

Agenda I Workshop on prevention and control of drug-related infectious diseases among people who inject drugs

Venue: Auditorium II, Lisbon Congress Centre / Lisbon

Background

In 2023 the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA) launched an update of the 2011 Public health guidance on prevention and control of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs. [The updated guidance](#) aims to support policy-makers and public health programme managers and planners by making available the evidence base for developing national strategies, policies, and programmes for a population of people who inject drugs that is particularly vulnerable to drug-related infectious diseases such as HIV and viral hepatitis.

The side-event, co-organised by EU4Monitoring Drugs II project, funded by the European Union, and implemented by the EUDA, is designed for policymakers, infectious diseases experts, and representatives from civil society organisations. Although it is aimed at representatives from European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) area countries, all professionals working in the field of prevention of infectious diseases are welcome to join the event based on the availability of space.

Objectives of the side event

The overall objectives of the side-event are to:

- Share updated public health guidance and recommendations for prevention and control of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs, published by ECDC & EUDA, and overview of new EUDA study protocol for monitoring the coverage of interventions to control viral hepatitis and HIV among PWID:
- Reflect, in smaller groups, on specific elements, including recommended interventions, assessing intervention coverage, data collection, and monitoring.

Practical information

The event will be held in Auditorium II at Lisbon Congress Centre (Praça das Indústrias, 1300-307 Lisboa).

Tuesday, 22 October 2024

09:00–12:00

Registration

08:45–09:00

Session 1: Opening session

Opening remarks by the European Union Drugs Agency

09:00–09:20

Presenter: Marica Ferri, European Union Drugs Agency

Session 2: Recommended interventions and monitoring intervention coverage

Chair: Ilze Jekabsone, European Union Drugs Agency

Interventions recommended by ECDC & EUDA for the prevention and control of infectious diseases

Presenter: Anne Bergenström, European Union Drugs Agency

09:20–09:40

Monitoring the burden of viral hepatitis and HIV among PWID and coverage of interventions: new EUDA study protocol

09:40–10:10

Presenter: Thomas Seyler, European Union Drugs Agency

COFFEE BREAK

10:10–10:30

Session 3: Group discussion on specific elements of the updated ECDC & EUDA Guidance

10:40–11:20

Chair: Anne Bergenström, European Union Drugs Agency

Introduction and objective of group discussion

10:30–10:40

Presenter: Anne Bergenström, European Union Drugs Agency

Discussion in 3–4 groups

10:40–11:20

Summary of emerging themes by discussant followed by a discussion

11:20–11:45

Discussant: David Otiashvili, Addiction Research Centre, Alternative Georgia

Session 4: Closing of side-event

11:45–11:55

Ilze Jekabsone, European Union Drugs Agency

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12:00–13:00



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