

HIV in Europe 2012 Copenhagen, 19-20 March 2012

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HIV in Europe Initiative Objectives

To highlight the rising number of people living with HIV in Europe who are unaware of their serostatus

To identify political, structural, clinical and social barriers to achieving optimal testing and counselling, and earlier care for HIV/AIDS

To promote public health best practices and guidance found in Europe with regard to HIV testing, counselling and care

Structure and content of the initiative

Governance:

- Steering Committee (8 members, 2 co-chairs)
 - Representation from patient advocacy, policy makers, health professionals and European public health institutions (WHO-Europe and ECDC, Global Fund, UNAIDS, EMCDDA and US CDC)
 - HIV in Europe Secretariat
 - Political - EATG offices in Brussels
 - Financial – Aids Fonds Nederlands
 - Operational – Copenhagen HIV Programme
- Key projects since start in 2007
- Consensus definition of late presentation
 - Size of infected not yet diagnosed population
 - Indicator condition guided HIV testing
 - People living with HIV Stigma index
 - Criminalization of PLHIV

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Conference objectives

1. Provide an overview of **European innovative initiatives** and **best practices** on optimal testing and earlier care
2. Accompany the debate at European Union
3. Provide opportunities for **multi-stakeholder dialogue**
4. **Increase public awareness** and public health **commitment**
5. Present data available on temporal **trends** of late presenters and the **undiagnosed population** and data on the **cost-effectiveness** of HIV testing.
6. Discuss HIV testing and linkage to care and testing among **key populations**

HIV in Europe Copenhagen 2012 Conference – Organising Committee

All SC members and observers are part of the organising committee, please see page 6.

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Programme

- Plenary sessions (5)
- Parallel abstract-driven sessions (6)
- Posters (64 + 34 (oral abstracts))
- Social programme
- Side meetings

Conference participants

- 323 participants from 46 countries
- Clinicians (74) 25%
- Community representatives (121) 37%
- Policymaker (49) 15%
- Others (social scientists, epidemiologist, statisticiens) (49) 15%
- Media, Industry etc (30) 9%





Call To Action

- Monitor and share research and best practices on HIV testing standards in order to improve practice and policy;
- Stimulate the scientific development of activities and events to inform the European agenda on optimal testing and earlier care;

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- Review data and studies on the impact of counselling and HIV/STI testing on risk behaviour and support a consensus process to agree on optimal counselling practices;
- Facilitate the implementation and assessment of HIV indicator condition guided testing;

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- Stimulate an evidence base on and reduce barriers to testing that include human rights, stigmatisation, discrimination and criminalisation;
- Continue supporting the implementation of novel models to estimate the number of infected but not yet diagnosed individuals;
- Investigate linkages and collaboration between HIV testing and hepatitis testing and access to care;

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- Support the international institutions and agencies (European Commission, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), WHO Regional Office for Europe, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and UNAIDS) to increase their engagement in working for optimal testing and earlier care and reinforce collaborative links.

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HIV 2012 Spain
Wednesday, May 16, 2012
HIV 2012 Spain will be held in Madrid on May 24, 2012.
[Programme HIV 2012 Spain](#)

Press release 15 March 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012
"The HIV epidemic in Eastern Europe is out of control and entering into care late is fueling an HIV 'tsunami'"
[released 15 March 2012 - English](#)
[released 15 March 2012 - Danish](#)

Press release Thursday 1 March, 2012
Friday, March 02, 2012
HIV in Europe Copenhagen 2012 Conference:
[Press release: "New Initiatives Show reveal Hidden HIV"](#)

European Parliament Resolution, December 2013
Wednesday, December 18, 2013