

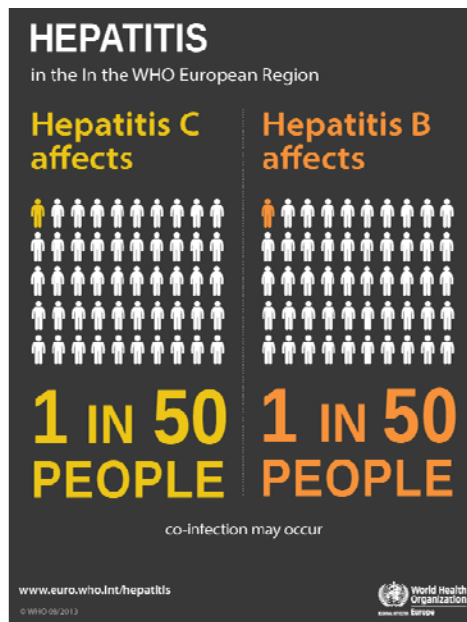
Action plan for the health sector response to viral hepatitis in the WHO European Region

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Chronic viral hepatitis: a major public health threat in the Region

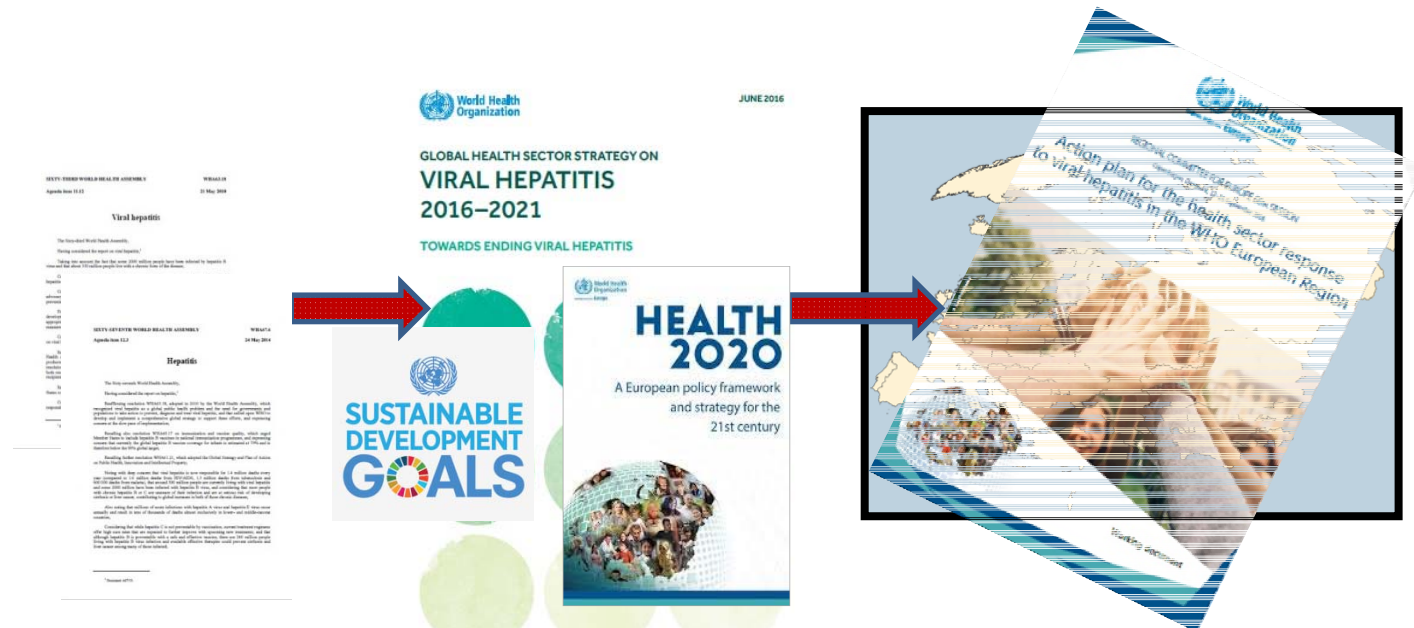


- Estimated number of people living with infection:
 - Hepatitis B virus (HBV) – 13.3 million
 - Hepatitis C virus (HCV) – 14–15 million
- Over 2/3 in eastern Europe and central Asia
- Populations most affected and at risk differ
- Over 170 000 preventable deaths each year (113 000 from HCV, 58 000 from HBV)

