

Apply to become an AIDS Action Europe Steering Committee member now!

AIDS Action Europe Call for Steering Committee Members

Do you have motivation and energy to join hands in the response to HIV/AIDS on the European level and share the vision of AIDS Action Europe? Are you involved in an HIV/AIDS related NGO or community group in Europe or Central Asia? **If so, you should consider submitting an application to become a member of the AIDS Action Europe Steering Committee.** Four of our steering committee members are approaching the end of their term. The term for a steering committee member is three years. Every representative can be re-elected once, after an open application round. Consequently, some of the Steering Committee members with the ending term might re-apply for the position. However, as it is an open call, they will be in equal competition with the other applicants. **New applications deadline is 21 November, 2008.**

As our membership grows (over 220 members!), longer term strategic guidance becomes ever more important. Although voluntarily serving on the Steering Committee is a significant commitment of time and effort (about 12 days yearly), the rewards are also significant. As a Steering Committee member, you will have numerous opportunities to become involved in European and international key challenges and emerging issues, and to develop new relationships with Steering Committee members and AIDS Action Europe members from around Europe and Central Asia.

AIDS Action Europe

AIDS Action Europe is a Pan European partnership of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that works towards a more effective response to the HIV and AIDS epidemics in Europe and its neighbours. We address the needs of communities affected by HIV, by effectively linking and mobilising NGOs across Europe and advocating their concerns. Our partnership encourages greater involvement of people living with and affected by HIV in tackling the epidemic. We have a Western office in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and an Eastern office in Vilnius, Lithuania.

AIDS Action Europe Steering Committee

AIDS Action Europe is governed by a Steering Committee that currently consists of 12 members. Steering Committee members are required to attend twice yearly a two-day Steering Committee meeting (the first for the new members will be on March 2-3, 2009 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands) and six-weekly conference calls (1,5 hour). In general, the Steering Committee members are expected to voluntarily contribute about 12 days yearly to the Steering Committee.

Steering Committee Principles

- The Steering Committee acts as the governing body of AIDS Action Europe on all programmatic issues concerning policy, strategy, finance, monitoring and evaluation.
- The Steering Committee should be composed by individuals from members of AIDS Action Europe.
- The composition of the Steering Committee should be balanced in terms of HIV status, gender and geographic representation.
- Steering Committee members attend on a personal title and in recognition of their personal expertise. Therefore, seats at the Steering Committee are not transferable automatically from one person to another within organisations.

Steering Committee Functions

- To represent AIDS Action Europe at global, regional and sub-regional meetings, including the interaction with multilateral organisations and regional political bodies;
- To facilitate representation of AIDS Action Europe in governing bodies, or in their sessions, of other European or global networks and partnerships;
- To (further) develop, implement and continuously monitor and evaluate, the general policies and priorities for AIDS Action Europe, in consultation with member organisations and through an inclusive decision making process;
- To review and decide upon the planning and execution of the common programmes and projects. For this purpose, it shall be kept informed of all aspects of the development of the programmes and projects and consider reports and recommendations submitted to it by the Secretariat.
- To review and approve the plan of action and budget for each financial period, prepared by the Secretariat;
- To review proposals of the members, Sub-Regional partnerships and the Secretariat and approve arrangements for the financing of the common initiatives, programmes and projects;
- To review longer term plans of action and their financial implications;
- To make recommendations to Members and Partners regarding their activities in support of the common policies, initiatives, programmes and projects;
- To review periodic reports that will evaluate the progress of the programmes and projects towards the achievement of its goals.

Steering Committee Member Profile

The member must:

- be individually committed to coordinated European NGO action and the AIDS Action Europe mission;
- have previous experience in Pan European NGO exchange;
- have global knowledge about the main policies, trends, issues and activities in the respective geographical sub-region;
- have good networking skills and contacts with networks, NGOs and possible sponsors;
- hold a managerial/senior position in an established HIV/AIDS NGO, network or movement of PLWHA;
- have an excellent knowledge of English;
- be located in Europe or Central Asia.

How to apply

If you are interested and meet the criteria, please apply! Your application should consist of a **letter explaining your motivation to become a Steering Committee member and your curriculum vitae.**

Send your application before 21 November, 2008 to westernoffice@aimsactioneurope.org

We specifically welcome applications from HIV-positive candidates. Also people from Eastern Europe and Central Asia are specifically encouraged to apply. For further information about AIDS Action Europe please visit www.aimsactioneurope.org or contact the western office at westernoffice@aimsactioneurope.org or the eastern office at marija@harm-reduction.org.