

Objectives and Expected Outcomes of the Conference

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Working together for integrated
testing and earlier care

Addressing Hepatitis, HIV, STIs and TB

HepHIV History in Short

HepHIV 2014
5-7 OCTOBER BARCELONA

HepHIV 2017
31 JANUARY-2 FEBRUARY · MALTA

HepHIV 2019
28-30 JANUARY · BUCHAREST

HepHIV 2021
5-7 MAY · LISBON & VIRTUAL

HepHIV 2023
13-15 NOVEMBER · MADRID



HIV in Europe 2007
Working Together for
Optimal Testing and Earlier Care
25 - 27 November 2007, Brussels



HIV in Europe
Working Together for Optimal
Testing and Earlier Care

HIV in Europe 2009 Follow-up Meeting
Stockholm



HIV in Europe
Working Together for Optimal
Testing and Earlier Care
Copenhagen 2012 Conference



HepHIV 2023 Conference Objectives

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1. Testing!

Provide an overview of progress in prevention, testing and linkage to care for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB and integrated approaches by discussing current gaps in implementation and sharing models of good practice to address identified barriers.

2. Theme: Migrants

Discuss innovative initiatives/strategies and technologies for earlier testing and linkage to care for the different infections for key population, in particular mobile populations and migrants.

3. Theme: Stigma

Discuss the impact of stigma on testing services and strategies to mitigate it

Conference Participants

185 participants from 32 countries

- Clinicians 16%
- Community representatives 41%
- Policymakers/Public Health Institutions 22%
- Social scientists, epidemiologists, statisticians 8%
- Others 13%

Abstracts

Abstracts Submitted

Abstracts submitted: 57

Abstracts accepted: 25 for oral presentations and 27 for poster presentations

Latebreakers submitted: 19

Latebreakers accepted: Three for oral presentations and 12 for poster presentations

Poster Categories

Poster Category 1: Improving BBV Testing Strategies in Emergency Departments

Poster Category 2: Combination Prevention: Optimizing Implementation of Testing and PrEP

Poster Category 3: HCV Screening among Key Populations



Poster Category 4: Self-testing Strategies and Factors Affecting Testing Patterns

Poster Category 5: Epidemiology, Vaccination and Healthcare

Poster Category 6: Community Leadership in Responding to Infectious Disease Threats

HepHIV 2021 Conference – Call to Action

The HepHIV2021Conference ended with a call to action which the HepHIV2023 Conference will follow up on:



HepHIV 2021 Conference Call to Action

The HepHIV 2021 conference occurred at a critical moment – in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic but still permitting reflection on the losses it has claimed awhile envisioning a healthier future. COVID-19 has demonstrated the ability of governments and international bodies to take extraordinary measures to control its transmission and saves lives.

We, the HepHIV 2021 conference participants, now knowing that this is possible, call on all stakeholders in the WHO European Region to apply the same urgency and continue to work together toward the 2030 global targets for HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and tuberculosis (TB) by implementing the following actions:

- 1. Reclaim and ensure a sustained focus on prevention, testing and early treatment of HIV, hepatitis, STIs and TB from all actors:**
 - Policy makers
 - Funders and decisions makers
 - Communities affected
 - Clinicians and other health care workers
 - Researchers and public health experts
 - Pharmaceutical and diagnostic industry partners
 - The general public.
- 2. Strengthen collaboration between government and implementers to ensure political commitment and appropriate resourcing.** COVID-19 has demonstrated the feasibility of global efforts to tackle infectious diseases, and we have an obligation to ensure that health remains a priority in the European political agenda and to reach the targets set for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB.
- 3. Improve monitoring of the continuum of care steps** (including testing and late presentation as well as stigma, discrimination and criminalisation of drugs) of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs in a collaboration between European Institutions (ECDC and EMCDDA), WHO, national surveillance institutions and community organisations, and improve data integration across disease areas. COVID-19 has also highlighted the need for better disease monitoring across borders.
- 4. Design and implement integrated responses to infectious diseases and conditions,** taking into consideration the need to:
 - **Promote collaboration and break down the silos among disease programmes** to ensure seamless provision of people-centered services;
 - **Challenge the vested interests in maintaining separate specialities;**
 - **Foster intersectoral collaboration and enhanced dialogue among stakeholders,** including the meaningful engagement of communities and civil society organizations in policy development and implementation;



Miscellaneous Papers

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A call to action to reclaim focus on testing and early treatment for HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections and tuberculosis

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Abstract
We present the outcomes of the HepHIV 2021 Lisbon & virtual conference held on 5-7 May 2021, including a Call to Action addressing policy and practice implications in the field of earlier and integrated testing for HIV, viral hepatitis, STI and TB and in light of lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Conference presentations showed that combination prevention and integrated testing and care models for multiple infectious diseases are necessary and feasible in diverse settings. Successful examples of service and system adaptations developed to mitigate impact of the pandemic were shared. Aiming to ensure greater equity in health in current and future health policies and programmes and address the adverse effects of COVID-19, we must learn from the many innovative approaches to service delivery developed in response to the pandemic, many of which have the potential to reach people whose needs were not met by existing models.

