

# Right to health vs market priorities

How do we want to end **AIDS** without affordable medications and health interventions?



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English-Russian with simultaneous translation



**Facilitators:** [Marianella Kloka](#) and [Tamás Bereczky](#)

**10:30 – 10:40** **Welcome and introduction.** [Christos Krasidis](#) - Chair of the AIDS Action Europe Steering Committee

**10:40 – 11:15** **Keynote speech:** Right to health and access to medicine. Can we achieve universal access under the current economic and political system?

[Anand Grover](#) - Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health.

**11:15 – 12:30** **Panel discussion: What can we learn from the COVID-19 pandemic when attention and funding is diverted from most other health areas?**

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted what was already known from 40 years of HIV activism. Inequalities in access have direct consequences, those who are left behind by the system are those who are hit the hardest by any health crisis. But when political will is in place, it is possible to find funding, remove or change regulatory barriers. What can we learn from the COVID-19 pandemic and initiatives on access to vaccines and how it can be transferred to other health fields?

Confirmed speakers:

- [David Haerry](#) - Positive Council Switzerland
- [Dimitri Eynikel](#) - Médecins Sans Frontières - Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines
- [Rosa Castro](#) - European Alliance for Responsible R&D and Affordable Medicines

**12:30 – 13:00** **Break**

**13:00 – 14:30** **Panel discussion: Civil Society interventions in ensuring that no one is left behind. Transparency in R&D and pharmaceutical market, and TRIPS flexibilities.**

What have civil society organisations done in the last years when it comes to ensuring access to medicine and diagnostic in fast changing legal environment? Where do we need to be more involved?

Confirmed speakers:

- [Alexandra Volgina](#) - Global Network of People living with HIV
- [Ines Alaoui](#) - AIDES
- [Marcin Rodzinka-Verhelle](#) - European Public Health Alliance
- [Maria Shibaeva](#) - The International Treatment Preparedness Coalition. Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ITPCru)
- [Mykyta Trofymenko](#) - All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV "100% Life"

