

# Dear {PRENOM},

There were a lot of things happening and we didn't wish you a happy new year in due time. However, 8 March is even better to start 2024.

This year WAVE Scientific Committee will have its **first strategic meeting** to discuss and plan the future of the group. As WAVE is growing (see <u>reports</u>), we are encountering new opportunities of development.

During the meeting on 17-18 May in Brussels, the Scientific Committee members will discuss:

- optimal approaches to supporting the professional development of young clinicians,
- expansion of the international cooperation,
- WAVE workshop at the 20th European AIDS Conference in 2025,
- sustainable funding.

Our plans for this year:

## **Breastfeeding**

We will keep on meeting online.

The next jour fixe will be held on 24 April at 7:00 PM CEST.

To be up to date, join our <u>LinkedIn</u> group.

To increase the reactivity and interactivity of the group, we are starting to work in small task forces to map ongoing studies, upcoming events and publications and to write the biennual report on breastfeeding (first edition due in 2025).

# **Healthcare Perception**

In response to the survey on healthcare perception we received almost 600 responses from women living with HIV in 18 European countries. We are writing up the results and hope to see the paper published by the end of the year.

## **HPV** related cancers

After the literature review presented in Warsaw, it is time to launch a survey on screening and management of the HPV-related cancers. We will be sending out the link by June.

#### Migrant women

We continue on the successful path of project co-productions with NGOs. Working on a validated risk identification tool to identify barriers to HIV testing and needs amongst migrant women with people who work on the ground is a unique experience. It is a project planned for several years, we will start with a feasibility study in autumn.

## **WAVE** in Ukraine

The 10th online workshop will be held **on 30-31 May from 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM CEST** Closer to the event we will send invitations to participate.

Now, we are looking for **speakers on PrEP and testing for women**. Would you be interested? Do you know somebody who would be a perfect speaker? <u>Contact</u> us!

To know more about the format of the meetings see <a href="here">here</a>.

If you wish to join one of the groups or start a project within WAVE, please contact us at <a href="https://www.wavesecretariat@eacsociety.org"><u>WaveSecretariat@eacsociety.org</u></a>

# Happy Women's Day!

Best, Annette Haberl and Nina Weis, WAVE Chairs

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