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# TIME TO ACT: DELIVERING ON EUROPE'S COMMITMENT TO SDG 3.3

## AN EU ACTION PLAN ON HIV/AIDS IS URGENT

Breakfast discussion co-organised by



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In her mission letters to the new College of Commissioners, President Ursula von der Leyen emphasised that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be a priority for the European Commission. As **this is the final European Parliament mandate to contribute to the EU's efforts to meet the 2030 SDG targets**, it has the unique opportunity to align with the Commission's mission and call for prioritisation of HIV in the next 5 years at EU and national levels.

Ending the HIV epidemic by 2030 is a globally recognised target under SDG 3.3, aiming to "end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria by 2030". However, despite this global commitment, there is a notable lack of sufficient political commitment, funding and policy actions to effectively achieve this target.

**Unfortunately, the EU is not exempt from this shortfall.** In early 2024, only six years away from 2030, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) [reported](#) that **EU/EEA countries are far off track from meeting the goals of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

Although significant steps have been taken to fight HIV in Europe, the urgency and importance of the epidemic demands renewed political dedication, the right level of investment, and the development of policy tools to address the multifaceted challenges of HIV. **The adoption of a new EU Action Plan on HIV/AIDS must be prioritised**, with the overall ambition to end the HIV epidemic by 2030, and with a strong and ambitious chapter on improving the long-term care and the health-related quality of life (HRQoL) of people living with HIV in Europe.

### Event Objectives

Advocate for **prioritisation of HIV-related issues** in the new European Parliament and European Commission and calling for an **EU Action Plan on HIV/AIDS**.

**Raise awareness to MEPs** about HIV-related topics and encourage them to **prioritise HIV during the new European Parliament mandate** and adapt policies on HIV to the changing demographics of the HIV population, leaving no one behind.

Address the **complex needs of people living with HIV**, including comorbidities, stigma and discrimination, mental health, and promote healthy ageing.

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#### OBSERVER MEMBERS

- European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS)
- European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- Fast Track Cities
- UNAIDS
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## Agenda

8.00-8.05	<p><b>Welcome remarks</b> Katrina Sichel, Moderator</p>
8.05-8.15	<p><b>Keynote address</b> MEP Vytenis Andriukaitis, S&amp;D, Lithuania</p>
8.15-8.30	<p><b>Setting the scene: Multi-stakeholder perspectives on the long-term health and wellbeing of people living with HIV</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mario Cascio</b>, NPS Italia APS and HIV Outcomes</li> <li>• <b>Christoph Boesecke</b>, European AIDS Clinical Society</li> <li>• <b>Caroline Sabin</b>, University College London and HIV Outcomes</li> <li>• <b>Mafalda Infante</b>, UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health</li> </ul>
8.30-9.00	<p><b>Panel discussion: A 2030 vision - the EU's role in ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic</b></p> <p><b>SDG 3.3 – five years left to achieving goals – how can the EU contribute to achieve this legacy</b> MEP Vytenis Andriukaitis, S&amp;D, Lithuania</p> <p><b>Quality of life of persons living with HIV</b> MEP Krzysztof Śmiszek, S&amp;D, Poland</p> <p><b>Comorbidities prevention, treatment and management</b> MEP András Kulja, EPP, Hungary – video intervention</p> <p><b>Combating stigma and discrimination in the EU</b> MEP Tilly Metz, Greens/EFA, Luxembourg</p> <p><b>Monitoring and measurement of person-reported outcomes (PROMs)</b> MEP Tomislav Sokol, EPP, Croatia</p>
9.00-9.25	<p><b>Q&amp;A with audience</b></p>
9.25-9.30	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> Miłosz Parczewski, European AIDS Clinical Society</p>

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