Keywords
HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections, tuberculosis, testing, linkage to care

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HepHIV 2021 Conference – Call to Action

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- Improve monitoring of the continuum of care steps.
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 - Promote collaboration and break down the silos among disease programmes;
 - Challenge the vested interests in maintaining separate specialties;
 - Foster intersectoral collaboration and enhanced dialogue among stakeholders;
 - Utilize most up to date and cost effective diagnostic technologies and strategies in testing;
 - Increase awareness of the benefits of combination prevention;
 - Highlight the effectiveness, missed opportunities and cost-effectiveness of integrated interventions;
 - Investigate opportunities to include HIV, viral hepatitis, STI and TB testing within SARS-CoV-2 testing programmes in high prevalence areas, settings or populations
- Leverage the lessons learned from COVID-19 public communication and health emergency handling to strengthen programmes for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB.
- Intensify efforts to address inequities in health which contribute fundamentally to poorer health outcomes.
- Work to remove criminalising laws and policies and legal barriers to testing interventions.
- Advocate for universal access, availability and affordability of state-of-the art treatment and testing kits.

Monday 13 Nov 2023

Tuesday 14 Nov 2023

Wednesday 15 Nov 2023

Side meeting:

7:30-8:30 Testing Week Working Group meeting (10 years of ETW), Open meeting

PLENARY SESSION 1: How to overcome stigma and discrimination in accessing testing services for HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs

Coffee break /Poster Session

PLENARY SESSION 2: Integrated testing and integrated services – what is the status?

Lunch

Parallel Abstract Driven Session 1: Improving BBV Testing Strategies in Emergency Departments

Parallel Abstract Driven Session 2: Combination Prevention: Optimizing Implementation of Testing and PreEP

Coffee break /Poster Session

PLENARY SESSION 3 / SPECIAL SESSION: Migrants and mobile populations – testing and linkage to care

Side meetings:

17:30-18:30 BBV Testing in Emergency Departments Workshop
Opt out BBV testing in 33 Emergency Departments in England in the areas of highest HIV prevalence, Open meeting

Side meeting:

7:15-8:15 World Hepatitis Alliance *Stigma and discrimination as barriers for the elimination of viral hepatitis in Europe*, Open meeting

PLENARY SESSION 4: Self-testing and self-sampling to increase testing coverage

Coffee break /Poster Session

Parallel Abstract Driven Session 3: HCV Screening Among Key Populations

Parallel Abstract Driven Session 4: Self-testing Strategies and Factors Affecting Testing Patterns

Lunch

PLENARY SESSION 5: Emerging, intersecting and competing epidemics – challenges in responding to testing and linkage to care

Short break

Closing Session

Opening Session

Welcome Reception

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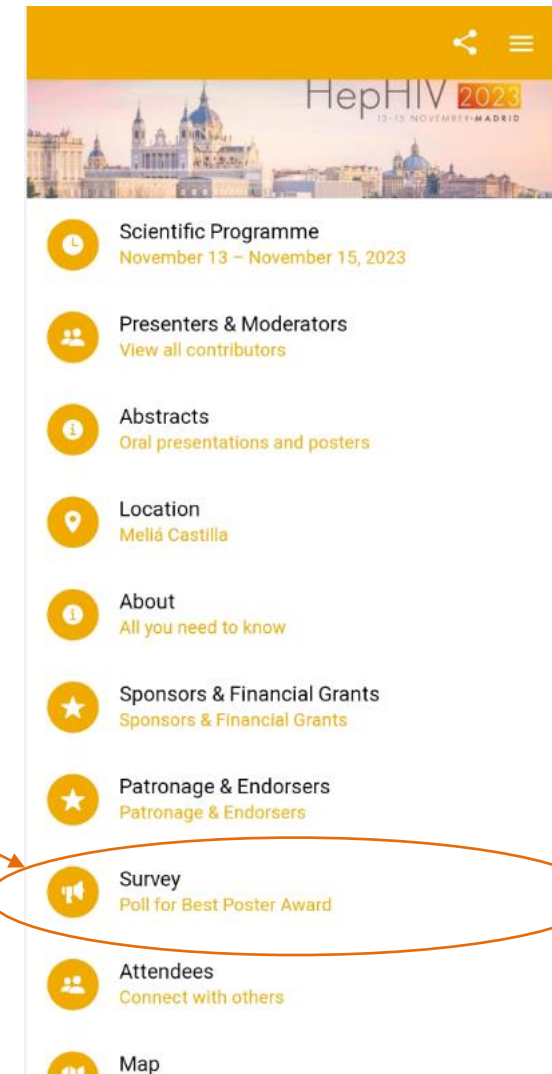


