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Addressing Hepatitis, HIV, STIs and TB



Thank you!

We would like to thank all participants at the HepHIV2026 Dublin Conference for your attendance, active engagement, and valuable contributions. It was wonderful to see so many colleagues, partners, and community representatives come together, creating a inspirational atmosphere and contributing to the positive spirit throughout the conference.



If you have not already done so, we kindly ask you to complete the conference evaluation in the conference app (under *Evaluation*) before 30 November 2026. Your feedback is highly appreciated and will help us improve future conferences.

Thank you once again for your participation and for helping to make HepHIV2026 such a successful and enjoyable event. We greatly value your input and support.

Call to Action

The draft Call to Action has been sent to all conference participants for review and input. Please

get back to us by 14 December, 2026 and kindly keep your input focused on outcomes from the conference, i.e. topics presented and/or discussed during the sessions.

Presentations and Posters

Presentations and posters can be found on the conference website.

Congratulations to Olha Klymova from Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Ukraine who won the Best Poster Award for her poster *PO4/08 Women and HIV PrEP in Ukraine: Expanding Access Beyond Traditional Key Populations*.

Side meetings at the conference

From Guidance to Practice: Implementing BBV Opt-Out Testing in European Emergency Departments - Open meeting

In conjunction with the HepHIV2026 Conference, EuroTEST hosted the workshop *"From Guidance to Practice: Implementing BBV Opt-Out Testing in European Emergency Departments."* The workshop aimed to support countries interested in introducing blood-borne virus (BBV) opt-out testing in emergency departments (EDs), drawing on recommendations from the EuroTEST Practical Implementation Guidance and experiences from experts across Europe.

The workshop focused on a Belgian case study, where colleagues from Sciensano and CHU Saint-Pierre presented plans for a forthcoming BBV opt-out testing programme in the ED at CHU Saint-Pierre. Participants discussed how the implementation guidance could be applied in practice and provided input on key aspects of programme development.



Key messages included the importance of engaging community stakeholders and ED partners early and building new programmes on existing evidence. Legal and regulatory barriers remain a challenge in some countries, particularly where requirements for explicit HIV test consent conflict with an opt-out approach. Participants noted that the successful use of opt-out testing in antenatal care provides a strong precedent for wider implementation in emergency departments and other healthcare settings.
Discussions also highlighted the need for strong post-diagnosis support, including peer support and effective linkage to care.

For more information on the EuroTEST practical implementation guidance on BBV opt-out testing in EDs in Europe please visit the EuroTEST website: Implementation Guidanc

Strengthening research capacity in Eastern Europe through the WEEPI foundation - Open

meeting

A dedicated session hosted by the WEEPI Foundation during the HepHIV 2026 Conference in Dublin highlighted the importance of investing in research capacity development across Eastern Europe.



The meeting introduced participants to the foundation's work and showcased several research projects supported through its programmes. Attendees also received practical guidance on scientific writing and publishing, including strategies for developing manuscripts and navigating the publication process. The session created a valuable space for researchers to share experiences, exchange knowledge, and explore opportunities for future collaboration. Strengthening research capacities and supporting emerging researchers remain essential for advancing health research and improving public health outcomes across the region.

Learn more about the WEEPI Foundation

SHIELD Joint Action Working Group - Closed meeting



SHIELD Joint Action partners, Advisory Board members, civil society representatives, and external experts came together at the HepHIV 2026 Conference in Dublin to discuss the development and implementation of stigma-reduction interventions addressing HIV, viral hepatitis, TB, STIs, and HPV. The discussion focused on sharing lessons learned, identifying common challenges, and exploring practical approaches to reducing stigma in healthcare and community settings.

Participants contributed a wide range of perspectives that will help ensure SHIELD's interventions are evidence-based, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of affected communities. The meeting reinforced the value of collaboration in addressing stigma and discrimination and provided important input for the next phase of SHIELD's work.

Learn more about SHIELD

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