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# Very short preliminary report

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European HIV-Hepatitis Testing Week held for the fifth time

678 organisations in 52 countries

39 endorsing organisations

Both HIV and viral hepatitis testing (STIs?)

Focus on safe and voluntary testing for key and most affected populations of HIV and hepatitis

Test Finder (ECDC –NAM)

Collaboration with Apps

Supporting tools : communication, factsheets, data collection forms

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# Participation

Albania	1	Latvia	6
Armenia	5	Lithuania	25
Austria	12	Malta	3
Azerbaijan	6	Montenegro	5
Belarus	3	Netherlands	5
Belgium	23	Northern Ireland	1
Bosnia & Herzegovina	7	Norway	14
Bulgaria	15	Poland	21
Croatia	15	Portugal	45
Cyprus	4	Republic of Ireland	16
Czech Republic	11	Republic of Macedonia	6
Denmark	6	Republic of Moldova	1
England	36	Romania	11
Estonia	4	Russia	16
Finland	6	Scotland	19
France	6	Serbia	14
Georgia	8	Slovakia	5
Germany	25	Slovenia	18
Greece	25	Spain	44
Hungary	16	Sweden	15
Iceland	1	Switzerland	7
Israel	2	Tajikistan	5
Italy	36	Turkey	4
Kazakhstan	4	Ukraine	52
Kosovo	2	Uzbekistan	2
Kyrgyzstan	2	Wales	4

- Governmental (national/regional) and other policy organizations: 35
- Healthcare professional/Hospital/Clinic: 73
- NGO/CSO (Civil society organization): 179
- Others: 18
- Blanks: 373



- A statement from key population and regional networks HIV and Hepatitis organisations to own constituencies and other stakeholders
- Cross sectoral collaborations
- Outreach
- Input into materials development

Statement from ETW on principles to advance safe and voluntary testing for key and most affected populations, combination prevention and prompt linkage to care

1. Ensure investment in and participation of key population-led networks and organisations in the design, implementation and evaluation of programmes
2. Support low threshold testing options such as peer to peer testing, harm reduction programmes, rapid testing in community-based settings and self-testing
3. Improve access to affordable rapid and self- test kits
4. Facilitate swift and smooth linkage to care upon diagnosis with access to treatment in line with [WHO](#) and [EACS](#) guidelines
5. Offer combination prevention tools for people who test negative and are at continued risk of infection
6. Remove laws and policies that criminalise HIV and/or hepatitis transmission, exposure and non-disclosure
7. Remove all forms of legal oppression of key and most affected populations such as criminalization of drug use, same sex consensual practices and sex work
8. Eliminate mandatory and coercive testing, forced registration, non-confidential testing, and other forms of testing that raise privacy concerns and put key populations at risk of prosecution or persecution
9. Address data protection and privacy concerns that create barriers to testing
10. Remove restrictions on testing which prohibit community-based testing and self-testing

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