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## What's New?

### BELONG: FROM A POSITION PAPER TO A NEW PiS PROJECT!

Through the **ViiV GIPA Accelerator Fund**, EATG secured funding for the **BELONG project**, which will be launched this month. It will advocate for regulatory authorities in Europe to adopt **clinical guidelines** that include people living with HIV in trials relating to other illnesses and health conditions that affect people living with HIV. The first phase of the project will be implemented throughout 2023 and aims to **complete the research and groundwork** for the creation of the guidelines.



Have you heard we published a **new Position Paper**?  
Have a look at it clicking on the logo!

### EATG AT HIV GLASGOW: STEPS HIV CURE COMMUNITY-LED WORKSHOP

The workshop took place in Glasgow and was attended by around **60 different stakeholders**. Coordinated by **Sean Hosein** and chaired by **Brian West**, the workshop addressed approaches for HIV cure research and provided updates on therapeutic vaccination. **Simon Collins** and **Memory Sachikonye** presented on behalf of the community. The annual STEPS workshops were initiated by **Giulio Maria Corbelli** in 2014.

### COMMUNITY AT CROI: MARGARITA BREAKFAST CLUBS

As part of the CROI Community Liaison Subcommittee, EATG will be supporting the **Margarita Breakfast Clubs**, online sessions that provide an informal setting for **dialogue between researchers and community advocates** on the hottest **#CROI2023** science being presented this year. These sessions are open to anyone interested, **including people not registered** for the CROI conference, and will take place on **Zoom on February 20 - 23 (16:00 - 17:00 CET)**. Each session will be recorded and links to the recordings will be shared widely. Stay tuned and join us!

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- **Next F2F ECAB meeting** (ViiV, Gilead, MSD): 31 March-1 April, Barcelona.
- Launch the **RBDCOV Psychosocial Study**.
- Initiate the **new phase** of the **PROMise** project.



### The #PROMise Community Activist Toolbox is here!

The PROMise Toolbox is now available and contains **materials related to Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)** in HIV Research & Development (R&D). It can be used as a **starting point** for creating knowledge around **basic literacy on PROMs in the HIV Research and Development context**. Click on the logo to find out more!

### RBDCOV WANTS YOU!

Want to join the **RBDCOV Community Advisory Panel**?  
Click on the logo to apply!



### SAVE THE DATE: EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- **30th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI 2023)**: 19 - 22 February, 2023, Seattle.
- **The International Workshop on HIV and Hepatitis Observational Databases (IWHOD)**: 23-25 March, 2023, Athens, Greece.
- **EASL Liver Cancer Summit 2023**: 20-22 April 2023, Estoril, Portugal.
- **BHIVA Spring Conference 2023**: 24-26 April 2023, Gateshead, UK.
- **AIDS Impact**: 12-14 June 2023, Stockholm, Sweden.
- **IAS**: 23-25 July, Brisbane, Australia.
- **EACS**: 18-21 October, Warsaw, Poland.
- **HepHIV**: 13-15 November, Madrid, Spain.

## In memoriam of Giulio Maria Corbelli

" We would like to remember our friend and **fierce EATG activist** Giulio Maria Corbelli, PiS Committee Member from the creation of the programme until he sadly passed on Sunday, 6 November, 2022.

Shortly after being diagnosed with HIV, Giulio was deeply involved in **HIV advocacy work in Italy**, as well as on a European and Global scale and he sought to inspire other advocates around the world. Within EATG, Giulio chaired the **European Community Advisory Board** for over 5 years and was engaged across the projects and activities of the three EATG working groups. Giulio was a champion of advocacy on **HIV science and treatment** and has used his knowledge to represent the EATG and the HIV community. Giulio was always **kind and attentive** towards all members of the community and always brought forward the needs of those who are discriminated, stigmatised and underrepresented.

We will always be inspired by Giulio's **relentless efforts** towards ensuring fair and equitable treatment for people living with HIV. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to get to know Giulio and work with him. He was an **incredible colleague and a great friend**.



To Giulio:  
**Activist, EATG member & Friend.**

By **Giorgio Barbareschi**, PiS Programme Manager