



EuroTEST

Working together for integrated testing and earlier care

Addressing Hepatitis, HIV, STIs and TB

Annual theme for European Testing Week



Ahead of Spring European Testing Week (18-25 May), the Working Group has published its annual theme statement with the title “Reaching Those Who Need It Most: Testing with and for Key Populations”. This year, European Testing Week highlights the urgent need to reach key populations most affected by HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs, as progress toward the 2030 elimination goals is at serious risk. High levels of late HIV diagnoses, large numbers of undiagnosed hepatitis cases, and rapidly rising STI rates show that current testing efforts are not reaching those who need them most.

These trends reflect deeper failures in access, trust, policy and funding, particularly for community-led services. The theme calls for united action, sustained investment and people-centred, community-based testing approaches to ensure no one is left behind.

[Read the full statement here.](#)

European Testing Week Webinar

Mark your calendars! In alignment with the annual theme, Spring European Testing Week will feature a Zoom webinar on **21 May, 15:00-16:00 CEST**, titled “Reaching the unreachable: practical approaches to normalising testing with key populations”. The webinar will present and discuss practical examples for reaching underserved groups across in different

settings. Speakers include Noaks Ark (Sweden), Foundation for Social Education (Poland), and HIVPoint (Finland). Further details about the webinar and **registration** (required) are available on the [website](#).

Register for the webinar



WEBINAR

Reaching the unreachable:
Practical Approaches to
Normalising Testing with
Key Populations

21 MAY 2026
15:00-16:00 CEST

Registration via
link in the post
or via QR-code

21-25 MAY
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www.testingweek.eu
2026

The poster features a blue background with a white QR code, a circular logo with a cross and virus icons, and a map of Europe filled with small colorful dots. A green banner at the top right indicates the event is part of Spring European Testing Week 2026.

Practical Implementation Guidance for Blood Borne Virus Opt-Out Testing

A draft of the **EuroTEST Practical Implementation Guidance for Blood Borne Virus Opt-Out Testing in Emergency Departments in Europe** is now open for public consultation on the [EuroTEST website](#). Stakeholders from a range of specialities are invited to review the document and share their feedback, which will help shape the final guidance.

We encourage you to share this opportunity within your networks and contribute your comments to ensure the guidance reflects diverse perspectives and experiences.



OPEN NOW!

Public Consultation - We need your input!

Participate in a public consultation of the EuroTEST Practical Implementation Guidance for Blood borne Virus opt-out testing in Emergency Departments in Europe

Practical implementation guidance for BBV opt-out testing in emergency departments in Europe

Draft

2026

Open until 26th July

The poster has a white background with orange and purple wavy lines on the sides. It features a central image of the guidance document cover, which includes the EuroTEST logo and the text 'Practical implementation guidance for BBV opt-out testing in emergency departments in Europe'. A large orange banner at the top says 'OPEN NOW!' and a smaller orange banner below it says 'Public Consultation - We need your input!'. The bottom of the poster says 'Open until 26th July'.

A poster on the methodology used for developing the implementation guidance was presented by Dorthe Raben, on behalf of EuroTEST, 29 April at the World Hepatitis Summit 2026 in Bangkok. Please [find the abstract here](#).

Consent manuscript published in HIV Medicine

A EuroTEST working group has conducted a mapping of consent requirements for HIV and viral hepatitis testing in the countries of the WHO European Region. It assessed requirements for written consent, documented oral

consent or undocumented oral consent – covering both legal frameworks, national policy/guidance and how consent is obtained in reality, overall and by setting – and found that written or documented consent remained a requirement for HIV testing in more than a third of responding countries compared with only one in seven of countries for viral hepatitis testing. The full results have been published in HIV Medicine and are available as Open Access [here](#).



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An overview of consent requirements for HIV and viral hepatitis B and C testing in Europe

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Continuation of CHIP/EuroTEST/EACS Coordination of ECDC Country Support

Great news! A joint application by CHIP/EuroTEST and EACS has successfully secured the continuation of a four-year ECDC Framework Contract titled: “Country support for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections in EU/EEA and EU Enlargement countries.”

The project will support ECDC’s strategic priorities while strengthening the scientific and technical capacity of professionals working across EU/EEA and EU Enlargement countries. It will also contribute to achieving key regional and global targets, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3.3), the WHO Global Health Sector Strategies on HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis, and the WHO End TB Strategy.

We look forward to sharing more details on the upcoming Country Support activities in future EuroTEST newsletters!



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