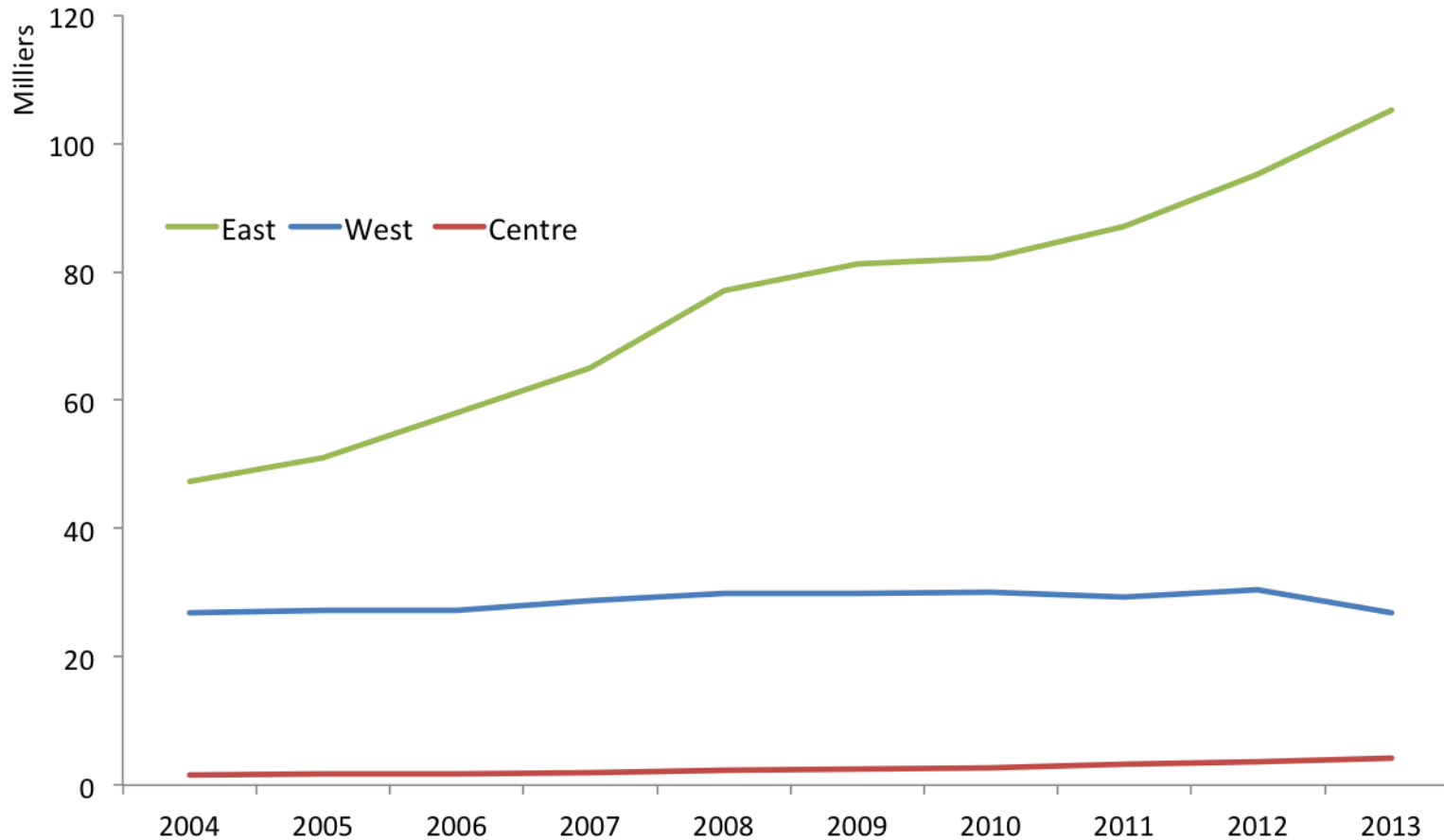


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# Newly diagnosed HIV infections by geographical area and year of diagnosis in the WHO European Region, 2004-2013

