

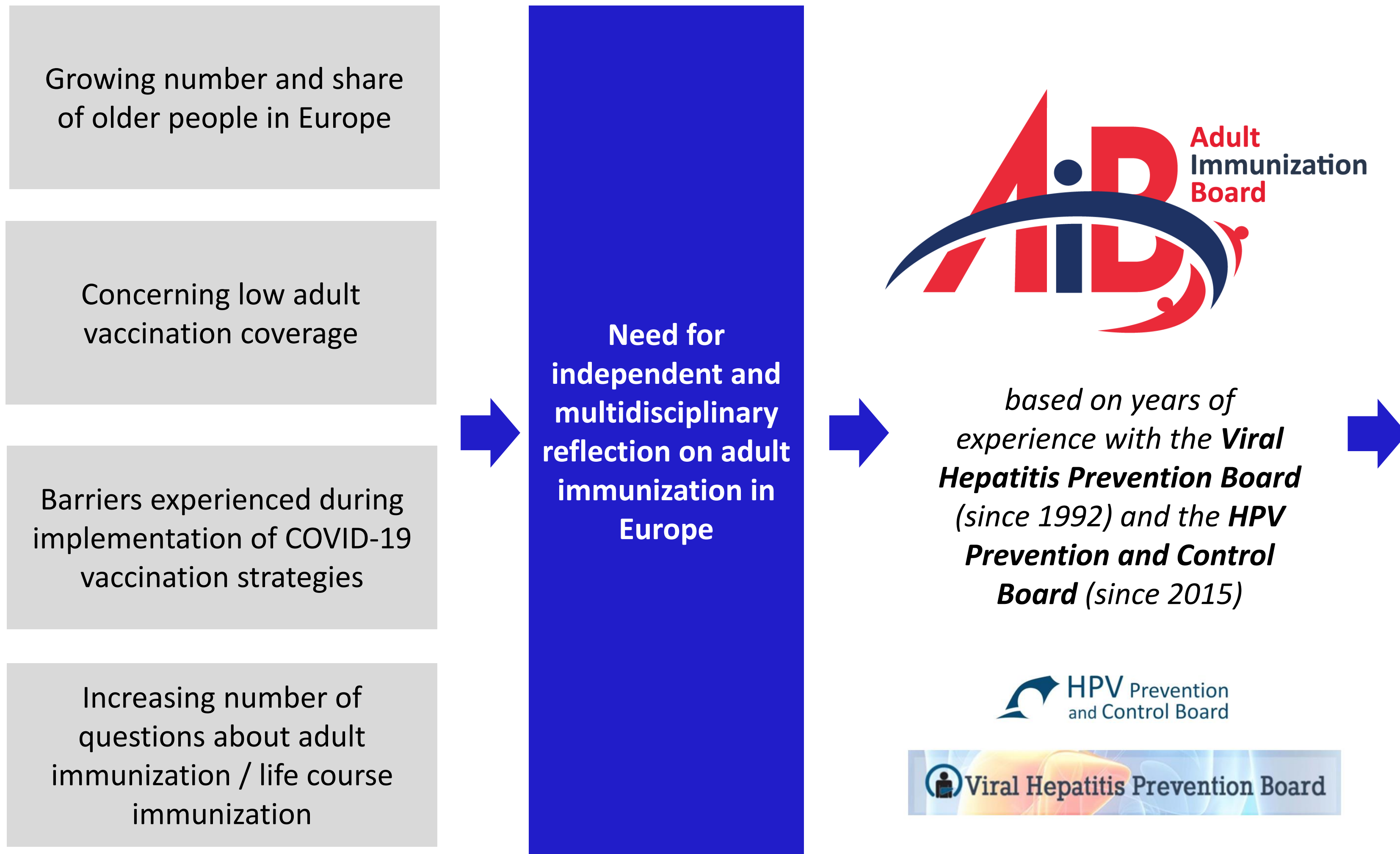
The Adult Immunization Board (AIB)

A platform to provide multidisciplinary guidelines for the implementation and optimization of adult immunization in Europe

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Background



AIB is an **independent, international, and multidisciplinary group of +/- 24 advisors** in adult immunization. The AIB advisors **set the strategy and define the actions** of the AIB.

The purpose of the AIB is to **contribute to the reduction of the impact of vaccine-preventable infections** in European adults

- By providing evidence-based guidance on key technical and strategic issues
- By sharing relevant info on adult immunization with a broad array of stakeholders
- By monitoring the progress of adult immunization programs at European, country, and regional levels

Methods

- The AIB operates by organizing **two live meetings** per year:
 - ✓ **Technical meeting** → to discuss specific topics on adult immunization among advisors of the board together with subject-matter experts (example of potential topics: *tailored vaccine services and communication for adults, electronic vaccine registries, adult immunization schedules, vaccine equity, coadministration etc.*)
 - ✓ **Country meeting** → to discuss country/region-specific aspects of adult immunization together with local experts.
- The AIB has a **permanent executive secretariat** jointly based at the University of Antwerp and University of Florence



Results

Kick-off meeting (8 Nov 2022):

- **Objective:** To establish the basic structure/functions of the Board, discuss the main objectives and plan future meetings.
- **Outcome:** The new platform was endorsed as an appropriate and effective way to share info and exchange ideas and experiences across disciplines and borders. An AIB work plan for 2023 was drafted.

Technical meeting (20-21 April 2023):

- Assessing the health burden of vaccine-preventable infections in European Adults: challenges and opportunities*
- **Objective:** Identify and discuss the challenges and opportunities when assessing and using the health burden of VPIs in European adults.
 - **Outcome:** Report will be published in a peer-reviewed journal in H2 2023.

Upcoming meetings:

Country meeting (December 2023):

- **Topic:** Adult Immunization in Italy: lessons learnt and the way forward
- **Objectives:**
 - Understand strategies and programs for adult immunization and discuss best practices
 - Create a platform to strengthen the adult immunization network

Technical meeting 2024: TBD

All meeting presentations and reports are / will be available on our website: <https://www.adultimmunizationboard.org/meetings>

Conclusion

AIB is a platform that **brings together different key European stakeholders** on adult immunization in order to effectively contribute towards the implementation and optimization of adult immunization in Europe.

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