

## OptTEST Newsletter



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### OptTEST at the IAS 2017 in Paris

Want to know more about how to increase HIV testing? Then you should take part in the OptTEST Reception which takes place in conjunction with the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2017) on **25 July from 20:30-22:30 in Salon Marceau at the Hotel InterContinental**.

As OptTEST is coming to an end after three years of hard work, the developed tools and examples of their implementation will be presented at this reception. This will be a great chance to meet the people and discuss the results and next steps. Participation is free, but space is limited so please **register online at: <http://www.opttest.eu/submitform>**



OptTEST Reception in conjunction with the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2017) on 23-26 July 2017 at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, France

## How to increase HIV testing

Launch of tools developed to optimise HIV testing and linkage to care

**Time and venue:**  
20:30 – 22:30h, 25 July 2017,  
Salon Marceau, Hotel InterContinental,  
64 Avenue Marceau, Paris

**Background:**  
The multidisciplinary collaborative EU co-financed project Optimising testing and linkage to care for HIV across Europe – OptTEST – is coming to an end after 3 years of intensive work.

**The work has been focused on four areas:**

- Analysing data on linkage to HIV treatment and care and improving collaborations on national level
- Developing tools to facilitate implementation of indicator condition (IC) guided HIV testing in primary care and other clinics
- Modelling the cost-effectiveness of different HIV testing approaches
- Developing tools on how best to address stigma and legal and regulatory barriers to HIV testing

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### Other OptTEST meetings and events

#### **National Stakeholder Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal**

On 5 and 6 June OptTEST by HiE, GAT (Group of Treatment Activists in Portugal) and Ser+ (Association to prevent and challenge HIV/AIDS) brought together community, clinicians, officials from regional health institutions and the Ministry of Health in Lisbon for a round-table on steps to be taken to ensure the smooth and effective implementation of testing in primary care in Portugal, and to improve linkage to care of key populations. The discussion was set in the context of an update in guidelines and served to build consensus on issues to be addressed, and possible remedies among actors in civil society, health professionals and public health institutions representatives. Read more [here](#).

#### **Meeting in Barcelona on 10th of July**

On 10 July a meeting will take place in Barcelona, Spain on improving early diagnosis of HIV in primary care in Catalonia and Europe. With focus on implemented activities and results from the work around [indicator condition guided testing](#) there will be presentations and discussions on challenges and achievements.

### **Upcoming events**

#### ***OptTEST Reception at IAS 2017***

An OptTEST Reception will take place on **25 July from 20:30-22.30**. Register

#### ***Joint Euro HIV EDAT-OptTEST Final Conference, September 2017***

As both projects are coming to an end in September 2017, there will be a joint final conference to present results to a broader audience of stakeholders. The meeting will take place at the Thon Hotel City in **Brussels, Belgium on 19 September 2017**. You can register for the meeting

here: <http://www.opttest.eu/submitform>

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## The OptTEST Partners



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