

## What's New?

### SCOPE STANDARDS IN SERVICES FOR HIV COMBINATION PREVENTION: COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

EATG published a report on **community defined standards for HIV combination prevention** and a **checklist** to help expand and strengthen the delivery of services for populations most affected by HIV. The checklist can be used for **rapid community assessments of services** at a local level, to **help identify points for improvement** that may be used in advocacy to scale up and quality improvement of HIV combination prevention. The checklist was developed with 7 community-based organisations and addresses the specific needs of trans and gender diverse people, people who use drugs, people who engage in chemsex, sex workers, and migrant, mobile and displaced people. [Click here to learn more about it!](#)

### SCOPE MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

On 17 October, the Multi-stakeholders Meeting on **"Community Perspectives on Guidelines and Programming Recommendations for Better Inclusion of Inadequately Served Groups"** took place in Warsaw ahead of the EACS Conference. The meeting was an opportunity to exchange lessons learnt since 2022. The participants discussed next steps for the SCOPE project in expanding community representation in the public debate, in generating data and tools for community research and advocacy.

### EACS SPECIAL SESSION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION

At EACS, **Ann Piercy**, EATG member and **Miłosz Parczewski**, EACS Board, hosted a session addressing mental health needs and interventions to improve health outcomes of populations facing intersecting stigma and discrimination. **Jorge Garrido**, Apoyo Positivo, provided insights on chemsex and the needs of users, **Marios Atzemis**, Positive Voice, reported on the SEMID-EU project - Services for Vulnerable Migrants Who Use Drugs in the EU (SEMID-EU). **Amanita Calderon-Cifuentes**, Transgender Europe, highlighted gender transformative HIV services, centred around gender affirming care and recognition of transgender identities.



## Team Combination Prevention

We presented the SCOPE HIV Combination Prevention services checklist at **HepHIV 2023 Madrid Conference** and **had a poster at the EACS Conference**. Magdalena Ankerstejn-Bartczak had an

active role in the organising committee of the HepHIV conference on behalf of EATG.

Harriet Langanke, CP Chair, presented at the European Policy Centre dialogue on **"Ending the HIV Epidemic in Europe"** on 14 November.

Robert Hejzák, EATG representative on the **ECDC STIs network**, highlighted the need for a formulation of a clear public health messaging on doxy-PEP which is still missing in the EU at the June meeting - [click here to learn more about it.](#)

## Meet the CP Member: Steven Doyle

### Who is Steven Doyle in a nutshell?

I am a hard-working nurse, a driven individual characterised by openness, honesty, and a commitment to fairness. In 2019, I created a documentary portraiture project focused on individuals living with HIV. This endeavour is rooted in a desire to provide a platform for these individuals to share their stories about living with HIV. A primary objective of this project is to dismantle the stigma and discrimination that often surrounds HIV while simultaneously educating those who may lack understanding about HIV. Through my work, I aim to contribute to a more compassionate and informed perspective on HIV in our society.

### What are your expectations from joining the Combination Prevention Committee?

My goal in becoming a member of the Combination Prevention Committee is to contribute to the prevention of new blood-borne virus transmissions. Aligned with the right-to prevention principle, our focus is addressing societal and community needs. I actively participate by organising educational sessions, delivering talks, and implementing awareness initiatives to reduce the incidence of new transmissions. Leveraging my nursing skills, I aim to play a role in advancing combination prevention strategies within the Committee.

17 January 2024

18:00 CET



### COMBINATION PREVENTION APÉRO IS BACK!



A member conversation on **expanding access to combination prevention** and **EATG's programmatic engagement.**



[Click here to register!](#)

### WHAT'S NEXT?

- **10 years of European Testing Week Progress and gaps - a call to action to end HIV, viral hepatitis & STIs in Europe:** 29 November 2023, 10:00-11:30 CET, Brussels.
- **HIV Outcomes | Building political momentum: Towards Ending HIV in Europe: 29 November,** 13:00-15:00 CET, Brussels.
- **ESWA Conference - Part of the Solution: Sex Work, Public Health and (De)Criminalisation'**, Brussels, 4-7 December. [Click here](#) to register.



EATG Member since **2022**, Steven is a member of both **Combination Prevention** and **Quality of Life Programmes Committees.**