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EUROPEAN AIDS TREATMENT GROUP:

MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF TREATMENT ACTIVISM



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About EATG

Community organisation founded in 1992

- European network of nationally based activists: 168 members from 47 countries in Europe and Central Asia (and US, South Africa and Canada)

Mission

- Ensure fastest possible **access to state of the art medical products or devices and diagnostic tests** that contribute to the **prevention or treatment of HIV/AIDS and related co-infections**

Fields of activities

- Policy and advocacy work
- Science, research and drug development
- Capacity building: trainings and patient education on treatment for PLWH, health- and service providers

“Nothing about us without us”



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Three Pillars

Policy and Advocacy	Science and Development	Capacity and Education
Policy Working Group	European Community Advisory Board	Training and Capacity Building Working Group



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Policy and Advocacy

Policy Working Group (PWG)

- discuss, initiate and implement policy-related activities of the EATG to **improve access to treatment, care and prevention** with focus on different vulnerable populations, human rights, access and innovation etc.

Activities:

- informs EU policy making relating to HIV/AIDS (work with EC and EP)
- monitors political health agenda of the EU institutions
- leads and participates in other policy related public health initiatives and projects





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Policy and Advocacy

- **OptTEST**: optimising testing in Europe
- **European HIV Testing Week**
- **HIV in Europe**: HIV in Europe Policy Secretariat (European platform for exchange and activities to improve **early diagnosis and earlier care** of HIV across Europe)
- **CHAFEA MSM project**



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Science, research and drug development

European Community Advisory Board (ECAB): harmonisation of the best available clinical practices, standards of care and access to the latest and best available therapies and diagnostic tools throughout Europe via:

- Clinical research and drug development
- Clinical trial protocols
- Best practices procedures and ethics
- Universal access to fair, sustainable, affordable drugs
- Access to prevention and substitution treatment

Priority areas: HIV, co-infections (HCV, TB, HBV)



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Science, research and drug development - Projects

- **EUPATI:** patient-led academy that will provide scientifically reliable, objective, comprehensive information to patients on pharmaceutical R&D
- **EmERGE:** Develop a mHealth platform to enable self-management of HIV in patients with stable disease (app development).
- **EHVA:** The European HIV Vaccine Alliance (EHVA) program has as major goal to develop a Multidisciplinary Vaccine Platform (MVP) in the fields of prophylactic and therapeutic HIV vaccines. The MVP includes four components: 1) Discovery, 2) Immune Profiling, 3) Data Management, Integration and Down-Selection, and 4) Clinical Trials.
- **EUROCOORD:** a Network of Excellence of the biggest HIV cohorts and collaborations within Europe



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CAPACITY BUILDING

- Goals

Building, fostering and supporting synergies among and capacities of local HIV community organizations across Europe

Information Access, Availability and Update for patients and health care providers

Country and regional long-term sustainable response to HIV/AIDS and co-infections



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Training
Academy

EATG TRAINING ACADEMY

COPE

Continuous Patient Education Program
Translation of basic materials

STEP UP

5-module training project
in English and Russian

Trainings

Directed to community groups
and HCW

- ❶ **External issue-specific trainings** (country or region specific)
Youth, migrants, HCV, IDU ...
- ❷ **Information support** (translations, factsheets, ...)
- ❸ **Expertise input** (follow up activities, field visits)



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EATG internal structure

General Assembly: representation of all EATG members – highest decision-making body

Board of Directors: executive board chosen by the membership

Staff: supports EATG functioning

Other bodies:

- **DMAG:** effective membership involvement and development systems for new and current members
- **Ombudsmen:** conflict resolution
- **Internal Auditors:** annual organisational audit
- **External representation:** ad hoc/permanent, members/staff



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The EATG office

The office – based in Brussels - counts 7 people:

Koen Block: Executive Director

Marie McLeod: Financial Manager

Nadiia Gaidak: Events Coordinator

Giorgio Barbareschi: Scientific Officer

Ann Isabelle von Lingen: Policy Officer

Kristjan Jachnowitsch: Training Coordinator

Mariana Vicente / Maria Dutarte: Project Manager



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Collaboration and Partnerships

EU institutions and agencies:

- European Commission (DG Sanco, DG Research) and European Parliament; European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- Others: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA); European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC);

EU platforms and international agencies:

- HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum (CSF); EU HIV/AIDS Think Tank ...
 - Others: EU Health Policy Forum; UNAIDS; World Health Organisation ...



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Partners and Networks





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EATG funding

Mainly funded via pharma

Increased involvement in EU projects

Collaboration with some foundations

Some core but increased project funding