

## **EMPOWERING CIVIL SOCIETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM TO FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS EPIDEMIC AMONG VULNERABLE GROUPS**

**TUBIDU Estonian Local Network, 16th of May 2014**  
**Location: Tallinn, Radisson Blu Hotell Olümpia, Sigma hall**  
**MINUTES**

**Time: 10.30-14.30**

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On 16th of May, participants from different Estonian community based organisations (CBO) and representatives of the Estonian Ministry of Social affairs and Tallinn City Council gathered together for the last local network meeting to discuss TUBIDU project activities, their outcomes and set new milestones for future activities.

A general overview about the past three project years was given by the project manager Marin Vaher from the Estonian National Institute for Health Development (NIHD). Sigrid Vorobjov, also from NIHD, presented the results of the local study conducted in 2012 about the spread and risk behaviour of HIV among people who inject drugs (PWID) in Kohtla-Järve, which also included PWID's knowledge and behaviour related to TB. TUBIDU project assistant Maarja Sukles also introduced all TUBIDU materials, presenting also the TUBIDU handbook in more detail.

During group discussion, which was moderated by the TUBIDU project coordinator Aljona Kurbatova (NIHD), the participants focused on the current and future possibilities to improve TB-related service provision within CBOs working with vulnerable populations and ameliorate networking between healthcare settings and CBOs for better information exchange and collaboration.

The meeting was concluded by Ellen Simmul, Milvi Igalaan and Svetlana Roštšupkina who shared their experiences and impressions gained from different TUBIDU events where they had participated.

**The TUBIDU team would like to thank all participants and collaborators for their input into the project activities.**

**Without you, the TUBIDU project would not have been possible!**