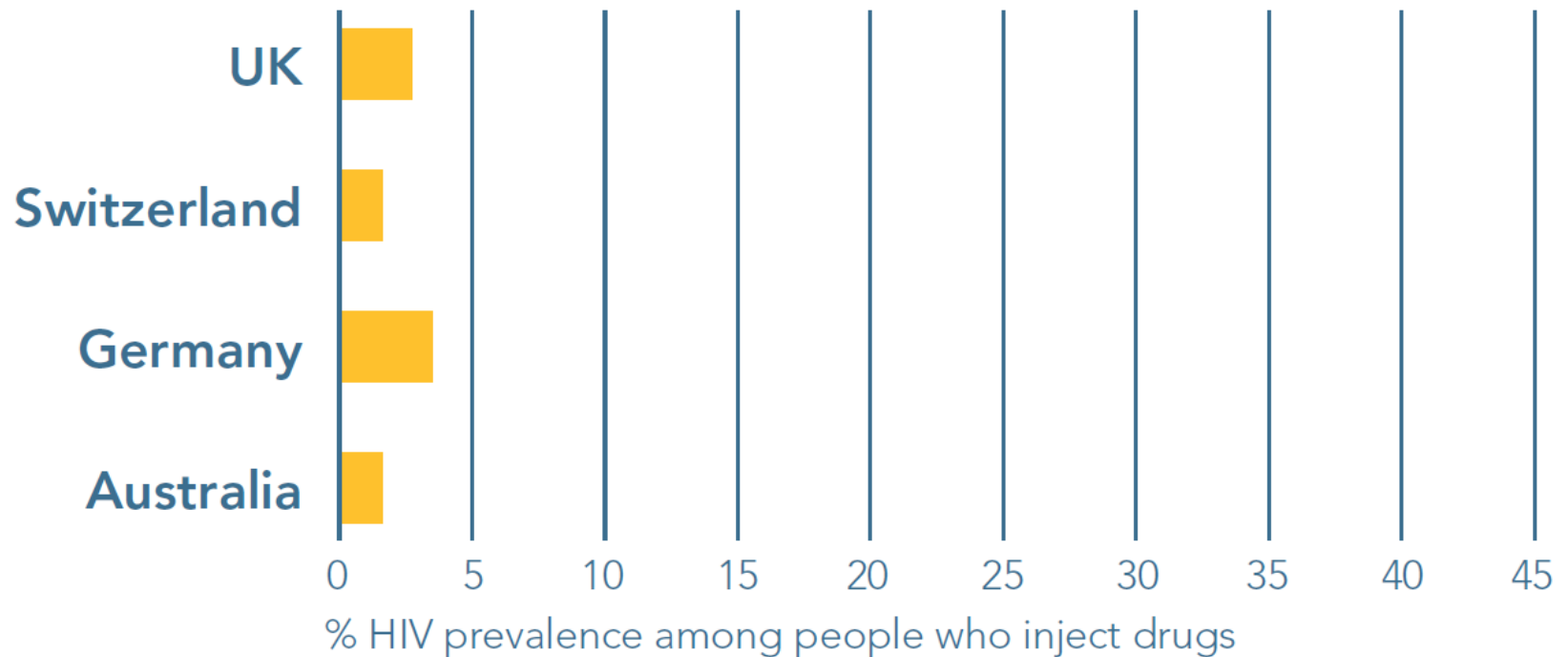


# Harm reduction: compelling evidence of effectiveness

- NSP and OST reduce the sharing of injection equipment and avert HIV infections
- In combination with ART, NSP and OST:
  - Reduce HIV transmission
  - Decrease mortality
  - Promote initiation of and compliance with ART
  - Reduce drug-dependency
  - Reduce crime and public disorder
- Harm reduction interventions are highly cost-effective

