

• In the project students in partner universities are in the central role in the development work. The project will provide an innovative environment for their studies.

• **Project organization**: The project plan has created and the process of EU funding proposal have started. Preliminary associated partners are: TEI/Athens, Crete (Greece), ARAS-Cluj (Romania) and IFITS (France).

• **New partners are needed to strengthen the co-operative network, to provide different local point of views to the development work and to disseminate project outcomes wider area in Europe.**