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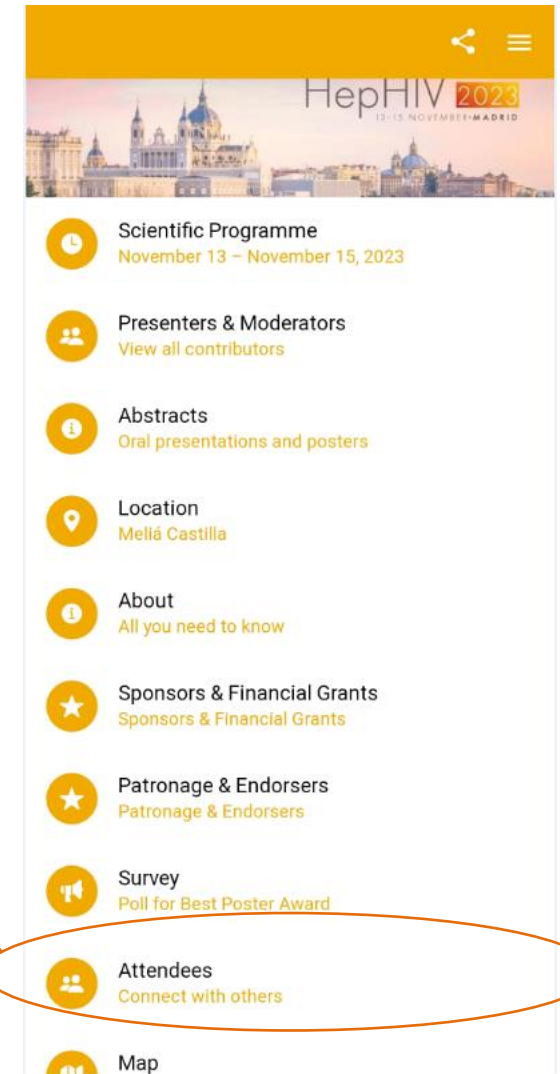
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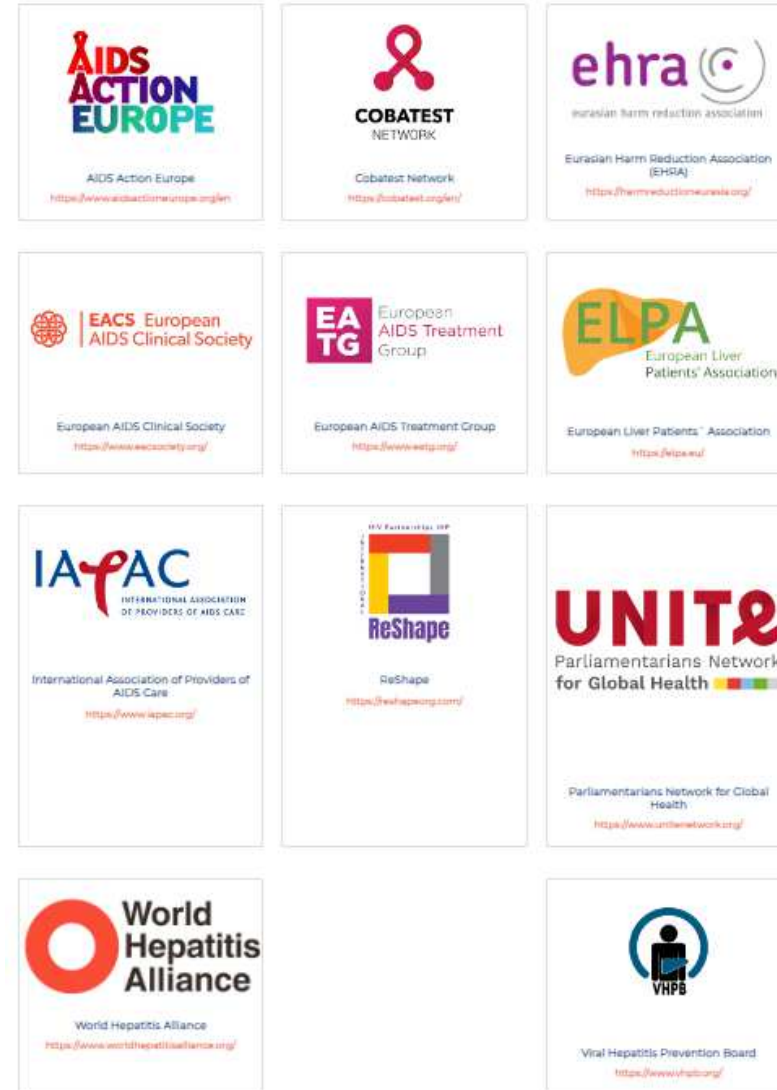
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