

Comparison of Russian-language HIV-AIDS Networks in 2001 & 2002



Actors in 2001 and 2002 networks



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Network Observations, 2001

From the actors and the links.

There is a relatively tight network among Russian civil society organizations.

The Russian organizations engage in 'aspirational linking' to the internationals. (The internationals have scant or no information on their sites about HIV-AIDS in Russia, Ukraine or Belarus, but receive links from the Russian sites because of the internationals' 'reputation'.)

The internationals do not link to the Russians. (They may not be aware of them.)

From reading the sites:

The Russians are more likely to concentrate on the connection between HIV-AIDS and drug use. They also call for institutional reform.

The internationals concentrate on the connection between HIV-AIDS and sex, and make more mention of 'volunteering' and 'family support'. (2001 was the UN year of

Network Observations, 2002

From the actors and the links:

There remains a relatively tight network among Russian organizations.

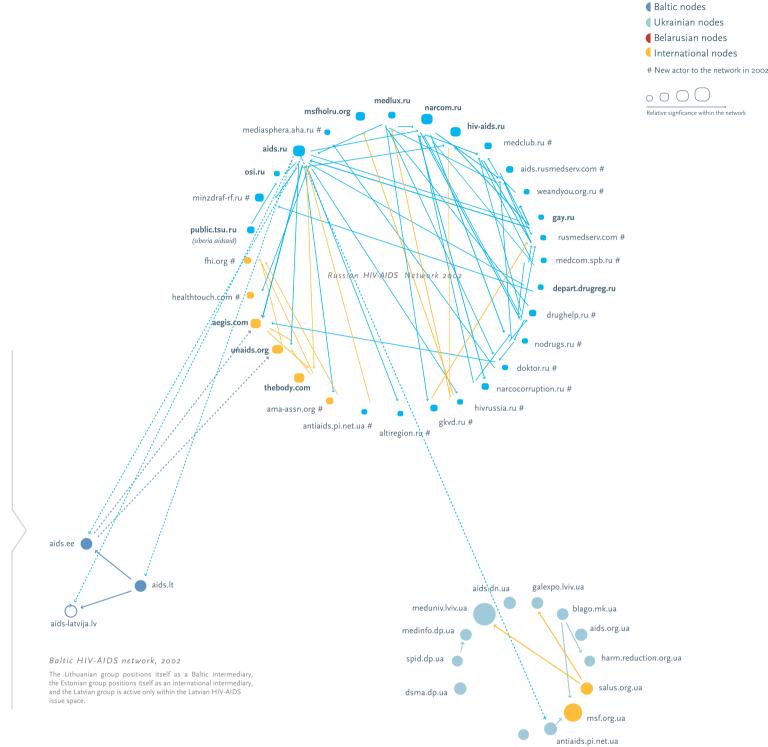
There remain few links from the internationals to the Russian organizations, and the Russians continue to link to international sites, where there is no content about the Russian HIV-AIDS situation ('aspirational linking').

The Russo-international initiatives (MSF Holland and aidsrussia.org, a Canadian mission) are in relative decline from the network's point of view.

There is a rise in the presence of medical science in the network from the previous

From reading the sites:

drug use, but mention of 'safe sex', especially in the gay community, is greater in 2002 than in 2001.





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Comparison between the Russian situation in 2001 & 2002, with connections to select Ukrainian and Baltic networks in 2002

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Legend

Russian nodes

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Ukrainian HIV-AIDS network on the web, 2002

In comparison to 2001, Ukrainian groups have begun to network amongst themselves more intensively in 2002, with linkages with the Russian groups becoming less evident.

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