



Don't delay - Sign up today!

The 2015 [European HIV-Hepatitis Testing Week](#) is fast approaching. [HIV in Europe](#) is calling on the European community to unite for one week during November to increase awareness regarding the benefits of HIV and hepatitis testing; so that more people become knowledgeable about their risks, understand that there is effective treatment available and are aware of their HIV and/or hepatitis status. Remember, **even if you/your organisation took part in previous years**, this year we started the count from zero since hepatitis is included, so **you will need to sign up again**. So far **124 participants** have signed up, if you have not already done so then you can join us [here!](#)

Hepatitis testing is included this year because hepatitis B and C are common among people at risk of and among those living with HIV; that's because these viruses are transmitted in many of the same ways HIV is transmitted—through injection drug use and condomless sex.

However, whether you would like to include HIV and hepatitis in your testing week programme, or whether you want to *just* include HIV or hepatitis is entirely up to you, the same way you decide whether you want to carry out testing activities or awareness-raising activities. Inspiration for activities can be found in the implementation handbook (*coming soon*) or on our [success stories](#) page.

This year there are [three versions of the 2015 logo available](#), depending on your target audience and what tests or information you are able to offer. These are available for your use on any materials related to testing week.





Finally, this year, we will make a small change in data collection to be able to collect more numbers on people tested for HIV and/or hepatitis. To see whether the testing week has an impact on numbers tested, we would like to know the number of people tested *prior to* testing week, *during* testing week and *after* testing week. Some of you may remember some of these questions from last year's evaluation survey, but this year we will make a separate online survey to be completed *prior to*, *under* and *after* and numbers can be inserted directly. Detailed instructions and information will be provided, and we hope you will welcome this new initiative and help collect more data on testing during testing week.

As always, you are welcome to contact the Secretariat with questions about the survey or any other questions you may have.

Lastly, don't delay, [sign up today!](#)

With kind regards,
The European HIV-Hepatitis Testing Week Secretariat