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Standard of Care Meeting for HIV & Co-infections in Europe

Standard care for all: Embracing those left behind

Technopolis City of Athens, Greece
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Welcome Message

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Athens for the sixth EACS Standard of Care for HIV and Co-infections in Europe meeting.

This year's theme is "Standard Care for All: Embracing Those Left Behind." Co-organised by Greece and Türkiye, both strategically located at the crossroads of Western, Central, and Eastern Europe, regions that face significant disparities in HIV care. Moreover, Greece and Türkiye share an intertwined history, characterised by social, cultural, political, and geographical interactions, providing a robust foundation.

The partnership between Greece and Türkiye to co-organise this meeting will foster an ideal environment for healthcare professionals, public health and community representatives, as well as policymakers from diverse European regions to engage, explore collaborative opportunities, address shared challenges, and build connections.

The overarching objectives of the meeting are:

- To address the disparities in access to HIV and STI care among migrant populations across Europe.
- To discuss the potential consequences of EU migration reform on healthcare access.
- To explore strategies to scale up sexual healthcare services and overcome barriers.
- To establish European standards of HIV care and provide guidance on implementation and improvement.
- To investigate the prevalence and impact of stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings.
- To identify enabling policies and actions to combat stigma and promote inclusivity in healthcare.

We believe these two days will be inspiring and provide a unique opportunity to monitor progress and pitfall in care for people living with HIV throughout Europe.

We are confident that this meeting will make an important contribution towards standards of care for HIV and co-infections in Europe and look forward to a stimulating and productive discussion to contribute to its success.

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08:15-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:05 Welcome

Cristiana Oprea (Romania), Ann Sullivan (United Kingdom)

09:05-09:10 Welcome to Athens

Fotini Koulouri, General Directorate of Public Health and Quality of Life,
Hellenic Ministry of Health

09:10-09:20 Opening address

Antonios Papadopoulos (Greece)

Objective: To describe key populations, regions, and demographics of those who constitute 'those left behind', using the local context and data.

09:20-09:50 Standard care for all: Embracing those left behind

Konstantinos Protopapas (Greece), Deniz Gökengin (Türkiye)

Session 1 – HIV and STI care among migrants across Europe

Chairs: Önder Bora (Pozitif-İz, Türkiye), Charalambos Gogos (Greece)

Objective: To review access to and provision of HIV and STI testing and care for migrant populations, including barriers, and the related possible consequences of the EU migration reform.

09:50-10:35 Current status of access to testing, treatment, continuum of care and retention in care for migrant populations

Asuman İnan (Türkiye), Bartosz Szetela (Poland)

10:35-10:50 Break

10:50-11:05 EU migration reform and its potential consequences

Denis Onyango (United Kingdom)

11:05-11:20 Scaling-up sexual healthcare services – how to address barriers

Josip Begovac (Croatia)

11:20-11:50 Group discussion

Moderators: Önder Bora (Türkiye), Charalambos Gogos (Greece)

Session 2 – ECDC/EACS standards of HIV care in Europe workshop

Chairs: Apostolos Kalogiannis (EATG), Ann Sullivan (United Kingdom)

Objective: To provide an overview of the European standards of HIV care project to date, including implementation, and present the plans for the next three modules in order to seek feedback from participants.

- 11:50-12:00** **European standards of HIV care**
Teymur Noori (ECDC)
- 12:00-12:10** **Aims, objectives, and utility of the standards**
Jürgen Rockstroh (Germany)

Standards of care for HIV Testing and PrEP

- 12:10-12:30** **Overview of the HIV Testing and PrEP standards**
Miłosz Parczewski (Poland)
- 12:30-12:45** **Implementing the standards and how to measure and improve performance – step by step guide on what countries/services need to do next and the tools they can use**
Dorthe Raben (Denmark)
- 12:45-13:45** **Lunch**
- 13:45-14:40** **Discussion in breakout groups**
Moderators: Ben Collins (United Kingdom), Viatcheslav Grankov (WHO Europe), Dorthe Raben (Denmark)
- 14:40 - 14:55** **Report from the breakout groups**
Kerstin Aimla (Estonia), Mojca Matičič (Slovenia), Šime Zekan (Croatia)
- 14:55-15:20** **Discussion**
- 15:20-15:35** **Break**

Introduction of new standards of care modules

Objective: The standards of care module leads will provide brief description of module and highlight one or two areas, quality statements or indicators that were controversial or required a lot of discussion by the writing group in order to get feedback from audience on these specific points.

- 15:35-15:55** **Commencement of ART**
Juan Ambrosioni (Spain)
- 15:55-16:15** **Antenatal screening**
Annette Haberl (Germany)
- 16:15-16:35** **HIV and co-morbidities**
Jürgen Rockstroh (Germany)
- 16:35-17:05** **Group discussion**
Moderators: Apostolos Kalogiannis (EATG), Ann Sullivan (United Kingdom)
- 17:05-17:10** **Wrap up day 1 and next steps**
Karoline Aebi-Popp (Switzerland)
- 20:00-22:30** **EACS Dinner**
Black Duck Garden, I. Paparrigopoulou Str. 5-7, 10561 Athens

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09:15-09:25 Summary from day 1
Ole Kirk (Denmark)

Session 3 – Fighting stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings

Chairs: María José Fuster (SEISIDA), Teymur Noori (ECDC)

Objective: To review reported HIV related stigma in healthcare settings, with a focus on Türkiye and Greece, and explore potential interventions to address this.

09:25-09:45 Report on the survey on stigma in healthcare settings
Teymur Noori (ECDC)

09:45-10:15 A focus on Greece and Türkiye
Giota Lourida (Greece), Dilara İnan (Türkiye)

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-10:45 Enabling policies and actions
Cyrus Engerer (Malta)

10:45-11:30 Group discussion on required policies and interventions to address stigma in healthcare settings
Moderator: Nikos Dedes (Greece)
Discussants: Anastasia Antoniadou (Cyprus), Cyrus Engerer (Malta), Michel Kazatchkine (France), Esteban Martinez (Spain), Nicoletta Policek (EATG)

Session 4 – Health for all

Chairs: Natalia Bolokadze (Georgia), Deniz Gökengin (Türkiye)

11:30-11:40 Summary of the meeting with recommendations
Cristiana Oprea (Romania), Nicoletta Policek (EATG)

11:40-11:45 Closing
Esteban Martinez (Spain)

11:45 Lunch and departure

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Reception and Screening | The Sitges Meetings: What We Wanted was What We Needed

EATG and EACS are happy to invite the participants of the 'Standard of Care for HIV and Co-infections in Europe' meeting to a reception under the auspices of the City of Athens.

15 October 2024 | 19:00 - 21:15

City of Athens Cultural Center, "Antonis Tritsis" Amphitheater, Akadimias 50, Athens – Greece
Google maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/3mmMYtqme38Qb6fj6> (Metro: Panepistimio)

During the reception we will screen the documentary
'The Sitges Meetings: What We Wanted was What We Needed' (EATG, 93', 2024)

