



# HIV in Europe Newsletter

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## Face to face meeting in Frankfurt

On 7 June the HIV in Europe Steering Committee and the HepHIV 2017 Conference Organizing Committee met in Frankfurt, Germany. Updates were provided on all the ongoing (and recently finalized) projects such as [OptTEST](#), the [HIV testing and counselling project](#), and [the European Testing Week](#).

The HepHIV 2017 Conference Organizing Committee met face to face for the first time and the first steps towards a programme began. Plenary sessions, speakers and abstract categories were discussed. More information about the HepHIV will be available on the [HIV in Europe website](#) soon.



## European Testing Week

The European Testing Week Working Group met in London on 3 June to discuss the 2016 ETW. The 2016 ETW will take place from **18-25 November 2016**.

The website is now being updated to reflect 2016 content and past and future participants will be asked what we can do better and to share best practice stories from their work.

Keep an eye on the website and help us spread the word of the 2016 ETW. If you want to know more about the 2015 ETW, then check out the evaluation materials on the website which has been put together as a [one-pager](#) and a [slideset](#) to be used and distributed by participants and other interested parties as they see fit.

## Monitoring and evaluation of testing efforts in Europe

HIV in Europe has soon existed for 10 years and has since 2007 been working together for optimal testing and earlier care. Lots of good testing activities are ongoing in Europe and the Steering Committee decided during a meeting in Barcelona last year that it is time to get an overview of monitoring of testing in Europe.

## Ongoing projects

You can always read more about HIV in Europe and our ongoing projects on our website.



## Get Social With us!

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On these channels we will also soon be posting more information about the #HepHIV2017 conference, stay tuned.

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A call for proposals was out and we received many good proposals from experts around Europe interested in creating this overview and we are happy to have selected one of them. A first online kick-off meeting has been held to get the project started. More soon about the exciting results of this project and what it means for HIV in Europe going forward.

### **OptTEST by HiE**

OptTEST partners OptTEST partners, Advisory Board and national pilot sites and PLHIV networks met on 17 May at Instituto de Salud Carlos III in Madrid for the 2nd Annual OptTEST meeting. On the agenda for the meeting was follow-up on the mid-term evaluation recommendations and discussions on how best to secure sustainability of OptTEST results. Partners discussed progress and addressed specific WP issues through thematic group discussions. Several WPs presented preliminary results.

The following day, 18 May, OptTEST and Euro HIV EDAT project partners met to explore possible synergies between the projects. Status overviews were provided by all WPs and the expected outcomes presented.

The two projects focus on HIV testing and linkage to care - OptTEST in health care settings and HIV EDAT in CBVCTs. The participants discussed possibilities for joint publications and dissemination activities, and it was among other things agreed to coordinate project presentations at the 2017 HepHIV Malta conference and organize a joint final conference in September 2017.



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