



New Year's Message from the EACS President



On behalf of the European AIDS Clinical Society, I wish you a happy, healthy and hopeful 2026.

As we look ahead, there is much to inspire us. This year, our work will continue to focus on supporting clinicians, researchers and communities across Europe and beyond, while strengthening the foundations of HIV care for the years to come.

We remain committed to fostering early-stage careers for our colleagues through our educational activities. In June, we will gather [Young Investigators in Valencia for two days of plenaries](#), workshops and peer exchange. This biennial event provides an important space for emerging leaders to deepen their knowledge and build lasting professional networks.

As every year, our [HIV Summer School in September](#) will bring together clinicians and researchers from around the world for five days of intensive learning and discussion. Participants will engage in plenary sessions, research exchanges, clinical case discussions and collaborative learning. Alongside this, fellows in the Career Development Exchange Programme and Short Clinical Exchange Programme will begin their placements with clinical teams and mentors across Europe.

We are also preparing for the second iteration of the [European Diploma in HIV Medicine](#). Registration will open on 22 April 2026, with the exam taking place on 25 September 2026. The diploma is intended for practising medical professionals with at least three years' experience in direct HIV care, and is grounded in the EACS Core Curriculum, which continues to guide all our educational work.

These initiatives reflect our long-term commitment to supporting the next generation of HIV experts and helping them build the networks that will sustain their careers.

WAVE will continue its excellent work to promote equitable access to prevention, treatment and care for women living with and at risk of HIV. In 2026, the group will focus on women in migration and the needs of women experiencing menopause. WAVE will also work to expand its work on healthcare perception, ensuring the voices of women are better heard across Europe.

Our collaboration with ECDC will remain central to our public health efforts. Together with CHIP, we will continue Country Support activities on the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and viral hepatitis in EU/EEA countries and publish new modules and audits aligned with the [ECDC/EACS Standards of HIV Care](#). This work will help strengthen high-quality, person-centred HIV services across Europe.

This year will also see the next [Standard of Care Meeting](#), which will take place in Budapest, Hungary and will be co-led by Albania. Under the theme '*Standard of Care: In Full Continuum*,' the meeting will focus on strengthening HIV care in Central and Eastern Europe, with a focus on Hungary and Albania, improving diagnosis and retention, and supporting the implementation of the ECDC/EACS Standards of Care. It will also highlight regional disparities and promote equity for vulnerable populations.

Our advocacy and health policy work will continue throughout the year, through expanded partnerships, policy engagement and a planned event at the European Parliament.

Also, our [EACS eAcademy](#) will continue to grow, offering members expanded access to up-to-date scientific information whenever and wherever they need it. It already hosts the EACS Management of HIV and co-infections [online course](#), where people working in the field of HIV can expand their knowledge at their own pace.

Finally, we are already looking forward to the 21st European AIDS Conference, which will take place in Prague, Czechia, in 2027. Preparations will begin this year as we work towards another meaningful and impactful event.

After the challenges of 2025, we know the year ahead will bring its own tests. But EACS will remain steadfast in its mission to improve the lives of people at risk of, and living with, HIV everywhere. Through collaboration, shared expertise and collective commitment, we can strengthen our community and face whatever lies ahead together.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our activities throughout the year. I wish you a happy, healthy and inspiring 2026 as we continue our work together.

All the best,
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