

## Theme statement and key messages

### Spring European Testing Week, 15-22 May 2023

#### Strengthening our collaborations among hepatitis/HIV/STI prevention and key population networks

For this Spring European Testing Week (ETW) 2023, let us unite networks addressing hepatitis, HIV and other STIs and key population networks of people living with or affected by those infectious diseases.

Each spring and autumn, ETW provides international organisations and networks of clinicians, researchers and community activists the opportunity to be part of a European-wide campaign, to support local, national, regional and European prevention, treatment and care initiatives. Networks and organisations can use ETW as a platform for their activities and take advantage of the benefits of ETW being a European-wide campaign, while designing and adapting activities to specific local needs.

We unite to promote the benefits of testing interventions in different settings for greater impact. When uniting our diverse networks, we advocate for integrated testing for HIV, viral hepatitis, and STIs; integrated services for testing, prevention and treatment; and integrated dialogue and decision making among healthcare practitioners, policy makers, and the community, for collaborations across countries and regions.

[Sign-up](#) to ETW and register your testing site on the European Test Finder – let's get together 15-22 May to raise awareness of the continued importance of earlier testing and linkage to care!

ETW is unique in being a network of many networks which extend across different disease areas. EuroTEST Steering Committee members, ETW Working Group members and ETW participants represent a wide range of different European networks, including the CO-BATEST Network, European Sex Workers Rights Alliance (ESWA), Correlation European Harm Reduction Network (C-EHRN), European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG), European Liver Patients Alliance (ELPA), Coalition Plus, AIDS Action Europe, European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS), European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), and World Hepatitis Alliance.

Networks can play an important role in supporting the objectives of ETW by identifying key issues in their area of expertise, sharing the key ETW messages to a wide audience, theme statements and other resources as well as providing relevant capacity building to their members and organizing pre-launch events with their members where information about the campaign can be disseminated.

## How can I participate in Spring ETW?

- ✓ Sign up on the ETW website to show that you participate in the upcoming campaign: <https://www.testingweek.eu/sign-up/>.
- ✓ Encourage others to also sign up, and consider collaborating on joint activities (you can see who else has signed up to participate here: <https://www.testingweek.eu/get-involved/participants/>)
- ✓ Download the Spring ETW logo, web banner and other campaign materials from the website (<https://www.testingweek.eu/campaign-materials/>) and use it for your ETW activities to show that you support the campaign.
- ✓ Plan activities that support the objectives of ETW. You can get ideas and inspiration through our “implementation handbook” (Toolkit 2), which you can download here: <https://www.testingweek.eu/campaign-materials/toolkits/>) or see examples of what other participants have done for ETW here: <https://www.testingweek.eu/resources/success-stories/>
- ✓ Promote the European Test Finder: <https://www.testfinder.info/> to facilitate easy access to testing services for HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs. If your organisation provides testing services, make sure to include them in the Test Finder by [registering](#) on the website to provide information about your services.
- ✓ Follow ETW on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (**@EuroTestWeek**)
- ✓ Post pictures and stories about your ETW activities on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- ✓ Share our social media posts on your own social media channels
- ✓ Tag us (**@EuroTeestWeek**) and use the ETW hashtags on social media: **#EuroTestWeek** and **#TestTreatPrevent**