HIV and AIDS in Europe



HIV infection remains of major public health importance in the European Union and European Economic Area (EU/EEA) as the HIV epidemic persists largely unchanged with annually around 30 000 newly reported diagnoses.

ECDC estimates that 810 000 people are currently living with HIV in the EU/EEA of which 122 000 (15%) do not know they are infected.

new diagnoses reported in 2015

attacks the immune and

lifelong illness that may show no symptoms for many years. Treatment can stop progression to severe illness and AIDS.

indicates the end-stage of HIV infection resulting from the destruction of the immune system. It is

defined by the presence of one or more opportunistic illnesses due to decreased immunity

AIDS diagnoses reported in 2015

37% diagnosed late

12 541 Transmission through sex between men

57% diagnosed late

9 654 Transmission through sex between men & women

1 241 Transmission by injecting drug use





HIV transmission can be prevented once status is known

Test & protect!

Early diagnosis helps to prevent further transmission and lowers the risk of severe health complications.

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diagnosis allows access to lifesaving treatment



Early diagnosis prolongs a healthy life and reduces healthcare costs