

## 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			
<b>Registration opens 12</b>			
<b>15:00-16:00</b>	<b>OS</b>	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Session objectives:</b> 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.</li> <li>• Continued efforts to reduce Inequalities in access to testing for infectious diseases</li> </ul>	<b>Moderators:</b> <b>Stephen O’Hare, local co-chair</b> <b>Jürgen Rockstroh, co-chair</b>
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 <b>(video TBC)</b>
15:30-15:40		Keynote from ECDC	Director Pamela Rendi-Wagner, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, ECDC <b>(by video)</b>
15:40-15:50		Keynote from WHO	Director Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Office for Europe <b>(by video)</b>
15:50-16:00		Community perspective	Stephen O’Hare, HIV Ireland
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
<b>16:30-18:00</b>	<b>PL1</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1: Zooming in on testing for infectious diseases, progress and remaining challenges in reaching the SDGs</b> <b>Session objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of reaching SDG targets and identifying gaps in implementation of testing programmes in Europe, discuss obstacles to linkage to care from testing services</li> </ul>	
16:30-16:45		Status on HIV, hepatitis, STIs and TB - on testing including key populations	<b>ECDC representative</b> , European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, ECDC
16:45-16:55		Implementation of testing guidelines and understanding coverage of testing at country levels	<b>Victor Daniel Miro</b> , 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	<b>Mariana Vicente</b> , GAT, Portugal <b>Laura Fernandez</b> , CEEISCAT, Spain
17:10-17:20		Integrated testing in migrant populations – inclusion in other health services and linkage to care considerations	<b>Lisa George-Svahn</b> , Noaks Ark, Sweden
17:20-17:30		Culturally sensitive and AI-based practices to improve screening and linkage to care	<b>Pavlo Smyrnov</b> , Alliance for Public Health (APH), Ukraine
17:30-18:00		Discussion	

<b>18:00-19:00</b>	<b>Poster session</b>			
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Reception</b>			
<b>Tuesday, 3 November 2026</b>				
<b>8:30-10:00</b>	<b>AS1</b>	<b>PARALLEL ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION 1</b>	<b>AS2</b>	<b>PARALLEL ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION 2</b>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break and posters</b>			
<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<b>PL2</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2: Optimising offer of testing for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB in medical settings – lessons learned and challenges ahead</b> <b>Session objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the potential of testing in health care settings</li> <li>• Understand the obstacles of consent requirements and requirements for medical personnel across Europe</li> </ul>		
10:30-10:45		Launching the implementation guidance on BBV testing in emergency departments		<b>Michael Rayment</b> , Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, UK <b>Emma Young</b> , Barts Health NHS Trust, UK
10:45-10:55		Linkage to care considerations from testing in emergency departments - a community perspective		<b>Garry Brough, UK (TBC)</b>
10:55-11:30		<b>Roundtable discussion</b> Consent requirements and lay provider testing – what is the status in Europe and what can we learn		<b>Garry Brough, UK (TBC)</b> <b>Konstantinos Protopapas</b> , Attikon University Hospital of Athens, Greece <b>Loreta Kondili</b> , European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL), Italy <b>Raimonda Matulionyte</b> , Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos, Vilnius University, Lithuania
<b>11:30-11:35</b>	<b>Short break</b>			
<b>11:35-12:35</b>	<b>PL3</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 3: Creating an enabling environment for testing and linkage to care for HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB</b> <b>Session objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stigma interventions after stigma surveys</li> <li>• Discuss how lessons learned from HIV can be used to inform the implementation of diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic interventions for other infections.</li> </ul>		
11:35-11:45		Measuring stigma interventions in health care and other settings – where are we at?		<b>Julia del Amo</b> , Ministry of Health, Spain
11:45-11:55		Implementation projects for stigma reduction – impact and challenges?		<b>Sarah Stutterheim</b> , Maastricht University, The Netherlands
11:55-12:05		Cultural competent practices that improve screening, diagnosis, and linkage to care		<b>Lucia Siracusa</b> , ARNAS Civico-Di Cristina, Italy <b>(TBC)</b>
12:05-12:15		Employment of peer support and reaching outside service system		<b>Al Story</b> , University College London Hospitals, UK
12:15-12:25		ECDC/WHA hepatitis stigma survey - lessons learned and next steps		<b>Cary James</b> , World Hepatitis Alliance, UK
12:25-12:35		Discussion		
<b>12:35-13:35</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>			

<b>13:35-14:35</b>	<b>AS3</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSION 3</b>	<b>AS4</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSION 4</b>
<b>14:35-14:40</b>	<b>Short break</b>			
<b>14:40-15:40</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b> <b>Session objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarise the outcomes of the conference and present a draft call for action</li> <li>Present and discuss opportunities to keep testing and linkage to care on policy and implementation agendas at European and national levels</li> <li>Characterise sustainable testing strategies in the context of emergencies and getting closer to the targets</li> </ul>		
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	<b>Tetiana Deshko</b> , 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	<b>UNITE representative</b> , UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health	
15:05-15:15		Opportunities for integrated efforts across disease areas	<b>Kevin Fenton</b> , 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	
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee</b>			