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## What's New?

### SILVER ZONE AT AIDS 2024 CONFERENCE

EATG and Realize organised "The Silver Zone: A Networking Zone for Older People Living with HIV" in the Global Village at AIDS 2024. Over 30 sessions where older people living with HIV engage with the HIV community and discuss the science on HIV and ageing; to share experience and raise awareness. Steven Doyle, EATG Member, displayed his portrait exhibition "People Living with HIV" at the Silver Zone. Thank you to all partners and sponsors who contributed to the making of the Silver Zone! Click [here](#) to access speakers' presentations.

### THRIVING WITH HIV AT 50 AND BEYOND | WORKSHOP AT AIDS 2024

EATG spoke at the WHO and IAS workshop at AIDS 2024 on "Thriving with HIV at 50 and beyond". Nicoletta Policek, EATG Executive Director, highlighted the **importance of community involvement from the beginning of any conversation at policy and practice level** which frame the quality of life of older and ageing people living with HIV. EATG's work around inclusion of people living with HIV in non-HIV clinical trials was noted during discussions.

### EMBRACING WISDOM: ADVOCATING FOR HIV CARE IN OLDER POPULATIONS | EVENT AT AIDS 2024

EATG joined panels and moderated sessions during the pre-conference event, organised by Ribbon on "Embracing wisdom: Advocating for HIV care in older populations". The event addressed the challenges and opportunities faced by older individuals living with HIV for advocating for the **holistic well-being** of older individuals affected by HIV.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

- **International Conference on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users, INHSU 2024:** 8-11 October 2024, Athens, Greece. More information [here](#).
- **Fast-Track Cities:** 13-15 October 2024, Paris, France. More information [here](#).
- **Standard of Care for HIV and Co-infections in Europe:** 16-17 October 2024, Athens, Greece. More information [here](#).
- **HIV Glasgow 2024:** 10-13 November 2024, online and Glasgow, UK. More information [here](#).
- **International Workshop on HIV & Ageing 2024:** 24-25 October 2024, online and Washington DC, US. More information [here](#).

## People Living with HIV | A Documentary by Steven Doyle

"I was honoured to exhibit **17 portraits** from my ongoing documentary, **People Living with HIV**, at AIDS 2024. These portraits feature **individuals over the age of 50** who are not only living with HIV but thriving in their communities. The response was **overwhelmingly positive, sparking meaningful conversations**. Many attendees shared how natural and deeply humanising the portraits felt, which was **profoundly moving**. This experience reinforced the power of visual storytelling in fostering empathy and understanding—a heartfelt thank you to EATG and Ribbon for their invaluable support".

**Click on the logo to learn more about Steven's documentary.**



## Meet the QoL Member: Willian Gomes

### Who is Willian Gomes in a nutshell?

My name is Willian Gomes, and I am passionate about advocating for migrants' rights. Born in Brazil, I have been living in Portugal for 20 years. As a member of EATG since 2018, I recently joined the Quality of Life programme. I currently work for GAT in Lisbon, where I develop partnerships and strategies to promote healthcare access and raise awareness about migrants' rights to health.

### What is it that you like most about QoL and what makes the programme special?

What I like most about the programme is its focus on empowering people living with HIV. It provides a space to discuss and develop initiatives that aim to improve quality of life, beyond medication. As a new team member, I'm excited to contribute to promoting healthcare access and enhancing the quality of life for undocumented migrants living with HIV in Europe, ensuring they receive the support they need.



Willian is currently a member of the **Quality of Life Programme Committee**.