

Feed-back from the High Level Meeting Spanish Presidency of the EU

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High Level Meeting HIV and Human Rights: Political Action to achieve zero stigma

PRESENTATION

Few infectious diseases throughout history have had the levels of stigma and discrimination that have accompanied human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 is part of the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda and requires the elimination of HIV-associated stigma and discrimination.

For this reason, the elimination of HIV-associated stigma and discrimination is a political priority of the Spanish Presidency of the European Union Council from July to December 2023. This is reflected in the celebration of a High Level Meeting (HLM) on "HIV and Human Rights: Political Action to achieve zero stigma" that will take place on September 15, 2023 at the Real Alcázar in the city of Seville.

GOALS

The objective of this HLM is to address the elimination of stigma and discrimination associated with HIV in order to achieve SDG 3.3 in 2030 in the European Union and within the framework of global health. It will convene 130 attendees from all areas of the response to HIV; EU member countries, international organizations (ECDC, WHO, WHO/Euro, UNAIDS), state, regional and municipal administration, scientific societies and non-profit organizations and civil society.

PRODUCTS

The results of the HLM will be reflected in its conclusions, based on the technical document *“Stigma and discrimination associated with HIV: the challenge”*.


High Level Meeting
“HIV and Human Rights: political action to achieve zero stigma”

8:30-9:00	Registration	Conductor of the HLM: Dr Débora Álvarez Del Arco
9:00-10:00	Welcome and Opening session Political responses from EU member states to eliminate HIV related stigma and discrimination <i>Chairs:</i> Mr. Binod Mahanty, Infectious Diseases and Global Health Policy, Ministry of Health, Germany and Dr. Julia del Amo, Director of HIV, STI, Hep & TB Division, Ministry of Health, Spain Spain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. José Luis Sanz, Mayor of the Town Hall of Seville, Dr. Péter Takács, State Secretary for Health of Hungary Ms. Stella Kyriakides, Health and Food Safety Commissioner, EU (video) Dr. José Manuel Miñones, Minister of Health, Spain 	
10:00-10:30	Progress to eliminate HIV related stigma and discrimination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Andrea Ammon, Director ECDC Dr. Robb Butler, Director of Division of Communicable Disease, Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe Ms. Christine Stegling, Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS 	
10:30-11:00	Signature of Spain of the Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination <i>Chair:</i> Mr. Ramón Espacia, CESIDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Christine Stegling, Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS Dr. José Manuel Miñones, Minister of Health, Spain 	





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HepHIV 2023
13-15 NOVEMBER · MADRID

11:30-11:45

Keynote presentation: HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination: The Challenge

Choir: Mr. Diego Garcia, Adhara, Seville Check Point, Seville

Dr. María José Fuster, SEISIDA Director, Social Scientist, Open University (UNED), Spain

11:45-12:00

Session 1: "Addressing HIV-related stigma & discrimination in healthcare settings"

Chairs: Dr. Jorge del Diego, Director General of Public Health and Pharmacy Andalusia, and Dr Viatcheslav Grankov, WHO/Euro

Short presentations:

- Dr. Esteban Martínez, president of EACS
- Dr. Meg Doherty, Director Global HIV, Hepatitis and STI Program, WHO

12:00-13:00

Round table 1: "Addressing HIV-related stigma & discrimination in healthcare settings"

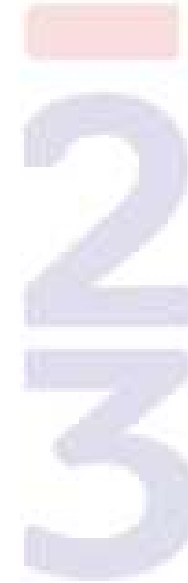
Moderators: Mr. Teymur Noori, ECDC and Dr. Teresa Campos, Head of the Public Health Coordination Service, Directorate of Public Health and Pharmacy, Andalusia

