

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			
Side meetings from 11:00-14:45			
Time (CET)	Room: Field Suite		Room: Green Room
11:00-13:00	BBV testing in Emergency Departments (open meeting)		SHIELD Working Group (closed meeting)
	Advisory and stakeholder roundtable discussion on implementation of BBV opt-out testing in Emergency Departments		
13:15-14:45	WEEPI (open meeting)		
	Strengthening research capacity in Eastern Europe through the WEEPI foundation		
Time (CET)	Room: Goldsmith 1+2		Moderators & speakers
15:00-16:00	OS	OPENING SESSION • 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)
15:50-15:55		Community perspective	Executive Director Stephen O'Hare , HIV Ireland
15:55-16:00		A clinical perspective from Ireland	Professor Patrick Mallon , Dean and Head of University College Dublin (UCD) School of Medicine; Director of Infection Research Ireland at UCD

16:00-16:30	Coffee break			
Time (CET)	Room: Goldsmith 1+2			Moderators & speakers
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: Status of reaching SDG targets and identifying gaps in implementation of testing programmes in Europe, discuss obstacles to linkage to care from testing services		Moderators:
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
16:45-17:00		Implementation of testing guidelines and understanding coverage of testing at country levels		Victor Daniel Miro, Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest, Romania
17:00-17:15		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
17:15-17:30		Integrated testing in migrant populations – inclusion in other health services and linkage to care considerations		Lisa George-Svahn, Noaks Ark, Sweden
17:30-17:45		Culturally sensitive and AI-based practices to improve screening and linkage to care		Pavlo Smyrnov, Alliance for Public Health (APH), Ukraine
17:45-18:00		Discussion		
18:00-19:00	Poster session			
19:00	Reception			
	Tuesday, 3 November 2026			
Time (CET)	Room: Goldsmith 1+2		Room: Goldsmith 3	
8:30-10:00	AS1	PARALLEL ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION 1	AS2	PARALLEL ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION 2
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break and posters			
Time (CET)	Room: Goldsmith 1+2			Moderators & speakers
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: - Discuss the potential of testing in health care settings - Understand the obstacles of consent requirements and requirements for medical personnel across Europe		Moderators:
		PLENARY SESSION 2 – Part 1		

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	Garry Brough, UK	
10:55-11:00	Short break			
11:00-11:30		PLENARY SESSION 2 – Part 2		
11:00-11:30		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 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			
Time (CET)	Room: Goldsmith 1+2		Moderators & speakers	
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: - 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.	Moderators:	
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	
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/WHO 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			
Time (CET)	Room: Goldsmith 1+2		Room: Goldsmith 3	
13:35-14:35	AS3	PARALLEL SESSION 3	AS4	PARALLEL SESSION 4
14:35-14:40	Short break			
Time (CET)	Room: Goldsmith 1+2		Moderators & speakers	

14:40-15:40	CS	CLOSING SESSION Session objectives: - 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	Moderators:
14:40-14:45		Best Poster Award	HepHIV CO-chairs
14:45-15:00		Focus on the Eastern European Region - innovative solutions and remaining challenges	Tetiana Deshko , Alliance for Public Health, Ukraine
15:00-15:15		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	Lynn Ruane , UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health
15:15-15:30		Opportunities for integrated efforts across disease areas	Kevin Fenton , Regional Director of Public Health, NHS London. Chief Advisor on HIV to Government, UK
15:30-15:40		Conference Call to Action and closing remarks	HepHIV CO-chairs
15:30-16:00	Coffee		