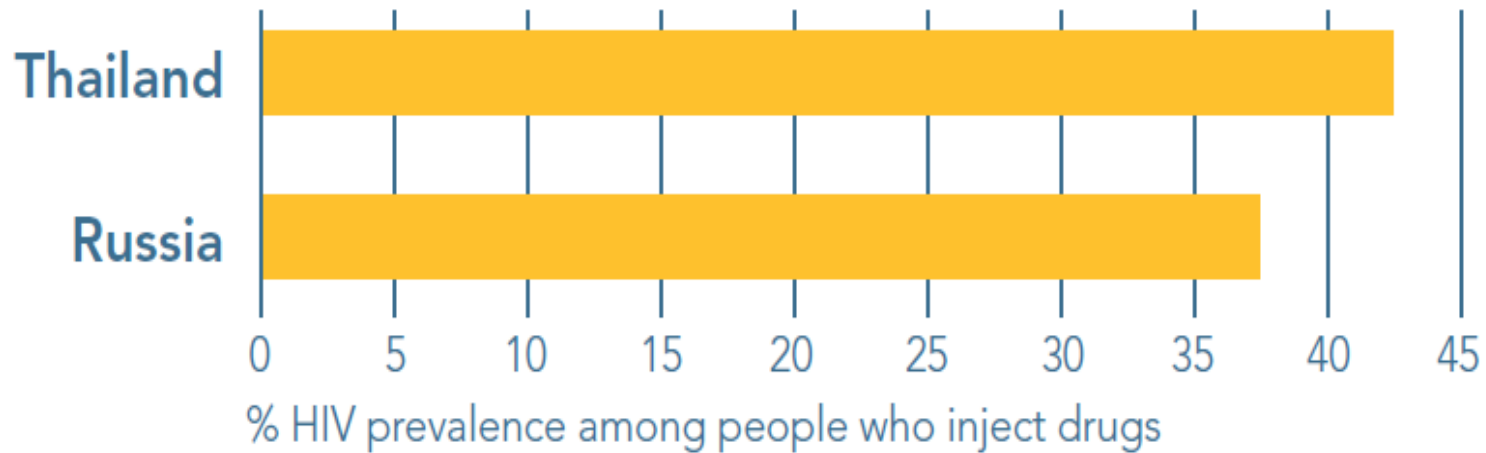
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Sample of countries that have consistently implemented comprehensive harm reduction strategies:

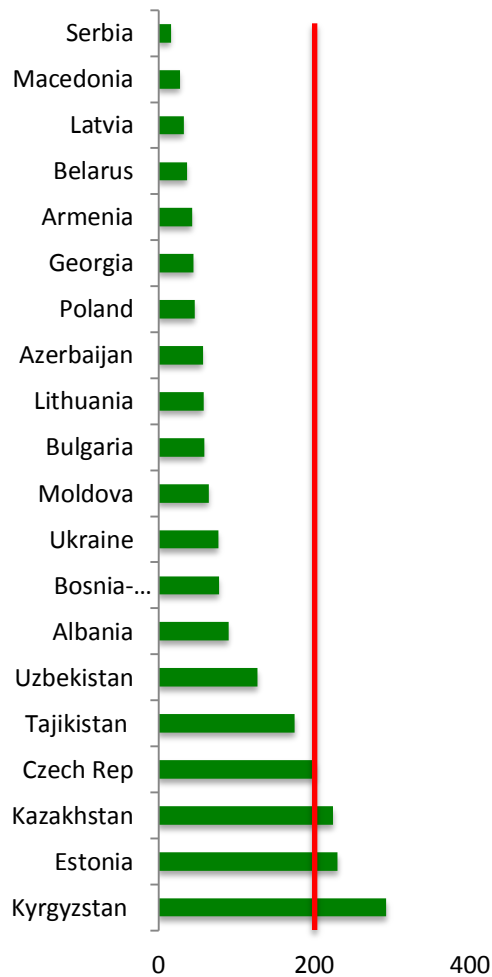


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Sample of countries that have consistently resisted large scale implementation of harm reduction strategies, despite the presence of drug injecting and sharing:

