

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			
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		
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	
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
16:45-16:55		Implementation of testing guidelines and understanding coverage of testing at country levels	Victor Daniel Miro , Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest, Romania
16:55-17:10		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

17:10-17:20		Integrated testing in migrant populations – inclusion in other health services and linkage to care considerations		Lisa George-Svahn, Noaks Ark, Sweden	
17:20-17:30		Culturally sensitive and AI-based practices to improve screening and linkage to care		Pavlo Smyrnov, Alliance for Public Health (APH), Ukraine	
17:30-18:00		Discussion			
18:00-19:00	Poster session				
19:00	Reception				
	Tuesday, 3 November 2026				
8:30-10:00	AS1	PARALLEL ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION 1		AS2	PARALLEL ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION 2
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break and posters				
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			
		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				
		PLENARY SESSION 2 – Part 2			
10:55-11:30		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				
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.			
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				
13:35-14:35	AS3	PARALLEL SESSION 3		AS4	PARALLEL SESSION 4
14:35-14:40	Short break				
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			
14:40-14:45		Best Poster Award		HepHIV CO-chairs	
14:45-14:55		Focus on the Eastern European Region - innovative solutions and remaining challenges		Tetiana Deshko, Alliance for Public Health, Ukraine	
14:55-15:05		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	
15:05-15:15		Opportunities for integrated efforts across disease areas		Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health, NHS London. Chief Advisor on HIV to Government, UK	
15:15-15:30		Conference Call to Action and closing remarks		HepHIV CO-chairs	
15:30-16:00	Coffee				