

EuroTEST and HepHIV 2026 Dublin Conference, 2-3 November 2026

Venue: Radisson Blue Royal Hotel, Dublin

Overall objectives:

- Keeping testing and linkage to care on policy and implementation agendas at European and national level
- Discuss synergies between HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs as well as other health priorities (i.e. cancer prevention)

Monday, 2 November 2026			
Registration opens 12			
15:00-16:00	OS	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session objectives: Progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals and other global targets, including challenges ahead and priorities for maintaining HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB on the political agenda. • Continued efforts to reduce Inequalities in access to testing for infectious diseases 	Moderators: Stephen O’Hare, local co-chair Jürgen Rockstroh, co-chair
15:00-15:10		Welcome to the HepHIV 2026 Dublin Conference	Conference co-chairs
15:10-15:20		Welcome message from the Minister of Health of Ireland	Minister of Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeil, Department of Health, Ireland
15:20-15:30		Keynote from the European Commission	EU Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare Olivér Várhelyi, European Commission (video TBC)
15:30-15:40		Keynote from ECDC	Director Pamela Rendi-Wagner, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, ECDC (by video)
15:40-15:50		Keynote from WHO	Director Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Office for Europe (by video)
15:50-16:00		Community perspective	Stephen O’Hare, HIV Ireland
16:00-16:30	Coffee break		
16:30-18:00	PL1	PLENARY SESSION 1: Zooming in on testing for infectious diseases, progress and remaining challenges in reaching the SDGs Session objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of reaching SDG targets and identifying gaps in implementation of testing programmes in Europe, discuss obstacles to linkage to care from testing services 	
16:30-16:45		Status on HIV, hepatitis, STIs and TB - on testing including key populations	ECDC representative , European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, ECDC
16:45-16:55		Implementation of testing guidelines and understanding coverage of testing at country levels	Victor Daniel Miro , Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest, Romania
16:55-17:10		The role of community leadership in integrated testing services and ensuring high rates of linkage to care	Mariana Vicente , GAT, Portugal Laura Fernandez , CEEISCAT, Spain
17:10-17:20		Integrated testing in migrant populations – inclusion in other health services and linkage to care considerations	Lisa George-Svahn , Noaks Ark, Sweden
17:20-17:30		Culturally sensitive and AI-based practices to improve screening and linkage to care	Pavlo Smyrnov , Alliance for Public Health (APH), Ukraine
17:30-18:00		Discussion	

18:00-19:00	Poster session			
19:00	Reception			
Tuesday, 3 November 2026				
8:30-10:00	AS1	PARALLEL ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION 1	AS2	PARALLEL ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION 2
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break and posters			
10:30-11:30	PL2	PLENARY SESSION 2: Optimising offer of testing for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB in medical settings – lessons learned and challenges ahead Session objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the potential of testing in health care settings • Understand the obstacles of consent requirements and requirements for medical personnel across Europe 		
10:30-10:45		Launching the implementation guidance on BBV testing in emergency departments		Michael Rayment , Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, UK Emma Young , Barts Health NHS Trust, UK
10:45-10:55		Linkage to care considerations from testing in emergency departments - a community perspective		TBD
10:55-11:30		Roundtable discussion Consent requirements and lay provider testing – what is the status in Europe and what can we learn		Konstantinos Protopapas , Attikon University Hospital of Athens, Greece (TBC) Loreta Kondili , European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL), Italy Raimonda Matulionyte , Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos, Vilnius University, Lithuania
11:30-11:35	Short break			
11:35-12:35	PL3	PLENARY SESSION 3: Creating an enabling environment for testing and linkage to care for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB Session objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stigma interventions after stigma surveys • Discuss how lessons learned from HIV can be used to inform the implementation of diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic interventions for other infections. 		
11:35-11:45		Measuring stigma interventions in health care and other settings – where are we at?		Julia del Amo , Ministry of Health, Spain
11:45-11:55		Implementation projects for stigma reduction – impact and challenges?		Sarah Stutterheim , Maastricht University, The Netherlands
11:55-12:05		Cultural competent practices that improve screening, diagnosis, and linkage to care		Lucia Siracusa , ARNAS Civico-Di Cristina, Italy (TBC)
12:05-12:15		Employment of peer support and reaching outside service system		Al Story , University College London Hospitals, UK
12:15-12:25		ECDC/WHA hepatitis stigma survey - lessons learned and next steps		Cary James , World Hepatitis Alliance, UK
12:25-12:35		Discussion		
12:35-13:35	Lunch break			

13:35-14:35	AS3	PARALLEL SESSION 3	AS4	PARALLEL SESSION 4
14:35-14:40	Short break			
14:40-15:40	CS	CLOSING SESSION Session objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarise the outcomes of the conference and present a draft call for action Present and discuss opportunities to keep testing and linkage to care on policy and implementation agendas at European and national levels Characterise sustainable testing strategies in the context of emergencies and getting closer to the targets 		
14:40-14:45		Best Poster Award	HepHIV CO-chairs	
14:45-14:55		Focus on the Eastern European Region - innovative solutions and remaining challenges	Tetiana Deshko , Alliance for Public Health, Ukraine	
14:55-15:05		Strengthening parliamentary leadership toward the Sustainable Development Goals and other global targets related to testing and linkage to care for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs, and TB	UNITE representative , UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health	
15:05-15:15		Opportunities for integrated efforts across disease areas	Kevin Fenton , Regional Director of Public Health, NHS London. Chief Advisor on HIV to Government, UK	
15:15-15:30		Conference Call to Action and closing remarks	HepHIV CO-chairs	
15:30-16:00	Coffee			