



EACS Newsletter - May 2026

NEWS

Apply for the European Diploma in HIV Medicine examination!

Applications are now open for the European Diploma in HIV Medicine, awarded by EACS in partnership with the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Designed for clinicians with at least three years of experience in HIV care, the Diploma is based on the EACS Core Curriculum and supports high standards and harmonisation of clinical practice across Europe.

It offers a valuable opportunity to demonstrate expertise, benchmark knowledge against European standards and support ongoing professional development in a rapidly evolving field.

The examination features Single Best Answer questions covering key aspects of HIV management and provides formal recognition of clinical competence.

Key dates:

- **Application deadline:** 12 August 2026
- **Examination date:** 25 September 2026

[Learn more and apply.](#)

EACS Supports the Coalition for a European HIV Response joint statement

EACS proudly supports the Coalition for a European HIV Response (C4EHR) Joint Statement.

Europe's Unfinished Epidemics: Sustaining Community-Led HIV Response in Times of Crisis highlights a critical turning point: while the tools to end HIV exist, political commitment and funding for community-led responses are weakening, putting progress at risk. Europe remains off track on key targets, with rising infections, preventable deaths, and widening inequalities.

We call on the European Parliament, the European Commission, and Member States to take urgent action to safeguard and strengthen Europe's HIV response through sustained political commitment, together with ongoing and predictable funding for community-led action.

Already endorsed by 100+ organisations and 200+ individuals: add your voice and help strengthen the response!

[Read the Joint Statement and endorse it now](#)

Save the date for the upcoming WAVE activities

WAVE in Ukraine online workshop

On **28 and 29 May 2026** (16:00- 17:45 CEST) the **14th WAVE in Ukraine online workshop** will take place.

The series started with an onsite meeting in 2019 and has continued online since 2021. This time, the meeting will focus on **Mental wellbeing and treatment adherence in women living with HIV and Metabolic disorders in women living with HIV.**

The workshop will be available in English and Ukrainian.

We will soon invite you to register via the WAVE in Ukraine website.

WAVE "jour fixe" on breastfeeding and HIV

Experts will discuss the latest developments in HIV and breastfeeding.

Stay tuned for further updates.

Experts gather for EACS roundtable at the European Parliament

On 12 May 2026, EACS brought together policymakers, clinicians, researchers and community leaders at the European Parliament for the EU Roundtable on continuity of HIV care. Hosted by MEP Michalis Hadjipantela and MEP Bartosz Arłukowicz, with contributions from MEP Tomislav Sokol, the discussion focused on how to ensure uninterrupted HIV prevention and care across borders and in situations of mobility or displacement.

Presentations highlighted practical and policy solutions, including cross border models of HIV care, community-based approaches that improve access and retention, and the role of parliamentary oversight in driving sustained investment. Speakers from institutions such as the ECDC, WHO, academia and civil society contributed diverse perspectives, reinforcing the importance of coordinated action at both national and European levels.

Participants agreed that while Europe has the scientific tools to end HIV, gaps in implementation remain. Stronger political coordination, sustained investment, community involvement and accountability are essential to close these gaps and meet the 2030 targets, alongside improved linkage to and retention in care and more equitable access to prevention and treatment.

MEPs Michalis Hadjipantela and MEP Tomislav Sokol stressed the importance of strong advocacy around the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), emphasising that securing the proposed €10 billion allocation for health must be the first priority. HIV can only remain high on the European political agenda if a robust overall health envelope is first secured. In this context, communities and clinicians were encouraged to play an active advocacy role. Participants underscored that securing long-term resources will be essential to maintain momentum toward the 2030 HIV targets and avoid HIV being deprioritised amid competing policy and funding pressures.

EACS Statement for IDAHOBIT 2026 Anti-homosexuality laws in Senegal and other countries

The European AIDS Clinical Society expresses deep concern about the new legislation approved by Senegal's parliament in April 2026 that increases prison sentences for consensual same-sex relations and criminalises the "promotion" of homosexuality.

In light of these developments, EACS reiterates its previous statements on anti-homosexuality laws and their harmful impact on public health. Criminalising LGBTQ+ people creates structural barriers to healthcare access, further marginalises already vulnerable populations, and undermines evidence and rights-based approaches for effective HIV prevention, testing, and treatment.

