

What's New?

FIRST COMBINATION PREVENTION APÉRO IN 2024

On 17 January 2024, the Combination Prevention Programme invited all EATG members from the comfort of their homes for a casual and friendly **discussion on HIV combination prevention**. Thank you to everyone who joined for the fruitful discussion. The Combination Prevention Programme is looking forward to hosting more apéro gatherings throughout the year – stay tuned!

CORE – “COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO END INEQUALITIES”: YEAR 1 RECAP

The CORE project (2023–2025) focuses on EU Member States in central and south-eastern Europe bringing together **24 organisations**, including **14 national implementing partners**, and **3 regional networks** to expand access to testing and screening for HIV, TB, viral hepatitis and other STIs for key populations that are underserved by the current prevention and healthcare services. CORE aims to **strengthen the capacity of community-led and community-based services to provide prevention, testing, counselling, linkage to and retention in care through a peer approach**. CORE supports in-country interventions, training of community service providers, sharing of knowledge/experience, as well as advocacy for policy reforms and funding.

EATG's Work on Stakeholder Engagement & Sustainability

EATG is working with **AIDS Action Europe, Africa Advocacy Foundation, Correlation - European Harm Reduction Network, European Sex Workers' Rights Alliance** and local organisations on **engaging stakeholders** and **promoting the recognition of community-led and community-based services in policy development and service provision**. We are planning three local stakeholder meetings in France, Greece and Poland to bring together service users, healthcare professionals, funders, and local authorities.

In February 2024, Ann Piercy, Nicoletta Policek, Marco Stizioli, Miran Šolinc and Ioan Petre joined the **Community Advisory Group**. We are looking forward to work together as they will help shape EATG's intervention as part of the CORE project for the next 2 years!

Get ready for the launch of the **Knowledge Hub** – a series of webinars to **share knowledge** and **best practices** in community health services for HIV, TB, viral hepatitis and STIs. Topics will include Accessibility, Sustainability & Quality of Community-based/led Testing Programmes, Mental Health and Well-Being, Enabling Legislation and more to be announced.

NEW BLOGS!

In 2022 and 2023, the SCOPE project funded the translation and production of new materials in Portugal and Poland. In Portugal, **GAT** published the **#PrEPafrik campaign** – adapted from Africa Advocacy Foundation. In Poland, **FES** published the **PrEP for Women campaign** and related information for doctors.

SAVE THE DATE: EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- **Community Breakfast Club at CROI 2024**, 4–6 March, online.
- **SCOPE: launch of the SCOPE project video**, end of March.
- **Virology & Education - HIV & Women**, 12–13 April.
- **Spring European Testing Week**, 20–27 May.
- **Unite! Advocate! Thrive! Global Trans Conference**, 20–21 July, Munich.
- **AIDS 2024, the 25th International AIDS Conference**, 22–26 July, Munich.
- **HIVR4P 2024, the 5th HIV Research for Prevention Conference**, 6–10 October, Lima, and online. Scholarship applications are open.
- **International Conference on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users**, 8–11 October, Athens.



ARE YOU CURIOUS TO KNOW MORE?

Click on the logo or scan the QR Code to check out the video and learn more about the project and all the organisations involved!



Meet the CP Member: Marco Stizioli

Who is Marco Stizioli in a nutshell?

I am a passionate advocate for sexual freedom. I co-founded “PrEP in Italia,” the Italian PrEP advocacy group. With Plus Roma, I coordinated the first PrEP community-led monitoring. We presented the 2019–2022 data at EACS 2023. I support my queer communities through multichannel HIV prevention dissemination, peer counselling, and volunteering at Gruppo Salute Arcigay Milano, an HIV prevention association in Milan.

What are your expectations from joining the Combination Prevention Committee?

I want to learn from other European activists how to be more impactful in my work. I want to share my experiences and help build a Europe where everyone has the right to protect themselves and access to every prevention tool. We have the instruments to get zero HIV infections and zero stigma!



EATG Member since **2023**, Marco is a member of the **Combination Prevention Programme Committee & CORE Community Advisory Group**.