



Dear,

The first half of 2023 has been very busy for WAVE and an equally busy autumn is ahead of us.

We are proud to share with you the overview of the activities and plans of the different groups. Please do not hesitate to contact WaveSecretariat@eacsociety.org if you wish to join any of these projects.

Breastfeeding

Annette Haberl, Lila Haberl, Amy Keane, and Fiona Lyons organised this year three well attended online meetings. The discussions focused the manuscript on guidelines and management of HIV and breast/chest feeding in Europe, real life cases from different countries and country studies on HIV and breastfeeding.

A review of national guidelines has been created to compare the clinical details and the general approach seen in nuances of the language used in the guidelines. The review will be presented in a publication. If you wish to join the writing team, please [contact us](#). The group plans further data exchange during regular online workshops, work in thematic subgroups and through a dedicated group on [LinkedIn](#).

Healthcare Perception

The team led by Ellen Moseholm launched the survey "Perception of HIV care among ageing women living with HIV in Europe" on 1 May. We expect around 1000 responses from 18 countries by the end of the year. The results, to be written up next year, are expected to give an insight into women's perception of care and care pathways in relation to their HIV, co-morbidities, menopause and other health-related issues.

HPV

Yvonne Gilleece, Karoline Aebi-Popp, Hazal Albayrak, Hanife Nur Karakoc, Dagny Krankowska, Maria Mazzitell and Harriett Mortimer have submitted the paper "Screening of HPV-related anogenital cancers in women living with HIV in Europe: results from a systematic review" for publication.

The online survey on anal HPV will be launched during the conference.

Menopause Assessment

Karoline Aebi-Popp, Ellen Moseholm and Sophie Strachan presented WAVE and menopause in women living with HIV at the European Menopause and Andropause Society congress. The first step on the path of a fruitful collaboration has been made.

Within the group co-led by Anna Hachfeld and Ellen Moseholm and composed of over 20 clinicians and community representatives, three projects will be launched in autumn: 1. adaptation and broader dissemination of the available information on menopause and HIV; 2. adaptation of existing online trainings on menopause to the needs of clinicians working with women living with HIV; 3. study validating the Menopause Rating scale (MRS) in women living with HIV.

Migrant women

Dagny Krankowska, Giota Lourida, Maria Mazzitelli, Shiobhan Mary Quirke, and Nina Weis are the team finalising the preparation of the interviews among migrant women in collaboration with NGOs. Two online workshops are planned in autumn to coproduce a plan for interviews with migrant women on barriers to testing and HIV care. This is a continuation of the work started with a literature review and a survey among stakeholders. WAVE will train the NGOs representatives to conduct interviews in 2024.

Combination Prevention

The group is starting to work on combination prevention in the transgender community. We will reach out to the community to invite them to a series of webinars on Combination Prevention.

WAVE in Ukraine

Karoline Aebi-Popp, Sergii Antoniuk, Svitlana Antoniuk, and the Ukrainian NGO Tschas Zhytia Plus, despite all complications caused by war, organised another workshop for the Ukrainian healthcare providers. As always, it was a big success – the workshop was attended by over 200 people. The next session will be held in September. The project will continue in 2024.

Last, but not least, we hope to see you in Warsaw at the WAVE pre-conference workshop on 18 October from 9:30 - 13:30 (see [agenda](#)).

Don't forget to [register](#) for the EACS2023 conference taking place from 18-21 October in Warsaw!

Best wishes,

Yvonne Gilleece and Annette Haberl

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