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The European Diploma in HIV Medicine examination takes place this week



The **European Diploma in HIV Medicine** examination takes place on 25 September, bringing together 47 candidates from across Europe and beyond. The 2026 cohort includes 18 candidates from Southern Europe, 11 from Northern Europe, 1 from Eastern Europe and 1 from Western Europe, alongside 16 candidates from the rest of the world.

The Diploma is designed for practitioners working in HIV care and supports the harmonisation of clinical practice by establishing recognised standards for knowledge, skills and competencies in HIV medicine. Developed by leading HIV clinicians and educators and delivered in partnership with the **Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI)**, the examination reflects current HIV care and everyday clinical practice.

We wish all 47 candidates the very best of luck for the examination!

[Learn more about the diploma](#)

Webinar: Introduction to the ECDC-EUDA European Toolkit for the Elimination of Viral Hepatitis in Prisons



On **23 September** (15:00 - 16:00 CEST), join the webinar introducing the European Toolkit for the Elimination of Viral Hepatitis in Prisons (EuroHePP), developed and published by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA).

The webinar, delivered by EACS and CHIP, will explore how the toolkit can be applied in practice. Participants will hear from experts in Milan (Italy) and Montpellier (France) who will share experiences on how they scaled up hepatitis B and C prevention and care in their prison settings. The aim is for participants to leave the webinar having learned how the toolkit can be applied in practice and having identified transferable actions and next steps for their local context.

[Register for free to attend](#)

Join us for the 15th WAVE in Ukraine online workshop



On **24 and 25 September** (16:00 - 17:45 CEST), the 15th 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 webinar will focus on **Opportunistic infections in women with advanced HIV disease** (Thursday 24 September) and **Challenges of HIV late presentation in women in Ukraine** (Friday 25 September). The workshop will be available in English and Ukrainian.

[See the full programme and register here](#)

EACS brings HIV experts together to strengthen standards of care across Europe

The **EACS Standard of Care Meeting for HIV & Co-infections in Europe** will take place on 8–9 October 2026 at Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary, under the theme **“Standard of care: in the Full Continuum”**. The meeting will bring together clinicians, public health experts, policymakers and community representatives to address gaps in the HIV care continuum, with a particular focus on Central and Eastern Europe. Building on the previous edition in Athens in 2024, which focused on Greece and Türkiye, the programme will highlight the experiences of **Hungary** and **Albania** and explore regional disparities in prevention, testing, treatment, retention in care and viral suppression.

Across plenary sessions, workshops and discussions, invited participants will examine the implementation and auditing of the **ECDC/EACS Standards of HIV Care**, including standards covering **PrEP, HIV testing, ART, comorbidities, antenatal screening and engagement**. The programme will also address **stigma and equity, community perspectives, policy implementation, and access to prevention and treatment**. The meeting aims to strengthen collaboration across Europe and develop practical recommendations for sustainable, equitable and high-quality HIV care.

[Learn more about the meeting](#)

HIV Summer School 2026 brings together the next generation of HIV clinicians and researchers in Lyon



The **EACS HIV Summer School 2026** brought together 56 early-career HIV clinicians and clinical scientists from 27 countries for five days of education, discussion and international exchange in Lyon, France, from 31 August to 4 September.

Participants took part in a high-level educational programme designed to strengthen both their clinical and research skills. The Summer School combines updates on current issues in **HIV diagnosis, management and prevention** with practical training in **medical statistics and clinical research methodology**. A strength of the Summer School is the opportunity to **learn directly from an outstanding international faculty**.

Thank you to all participants, faculty and the Organising Committee for making HIV Summer School 2026 a success.