- Dr. Milosz Parczewski, Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, Poland
- Dr. María Velasco, Member of GESIDA board, Spain
- Dr. Anna Koval, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany
- Mr. Luis Mendão, GAT, Portugal/Coalition Plus
- Mr. Gonçalo Lobo, Fast Track Cities
- Dr. Concha Amador, Ex-president SEISIDA, Spain

Q&A

13:00-14:30

Buffet lunch in Real Alcazar patio



"HIV and Human Rights: political action to achieve zero stigma"	
14:30-16:00	<p>Session 2: "Civil society responses to eliminate HIV related stigma and discrimination"</p> <p>Chairs: Mr. Fernando Martínez Cañavate, Health Director, Town Hall of Seville and Ms. Umuranya Rugege, UNAIDS</p> <p>Short presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jorge Garrido, Apoyo Positivo. The Seville Declaration 2022 Mr. Marc Angel, MEP from Luxembourg and Vice-President of the European Parliament (video intervention) <p>Round table 2: "Civil society responses to eliminate HIV related stigma and discrimination"</p> <p>Moderators: Dr. Sanjay Bhargani, EACS and Dr. Stela Bivol, WHO/Euro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Nikos Dedes, Positive Voice, Greece Mr. Ricardo Fernandes, Chair EATG Mr. Denis Onyango, AFRICA Advocacy Foundation Mr. Pietro Vittorio Barbieri, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Ms. Reyes Velayos, President of CESIDA, Spain Ms. Ganna Dovbakh, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Lithuania <p>Q&A</p>
16:00-16:30	<p>Final remarks and next steps</p> <p>Chairs: Dr. Carlos Iniesta, SEISIDA and Dr. Jessika Deblonde, Sciensano, Belgium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Pilar Aparicio, Director General Public Health, Minister of Health, Spain Mr. Matthias De Moor, Belgium <p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Silvia Calzón, Secretary of State, Ministry of Health of Spain
16:30-19:30	Free time (see suggestions in practical note)
19:30-20:30	Private guided tour in Real Alcázar
20:45-21:30	Conference dinner in La Raza restaurant (see practical note)



HIV-related stigma and discrimination: the challenge

1. Introduction
2. The HIV epidemic in Europe
3. Stigma and discrimination – the evidence of harms to health
4. Evidence of HIV-related stigma and discrimination in Europe.
 - 4.1. Experiences of people with HIV
 - 4.2. Public attitudes.
 - 4.3. Access to clinical services
 - 4.4. Employment and insurance exclusions
 - 4.5. Punitive laws
5. Why must Europe act? - Legal obligations under international human rights treaties
6. Why must Europe act? - International policy commitments.
7. Conclusions
8. Actions to address HIV-related stigma and discrimination

Report elaboration

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Content coordination and edition

- Spanish Ministry of Health (commissioner of the report)
- World Health Organization office for Europe region (WHO/Euro)
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- Sociedad Española Interdisciplinar del sida (SEISIDA)

Expert panel representing European Union countries

- European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS)
- HIV Outcomes initiative
- Prevention Access Campaign (Undetectable=Unstramittable)
- European Civil Forum network
- UNITE Parliamentarians network for Global Health
- Global Fund
- AIDS Study Group (GeSIDA)
- Chair on Disability, Chronic Illness, and Accessibility, University of Alcalá
- Advisory and consultative committee of NGOs of the Spanish national AIDS Plan (COAC)
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)
- European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID)
- European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA-Europe)
- Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP)

Actions to address HIV-related stigma and discrimination

Europe will not meet the 2030 target to end the HIV epidemic if it does not successfully address HIV-related stigma and discrimination. It is a legal, a policy and an ethical imperative. Actions are required across a wide range of areas:

- **Action on political leadership Action on monitoring**
- **Action on legal reform**
- **Action on healthcare access**
- **Action on needs-driven care**
- **Action on discrimination in healthcare and other public services**
- **Action in and with communities**
- **Action in education**



Back-to-Back Meeting with ECDC and WHO /Euro





Spain joined the UNAIDS Global Partnership against all forms of discrimination

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