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The European Commission Monday adopted an action plan to boost the fight against HIV / AIDS in all Member States of the Union, but also in all neighbouring countries, candidates or potential candidates for accession to the EU, members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and countries interested in European politics, including the Russian Federation. They are invited to contribute to three objectives: reduce the number of new infections in all European countries by 2013, improving access to prevention, treatment, care and support, improving the quality of life of people living with HIV / AIDS.

The new plan extends the previous one adopted in 2005 for four years, and which laid the first foundations of the European strategy, including the centralization of operational supervision by the European Center for Prevention and Control (ECDC). It is now focusing on prevention. Between 2001 and 2007, the number of infected people rose from 1.5 to 2.2 million (730 000 in the EU) with a prevalence rate of HIV from 0.1 to 1.2%. To 50 000 new infections were diagnosed in 2007, with differing modes of transmission in different countries. The Commission relies on targeted prevention strategies, scientifically based, taking into account local realities and addressing priority populations: men who have sex with other men, injection drug users (70% of new infections in countries Neighbors Union) and migrants from high prevalence countries - the heterosexual transmission accounts for about 40% of new infections due to sex diagnosed in the EU.

Some regions have also been identified as priorities, especially the eastern continent, where "HIV and AIDS is currently spreading at an alarming rate," notes the Commission, which relies on cooperation and transfer of know-how through exchanges of doctors, nurses and health experts and public sharing of data quality. An independent evaluation is expected by 2012.