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## **The European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG) and Alliance for Public Health (APH) launch the STEP-UP MOOC platform**

Today, EATG and APH are glad to announce the launch of the STEP-UP MOOC platform.

The STEP-UP MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) is a **bilingual** (English/Russian), **self-paced e-learning** training programme accessible to all participants, with no selection process mandated. It is designed by the community for the community, based on the long-standing experience of EATG's STEP-UP ([Skills Training to Empower Patients](#)) capacity-building project.

STEP-UP MOOC is addressed to activists from across Europe and Central Asia, young researchers, healthcare workers and those who work in communities. As a participant, you will have **free access** to comprehensive knowledge, community mobilisation support, and advocacy training that will help you upgrade your activities and deliver real change.

Participants will benefit from acquiring new knowledge and explore in such areas as:

- Science of HIV/AIDS, co-infections, HIV cure and design of clinical trials
- Stigma, discrimination and criminalisation
- Harm reduction and service delivery for vulnerable groups
- Advocacy with pharmaceutical companies on treatment pricing and affordability
- HIV and mental health
- Ageing and co-morbidities
- Migration and travelling with HIV

Upon completion of the MOOC, a globally recognised **certificate of training** will be awarded to each participant.

Within two months from this launch, the organisers will select participants for the onsite **Community of Practice Workshop 'STEP-UP Weekend'** in Europe. In order for you to be considered for a place in this workshop, you must achieve an 80% or higher score in the final examination and submit a project concept focused on delivering real value to your community.

Access to the online course and certification will remain available throughout the year.

**Registration is open now and all participants are welcome.**

### **How to register**

Step one – please share your details with us through this [form](https://bit.ly/stepupmooctraining). (<https://bit.ly/stepupmooctraining>)

Step two – You will receive an email from e-Sia with access to the online learning platform and a 6-digit pin code to log in. STEP-UP MOOC is hosted on the e-Sia learning platform.

Learn more about STEP-UP: <https://www.eatg.org/projects/step-up/>

### **Do you have a question? Please contact:**

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The STEP-UP Training Academy has been a flagship project of EATG since 2013. After five face-to-face cycles and one online, the new implementation of STEP-UP MOOC is an online training platform created in collaboration with APH. Both the new format and the involvement of a partner organisation from Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) region aim to assure a wider reach of trainees from diverse settings.

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