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Health Unit

**B - Satellite organization name: European Commission Health Programme 2014-2020 - European Joint Action INTEGRATE (750px)**

**Time:** Wednesday 25 July 18:30-20:30 (Venue: Forum)

**Title:** HIV and co-infections in at-risk populations: Addressing cross-border treatment needs and ensuring earlier diagnosis of migrants, the homeless, prisoners and other vulnerable populations.

HIV, viral hepatitis and TB are cross-border health threats of Europe that disproportionately affect vulnerable populations. Migrants, homeless and prisoners, among others, are at increased risk for multiple infections while also at risk for being lost within the continuum of care. There is a need to focus on improved testing activities and linkage-to-care pathways for these populations as well as an integration of services for populations at risk for multiple infections. This session will cover four cross-border EU programmes focused on improving testing and the cascade of care for vulnerable populations with multiple co-infections.

**Session objectives:**

- Integrated testing approaches that reach vulnerable populations at risk for infection with HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs and lessons learned from the EU funded initiatives to research the barriers and facilitators.
- Models of care that have been successfully developed that result in integrated testing, evaluation, treatment and cures in identified vulnerable populations.

**Welcome introduction and policy framework**

Chairs: *Jack Lambert (Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and University College Dublin, Ireland) and Lella Cosmaro (Fondazione Lila Milano Onlus, Italy)*

18:30-18:34 Welcome and introduction to the INTEGRATE Joint Action, *Chairs*

18:34-18:41 EU Policy framework, presenting the Staff Working Document 2018, *Jean Luc Sion, (European Commission DG- SANTE Representative)*

18:41-18:48 Monitoring the continuum of care and testing in Europe, *Andrew Amato (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, ECDC)*

18:48-18:55 Bridging to Eastern Europe and Central Asian countries – opportunities and challenges, *Elena Vovc (WHO Regional Office for Europe)*

## **Session 1: Integrated testing approaches – lessons learned and transferability across diseases and borders**

Chairs: *Jack Lambert (Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and University College Dublin, Ireland) and Lella Cosmaro (Fondazione Lila Milano Onlus, Italy)*

18:55-19:05 HepCare: Lessons learned on HCV testing and treatment among key risk groups, including drug users and homeless, through outreach to the community and integration of primary and secondary care services, *John S Lambert (Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and University College Dublin, Ireland)*

19:05-19:15 E-DETECT TB: Find and treat models in Netherlands and UK, transferability to Eastern Europe (Romania and Bulgaria) and options for integrated care delivery, *Gerard de Vries (KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, the Netherlands)*

19:15-19:30 Questions from the audience and discussion

## **Session 2: Round table discussion: Risk groups and co-infections: prevention, linkage to care, and shared care models for care**

Chairs: *Jürgen Rockstroh (University of Bonn, Germany) and Daniel Simoes (Grupo de Ativistas em Tratamentos - GAT, Portugal)*

19:30-19:45 Short introductory remarks (2-3 min) by INTEGRATE partners on:

- transferability of tools on testing and linkage to care across diseases – challenges and opportunities
- How to use data in the implementation of programmes

*Dorthe Raben (CHIP, Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)*

*Ann Sullivan (Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, UK)*

*Jordi Casabona (CEISCATT, Barcelona, Spain)*

*Valerie Delpech (Public Health England, UK)*

Panel members: *Jack Lambert, Lella Cosmaro, Jean Luc Sion, Andrew Amato, Elena Vovc, Gerard de Vries, Dorthe Raben, Ann Sullivan, Jordi Casabona, Valerie Delpech*

19:45-20:20 Moderated discussion with panel and audience

## **20:20-20:30 Conclusions and next steps,**

Chairs: *Jack Lambert (Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and University College Dublin, Ireland) and Lella Cosmaro (Fondazione Lila Milano Onlus, Italy)*