



EACS Newsletter - September 2025

NEWS

HIV Summer School 2025: Learning, Sharing, and Connecting in Lyon



From 1–5 September, the 23rd edition of the **HIV Summer School** took place in Lyon, France, welcoming 60 participants from 28 countries. For five days, early-career clinicians and researchers came together to learn, share, and connect in an intensive programme guided by leading experts in the field of HIV.

The week combined lectures with lively discussions and group work. Participants followed either the clinical or research track: the clinical groups explored case studies and debated hot topics in HIV care, while the research groups developed their own research projects.

More than just a course, the **HIV Summer School is a space for collaboration, exchange, and lasting connections**. We hope that the friendships and networks built this year will continue to inspire and support participants throughout their careers.

The next edition will take place in September 2026 – keep an eye on our communication channels for details on how to apply.

Save the date for the WAVE in Ukraine online workshop!

On **2 and 3 October 2025** (16:00- 17:45 CEST) the **13th WAVE in Ukraine online workshop** will be held.

The series started with an onsite meeting in 2019 and has continued online since 2021. This time, the meeting will focus on **New ART strategies and women** and **Modern reproductive health approaches and ART in women**.

The workshop will be available in English and Ukrainian.

[Stay tuned for more information!](#)

Now available: WAVE article on European Guidelines for HIV and breastfeeding

The research article entitled 'European Guidelines on HIV and breastfeeding: "Same, same, but different" - Results from a WAVE survey' is now published in HIV Medicine.

The WAVE (Women Against Viruses in Europe) study aimed to consolidate European guidelines on HIV and breastfeeding to better inform medical staff and people living with HIV in the decision-making process for breastfeeding. Nineteen national guidelines from 20 European countries were translated into English, reviewed and summarised into key topics. While most countries recommend formula feeding, many also offer guidance for breastfeeding under specific conditions. Despite relying on the same evidence, the guidelines vary, e.g. in breastfeeding duration, and often lack clarity around mixed feeding.

This review consolidates European guidelines, encourages shared learning and lays the foundation for future research and guideline development for parents living with HIV and their infants.

Click [here](#) to see the article



Public Conference ahead of the 20th European AIDS Conference (EACS 2025)- *in French*

A public conference (in French) will take place on **Tuesday, 14 October 2025, at 16:30- 18:30 CEST at Hôpital Saint-Louis in Paris**, ahead of the EACS 2025. The programme will cover the early years of HIV/AIDS, how people live with HIV today, new prevention tools, and the role of associations and community actors in supporting people living with HIV.

Speakers include:

Yazdan Yazdanpanah (Director, ANRS MIE)

Willy Rozenbaum (Hôpital Saint-Louis, Paris)

Bruno Spire (AIDES/INSERM, Marseille)

Karine Lacombe (Hôpital Saint-Antoine / Sorbonne Université, Paris)

Jean-Michel Molina (Université Paris Cité / Hôpital Lariboisière–Saint-Louis)

Bernadette Rwegera (Association Ikambere, Paris)

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required as places are limited.

[Click here to register and learn more.](#)

Join the “Living Free with HIV” Charity Run in Paris on 18 October

On the **last day of EACS 2025, Saturday, 18 October 2025**, the “Living Free with HIV” charity run will be organised. The event begins at **15:00** in the **Bois de Boulogne**. The **4.2 km route** combines forest paths, roads temporarily closed to traffic, and sections along the lake.

The run aims to raise awareness about **HIV-related stigma and discrimination**, while promoting **health, dignity, and equal rights** for people living with HIV. All participants support the French NGO **Les petits bonheurs**, which brings moments of joy to people living with HIV and fosters positive change.

Participation is open to everyone. While the event itself is free to attend, joining the run involves a **symbolic donation**:

- **10 EUR** for regular participants
- **5 EUR** for students and community members

Registration includes a **bib number** and a **finisher's medal**, and T-shirts can be pre-ordered during registration. You can also **run, walk, or cheer from the sidelines**—all contributions help highlight solidarity and inclusion.

[Click here](#) for more details and to register.

ECDC Invitation to Contribute Best Practices: Migrant Health in Europe

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has commissioned the MI-GOOD-CARE project, led by the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) to identify and collect good practice interventions on the prevention and management of HIV, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis (TB), and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among migrant populations in Europe.

The goal of this project is to support EU/EEA Member States in reducing the burden of undiagnosed and untreated infections within migrant communities.

Submit your model of care for consideration as a best practice today if you are working on interventions that:

- Increase testing
- Improve linkage to care
- Strengthen retention in care

The survey will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. We strongly encourage you and your colleagues to also submit your own interventions. After evaluation, a final compilation of good practice models will be published.

Your collaboration will help ensure that effective, innovative, and inclusive approaches are shared across Europe to improve health outcomes for migrant populations!

Submit [your model of care here](#).

Join the Comprehensive Management of Ageing in HIV conference by Fight I Foundation and Fundación Huésped

Fight Infections Foundation and Fundación Huésped are organising the **Comprehensive Management of Ageing in HIV conference** on **13-14 November 2025**.

The conference brings together leading experts, healthcare professionals, researchers, and community organisations to address the multifaceted challenges of ageing in people living with HIV. Attendees will engage in inspiring lectures, interactive discussions, and collaborative sessions exploring emerging treatments, innovative community interventions, and the evolving role of the pharmaceutical industry in managing HIV and ageing.

Under the umbrella of the conference, the organisations are seeking outstanding projects related to Ageing and HIV to feature in a unique session, where selected projects will compete for a 1.000€ grant decided by an interactive audience vote.

[Click here](#) for more information.

The 'Ask Us' Europe survey study needs your help!

Led by Professor Chloe Orkin of the SHARE Research Collaborative, the 'Ask Us' Europe survey explores patient perspectives on whether new HIV treatment options, such as injectables and novel oral therapies, are being discussed during medical consultations.

The study will evaluate whether these options are offered equally to all groups, including key populations like women, transgender and non-binary people and people from ethnically diverse backgrounds. To date, nearly 900 people across 17 countries have responded. However, <20% are cisgender women, and transgender women are very poorly represented.

The study is conducted in partnership with EATG and UK-CAB and has been co-designed together with a community advisory board of community members from 17 countries.

The advert and survey are available in 18 languages.

EACS, and specifically WAVE, supports this study and would like to assist to increase recruitment.

Click [here](#) to go to the survey.

For more information on the study, please visit the study's [website](#).

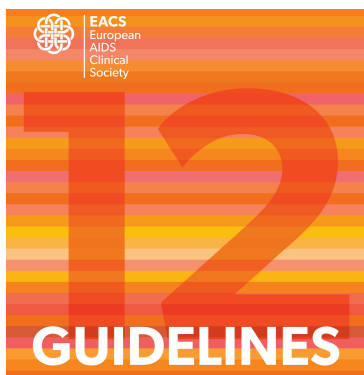
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Follow us on BlueSky!

Don't forget to check EACS social media accounts to stay updated on the most important news related to HIV care. We are now on [BlueSky!](#)



EACS Guidelines version 12.1.1

Have a look at the website of the latest version of the European Guidelines for the treatment of people living with HIV in Europe.

[More info](#)



EACS Management of HIV and Co-infections Online Course

Follow the practical and comprehensive course on management of HIV, including: the latest findings and guidelines on how to manage, treat and prevent HIV and related diseases; optimisation of HIV treatment programmes and other related topics.

[More info](#)



CALENDAR

EACS Activities

- **15-18 October 2025:** 20th European AIDS Conference
- **6-9 October 2027:** 21st European AIDS Conference

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