An action plan for a comprehensive response

Action plan development:

- Building on lessons learned
- Broad Region-wide participatory process



Alignment with global and regional policies and strategies

Development through wide participatory process

- Advisory Committee
- Member States consultation
- Web consultation



Action plan for the health sector response to viral hepatitis

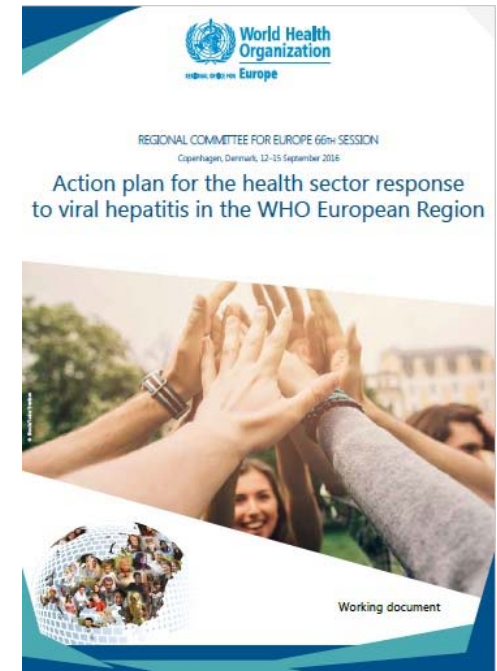
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Vision

- Transmission of new viral hepatitis infections is halted, testing is accessible, and people living with chronic viral hepatitis have access to care and affordable and effective treatment

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Goal

- Elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030 through:
 - reduction of transmission
 - reduction in morbidity and mortality
 - ensuring equitable access

Frameworks for action: universal health coverage, the continuum of services, a public health approach



Seven essential targets by 2020

Prevention

- 95% coverage with three-dose B vaccine for children
- 90% coverage with interventions to prevent B vertical transmission
- 100% blood donations screened
- 50% of injections with safety-engineered devices
- At least 200 sterile injection kits per person per year for people who inject drugs

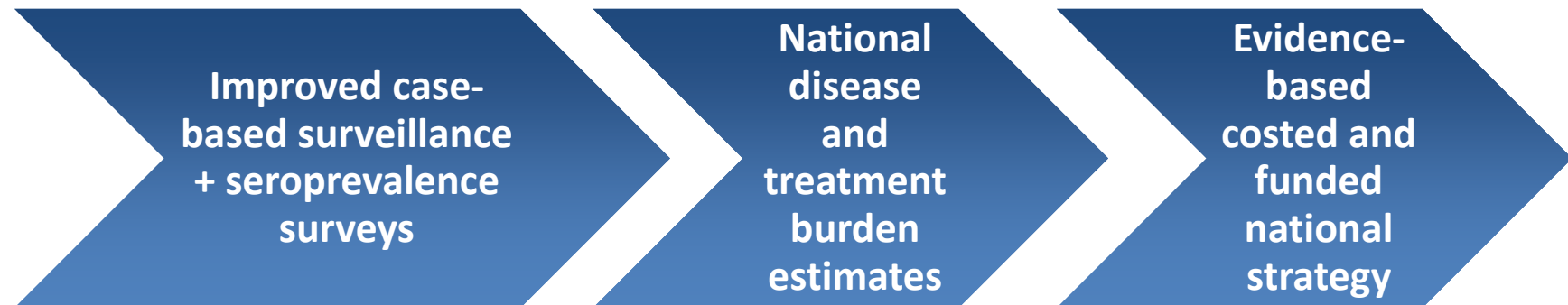
Testing and treatment

- 50% of people diagnosed and aware
- 75% treatment coverage for hepatitis B and C among diagnosed and eligible

