The European ESTHER Alliance contributes to the implementation of its member states policy for health sector development aid. It aims to build up capacities in the fight against HIV/AIDS and its associated infections in developing countries.

AN INITIATIVE TO COUNTER NORTH-SOUTH INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH

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Members of the Alliance connected to develop the Initiative by implementing capacity building projects through twinnings between hospitals of the North and hospitals and health structures in the developing countries, in order to provide comprehensive and quality care for people living with HIV/AIDS and related diseases.

This European initiative receives direct support from the European governments who have nominated technical experts or ministerial departments to set up programmes GIZ in Germany; ESTHER in France; NORAD and FK Norway in Norway; Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equality in Italy; FRZ and AIDB National Coordination in Portugal, EIB, ANDES-POD in Ecuador, USAID in Luxembourg.

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A EUROPEAN AND OPERATIONAL PLATFORM FOR COUNTRY PARTNERS

The European ESTHER Alliance initiative is a good approach to contribute to the Global Fund and other Funders programs (EC).

The ESTHER model and the twinning approach favor joint capacity building in country partners providing a wide range of activities such as: operational research combined with development and a growing number of countries. The ESTHER model feeds the country partners authorities’ reflection on the health policies and national guidelines definition.

A GLOBAL NETWORK FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN HEALTH

The European and Operational platform has been a huge potential to mobilize expertise for capacity building implementation in country partners.

A EUROPEAN MEETING AND WORKING GROUPS

Developing a European network of operational platform, European experts define a common strategy and develop a project to mobilize expertise for capacity building in country partners.

A GLOBAL NETWORK FOR ADVOCACY AND NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Twinning is a joint project involving a large number of research institutions or civil society organizations in Member States and partner countries in order to build a common strategy and develop a growing number of countries.

THE EUROPEAN ESTHER ALLIANCE SECRETARIAT & JOINT MECHANISM FOR THE ALLIANCE’S DEVELOPMENT

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Map of the European ESTHER Alliance Membership

The European ESTHER Alliance initiative and approach represent the European ESTHER Alliance model and the twinning approach is adapted to widen the scope beyond HIV/AIDS for capacity building program implementation in country partners.

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