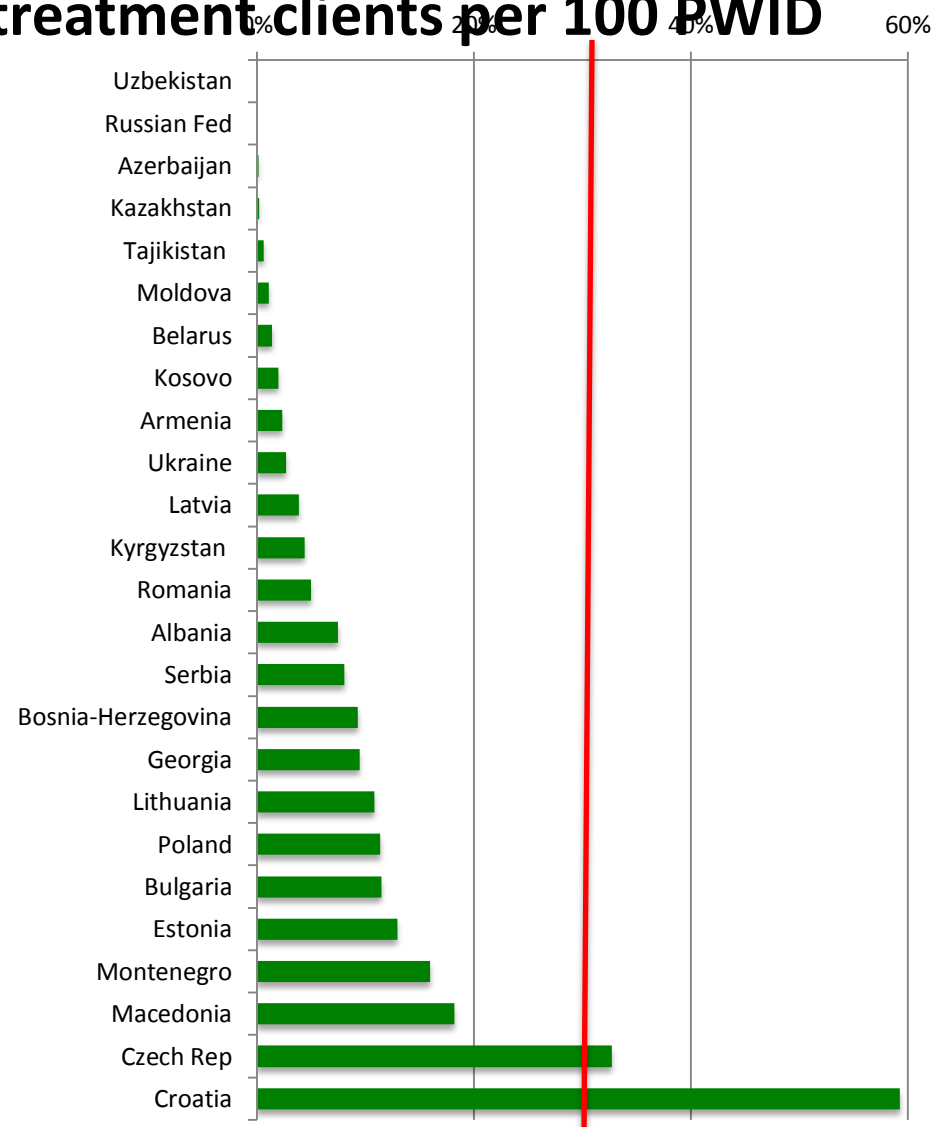


# Political epidemiology: estimated annual numbers of syringes distributed per person who inject drugs (PWID) and estimated number of opioid substitution treatment clients per 100 PWID



Number of syringes distributed per PWID a year, 2013 or latest year available

Based on country reported GARPR data to UNAIDS, 2014 & to EMCDDA, 2015



Percent of estimated PWID or opioid injectors who received OST, 2014 or latest year available

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# Strategic relevance of health in the global arena has changed

- Economic agenda: the growing global market of goods and services in relation to health
- Geopolitical agenda: soft and hard power
- Security agenda
- Social Justice and Human Rights agenda
- Philanthropic agenda
- Integral part of inter-dependent global crisis and challenges (food, climate, energy, water)



# Challenges to health that are not politically negotiated by the health sector

- **Inequity**, social determinants, social protection
- **Environment**, climate change, animal health, antimicrobial resistance
- **Globalization of lifestyles** and non-communicable diseases
- **Diseases of poverty**
- **Drug policy**

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# The interface of health in a global world



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# Two critical factors for health diplomacy

*the role of science and scientists and evidence*

*the value base – health equity and human rights issues :*  
equity is a driving force of the health agenda

# Managing new challenges

- Most of the new challenges to health require the interface of governance domains
- Better understand the effect of political variables on population health
- Negotiate the political choice of Health in the face of other interests
- They require an understanding of the changing international order
- They also require the cooperation of many actors: public, private and civil society, academia, based on shared principles
- Creating alliances for Health outcomes
- Aiming at outcomes that support human rights, reducing poverty and increasing equity