[Read the full statement](#)

Global survey on Measuring HIV knowledge and attitudes in healthcare settings - Express your interest as a country focal point!

A global survey is being launched to better understand HIV-related knowledge and attitudes in healthcare settings. The survey is coordinated by Hôpitaux universitaires de Genève (HUG) in collaboration with the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS).

To support implementation across countries, **individuals from outside the European region are invited to join an international network contributing to the survey's reach and impact.** Support may include activities such as translation, ethics processes and survey dissemination at national level.

Contributions can take different forms. Some participants may act as country focal points, while others may prefer to contribute only to specific tasks.

This initiative offers the opportunity to be involved in an international research effort, access country-level data and contribute to scientific outputs.

[Learn more and express your interest](#)



Join us in Prague in 2027

The 21st European AIDS Conference (#EACS2027) will take place in Prague, Czechia, from 6–8 October 2027.

Located in the heart of Europe, Prague is a key centre of science and culture and will offer a great setting to continue our shared commitment to advancing HIV research and care.

[Stay tuned!](#)

European Testing Week 18-25 May 2026

This week marks the Spring European Testing Week!

European Testing Week is a campaign that encourages organisations and institutions — in community, health care and policy — throughout Europe to unite for one week twice a year to increase testing efforts and promote awareness on the benefits of earlier testing for hepatitis, HIV and sexually transmitted infections.

This initiative has progressed since its start in 2013 and has grown to be a widely recognised European event with hundreds of organisations participating every year. What once started as an annual event has now become a biannual event with two ETWs occurring each year: one in Spring (May) and one in Autumn (November).

The Spring and Autumn ETWs share the same aim: to unite partner organisations throughout Europe for one week to increase access to testing and promote awareness on the benefits of earlier hepatitis and HIV testing. Participants volunteer their own time to organise their European Testing Week activities and create incredible displays of a united effort to increase testing awareness at all organisational levels.

[Learn more and get involved](#)

Contribute to the Public Consultation on BBV Screening Guidance by EuroTEST

EuroTEST is developing practical guidance to support the introduction of routine opt-out testing for blood borne viruses in emergency departments across Europe. The draft recommendations were first discussed at the European AIDS Conference 2025 in Paris, where valuable input was gathered from participants.

Building on this and further expert input, the guidance will offer a practical toolkit for clinicians, public health professionals and decision makers, including key considerations and real life examples.

The draft guidance is now open for public consultation and you are invited to contribute. You can review the document and share your comments on its clarity, relevance and practical use. Your feedback will help shape the final guidance. **The consultation is open until 26 July 2026.**

[Learn more and take part.](#)

AIDS Action Europe Webinar- Chemsex services: Integrated Models of Delivery

AIDS Action Europe invites you to their upcoming webinar, Chemsex services: Integrated Models of Delivery.

This webinar explores how chemsex responses are organised and delivered across different national contexts, drawing on examples from community organisations across Europe. It offers practical insights into service design and delivery, and reflects on what works within diverse policy and funding environments.

Key topics include: how services function in practice, how they integrate with broader health and social care systems, how inclusivity and integration are addressed, and which advocacy and service delivery models are applied at a local level.

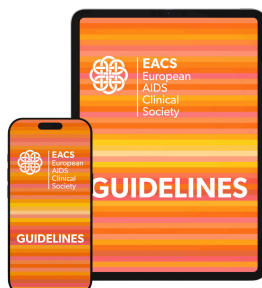
The webinar features case studies from three countries:

Spain – a public policy response to chemsex

Berlin – a peer-led, integrated and low threshold model

Romania – service provision in a restrictive context with limited funding

EACS RESOURCES



EACS Guidelines version 13.0

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](#)



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 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

- **5-6 June 2026:** YING Conference 2026
- **31 August- 4 September 2026:** HIV Summer School
- **8-9 October 2026:** EACS Standard of Care Meeting
- **6-9 October 2027:** 21st European AIDS Conference

Other activities

- **26-31 July 2026:** AIDS 2026

- 2-3 November 2026: HepHIV2026
- 8-11 November 2026: HIV Glasgow

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