Strategic direction 1: Information for focused action (the “who” and “where”)



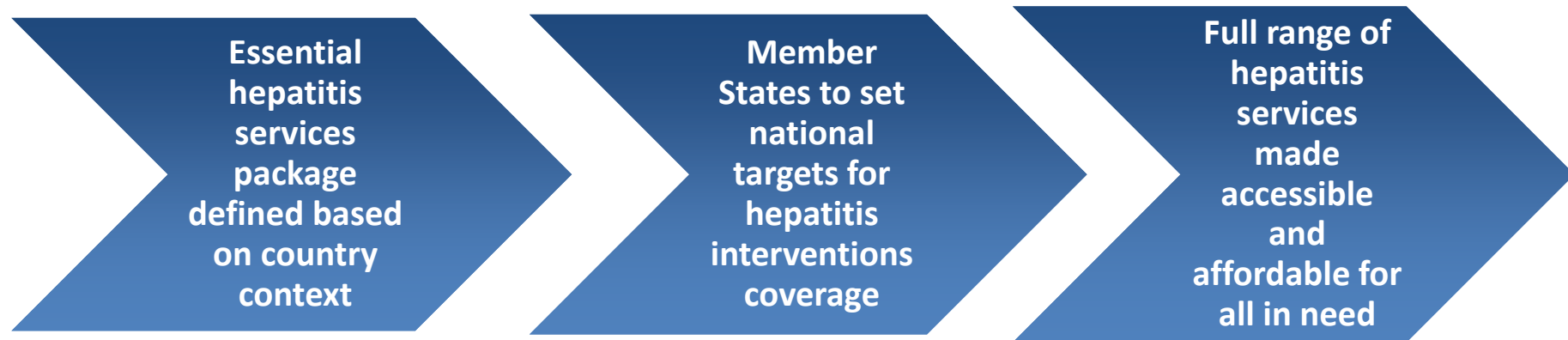
The way forward:



Strategic direction 2: Interventions for impact (the “what”)



The way forward:



Strategic direction 3: Delivering for equity (the “how”)



The way forward:



Strategic direction 4: Financing for sustainability (the financing)



The way forward:



Strategic direction 5: Innovation for acceleration (the future)

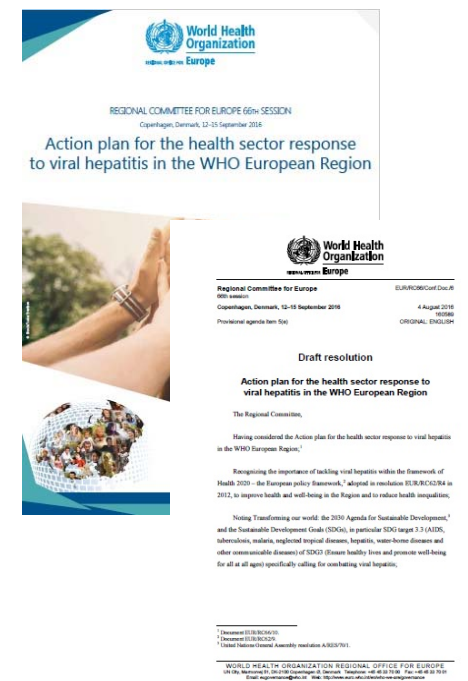


The way forward:



Resolution (EUR/RC66/Conf.Doc./6)

- align national viral hepatitis strategies with the action plan and strengthen public health systems
- target individuals most affected and at risk
- facilitate partnerships to strengthen the response to viral hepatitis and exchange of best practices and experiences
- monitor and report to 69th and 72nd Regional Committees on implementation of the action plan





Thank you

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