[Learn more about the HIV Summer School](#)

Coalition for a European HIV Response (C4EHR) builds momentum for urgent political action

The Joint Statement of the Coalition for a European HIV Response (C4EHR) was launched during the [EACS EU Roundtable](#) on continuity of HIV care, held at the European Parliament on 12 May 2026. The roundtable brought together policymakers, clinicians, researchers and community leaders to discuss how Europe can maintain uninterrupted HIV prevention and care, including across borders and in situations of mobility and displacement. The launch reinforced a shared message from the discussion: **Europe has the tools and knowledge to end HIV as a public health threat, but stronger political coordination, sustained investment, community leadership and accountability are needed to close implementation gaps and keep the 2030 targets within reach.**

Since the launch, the Coalition has continued to meet and build momentum around the statement. Support for the statement has continued to grow, reflecting increasing concern about stalled progress, persistent inequalities and the weakening of community-led responses amid shrinking and less predictable funding. **The Coalition is calling on the European Parliament, European Commission and Member States to renew political leadership, secure sustainable investment and recognise community leadership as central to the HIV response.**

[Organisations and individuals across Europe are encouraged to sign the statement](#)



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!](#)

WEEPI Seed Grants 2026: Call for Proposals Open

The WEEPI Foundation announced the launch of its **2026 Seed Grants Programme**, supporting clinical and implementation research on HIV, viral hepatitis, and tuberculosis, in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

WEEPI welcomes applications from universities, research institutes, and non-profit organisations, and encourages collaborations between partners across Eastern and Western Europe. The main applicant must be based in Eastern Europe. Priority will be given to projects that improve healthcare access, promote sustainability, and strengthen long-term research capacity. The grant covers **30,000 CHF for one year**.

[Learn more and apply by 30 September 2026](#)

Join the HepHIV 2026 Conference in Dublin



Mark your calendars for the HepHIV2026 Conference, organised by EuroTEST, that will take place on **2 and 3 November 2026 in Dublin, Ireland.**

The main theme of the conference is to progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals and other global targets related to testing and linkage to care for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB.

[Learn more about the conference programme, registration and other useful information](#)

ECDC | From evidence to practice – Successful models for testing, linkage to care and retention in care for migrant populations in relation to HIV, TB, viral hepatitis and STIs in the EU/EEA

On 28 September, join this ECDC webinar to explore access to and availability of services for migrant populations. It features ECDC and ISGlobal Barcelona presentations on models of good practice for testing, linkage to care and retention among migrant populations across the EU/EEA.

[Learn more on the ECDC Learning Portal](#)
[Participation for free to attend](#)

Pasteur Course | Pandemics: Origins & Response

SARS, pandemic flu A(H1N1), MERS, Ebola, Zika, pulmonary plague, COVID-19, mpox. During the last 25 years, we have witnessed an acceleration in the emergence of infectious diseases and pandemics.

The course, provided by Institut Pasteur, will take place **from 18 to 29 January 2027 in Paris**. Applications to participate are open until **31 October 2026**.

[Learn more about the course](#)

ScienHub | DDIs in HIV Webinar: Real Cases, Expert Insights

DDIs remain an important consideration in the management of people living with HIV, particularly when antiretroviral therapy is combined with treatments for other conditions.

Join this webinar by **ScienHub** on 27 October, where we will explore drug-drug interactions (DDIs) in HIV treatment, combining an expert lecture with a discussion of real-world reported cases of clinically relevant DDIs.

What can you expect?

Expert Lecture: **DDIs between ARV and Oncology Medications with David Burger**

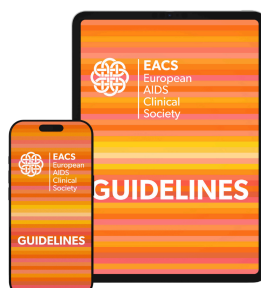
We will discuss three reported cases illustrating different DDI scenarios encountered in clinical practice: **Dolutegravir and Paclitaxel, Bictegravir and Rifabutin, Doravirine and Ursodeoxycholic Acid**

[Register for free to attend](#)



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

- 8-9 October 2026: [EACS Standard of Care Meeting](#)
- 6-9 October 2027: [21st European AIDS Conference](#)

Other activities

- 2-3 November 2026: [HepHIV2026](#)
- 8-11 November 2026: [HIV Glasgow](#)
- 20-22 November 2026: [JSAR](#)
- 7-9 October 2027: [40th IUSTI Europe Congress](#)

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