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The **main aim of the ECEE Network** is to review the implementation of EACS guidelines across Central and Eastern European and neighboring countries, and to discuss national strategies for timely initiation of antiretroviral therapy in response to changing guidelines. The network creates consensus statements and conduct meaningful research, with results being published in international journals, which should then inform further actions by governmental agencies and support local activism.

How does it work? Face-to-face meetings organized yearly in Warsaw, Poland, before which each country participant can propose a topic, that is of interest or that needs to be further investigated in the region. Once a collective decision is made to move this forward an on-line survey is developed in order to collect information and/or opinions on the given topic. The topics are then addressed at the annual meeting.

The ECEE conferences are officially endorsed by the European AIDS Clinical Society, Medical University of Warsaw and Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Warsaw.

Relevant regional topics covered by the ECEE so far have been: dynamics of HIV and hepatitis epidemiology, late presentation in care, access to cART and its components, hard to reach population and addressing the gaps of HIV continuum of care, pregnancy and DTG exposure, access to treatment for viral hepatitis, nephrological care for HIV infected patients, access to transplantation and end-stage organ disease for HIV patients, laboratory monitoring instruments for 90-90-90, new ART strategies, prophylaxis and vaccination for viral hepatitis, and PrEP and its implementation.

Participating countries:

- Albania
- Armenia
- Belarus
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Georgia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Lithuania
- Macedonia
- Republic of Moldova
- Poland
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Turkey
- Ukraine



Posters and presentations at international conferences



2nd EACS meeting on Standards of Care, Brussels 2016

- The Euroguidelines in Central and Eastern Europe Conference (ECEE): a summary presented by Justyna D. Kowalska

16th EACS Conference, Milano 2017

- ECEE Network - Barriers to Adapting Euroguidelines presented by Andrzej Horban during EACS Regional Representatives Session: How Far Are We from the Euroguidelines in the Different Regions of Europe? 26th October 2017
- HIV Practitioners Perspective on PrEP in Eastern, Central, and South-Eastern Europe - Data from ECEE Network Group - presented by Justyna D. Kowalska EATG Session
- Epidemiological characteristics and access to end-stage liver disease care for HIV positive patients with HCV and/or HBV coinfection in Central/Eastern Europe and neighboring countries - data from the ECEE network – Skrzat-Klapaczyńska A. et al. Abstr Nr PE11/50
- Current State of Viral Hepatitis Healthcare in Central and Eastern Europe: Data from the Euroguidelines in Central and Eastern Europe (ECEE) Network Group - Chkhartishvili N. et al. Abstr Nr PE16/13
- HIV healthcare providers are ready to introduce PreP in Central and Eastern Europe - data from ECEE Network Group - Kowalska JD. et al. Abstr Nr PE26/12
- Cascade of care for HIV and hard to reach populations in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe - data from ECEE Network - Balayan T. et al. Abstr Nr PE23/9

HIV Drug Therapy Glasgow 2018

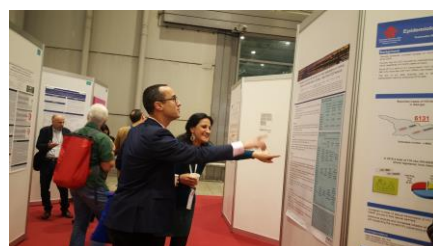
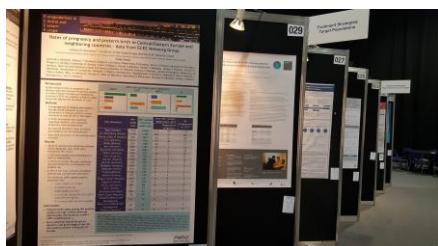
- Exposure to dolutegravir in pregnant women living with HIV in Central and Eastern Europe and neighboring countries – data from the ECEE Network Group - Gökengin D. et al. Abstr Nr P004
- Rates of pregnancy and preterm birth in Central/Eastern Europe and neighboring countries – data from ECEE Network Group. - Kowalska JD. et al. Abstr Nr P031

VI Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference, Moscow, Russia 2018

- Medical care for people with HIV in Eastern and Central Europe – presented by Justyna D. Kowalska
- European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) Recommendations on HIV Treatment - presented by Andrzej Horban

4th CEE Meeting on Viral Hepatitis and HIV, Prague 2018

- Access to DAAs among HCV, HCV/HIV co-infected patients in Central/Eastern Europe and the epidemiological characteristics of ESLD in this region - data from the ECEE Network Group. - Skrzat-Klapaczyńska A. et al. Abstr Nr 12





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ECEE Network Group Declarations



The Warsaw Declaration for Provision of EACS Guidelines in Central and Eastern Europe

6th February 2016, Warsaw, Poland

In recognition of the necessity to build regional capacity in improving HIV care and preventing HIV transmission the undersigned hereby declare their will to promote programs, projects and activities promoting the widespread use of antiretroviral treatment for HIV infection in the Central and Eastern Europe region and neighbouring countries, and to remain in conformity with the provisions of EACS guidelines.

The undersigned wish to underline that the key role in the process of scaling up antiretroviral treatment, as the most effective strategy to reduce mortality/morbidity and to stop HIV transmission, belongs to governmental and policy-making agencies. Therefore we call these stakeholders to action in supporting national capacity in this area by more concise and proactive fundraising and immediate allocation of already existing resources.

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The Warsaw Declaration for provision of standards of care for hepatitis in Central and Eastern Europe

13th May 2017, Warsaw, Poland

In recognition of the need to build regional capacity in improving HCV and HBV prevention, treatment and care, the undersigned hereby declare their will to promote programs, projects and activities aimed at the universal use of antiviral treatment for HCV and HBV infection and comprehensive anti-HBV vaccination in the Central and Eastern Europe region and neighbouring countries, a strategy which conforms with European standards of care.

The undersigned wish to underline the key role in the above process, as the most effective strategy to reduce mortality/morbidity and to eliminate the HCV and HBV epidemic, belongs to governmental and policy-making agencies. Therefore we call these stakeholders to action in enhancing national capacity in this area by more concise and proactive fundraising and strengthening of infrastructure.

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Euroguidelines in Central and Eastern Europe (ECEE) workshop
Європейські Стандарти Діагностики Та Лікування ВІЛ В Контексті України
13 September 2019, Lviv, Ukraine

Chairs:	Andrzej Horban, Maryana Sluzhynska, Justyna D Kowalska, Marta Vasylyev, Iryna Chajka, Olena Pavlyshyn	
13:00 - 13:15	Introduction. Presentation of lecturers and participants.	
13:15-13:25	Euroguidelines in Central and Eastern Europe Network Group. Who we are and what we do	Justyna D. Kowalska
13:25 - 13:45	Рекомендації Європейського Клінічного Товариства СНІДу (EACS) в практиці українського клініциста Applicability of European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) guidelines in Ukrainian realities	Marta Vasylyev
13:45 - 14:05	Клінічний протокол лікування ВІЛ інфекції в Україні. Ukrainian HIV Clinical Protocol updates	Iryna Chajka
14:30 – 14:50	Здоров'я жінок в контексті ВІЛ в Україні. Доступність послуг, перепони та потреби. HIV in a context of women health in Ukraine. Access to services, challenges and needs	Marta Vasylyev
14:50 – 15:10	European AIDS Clinical Society(EACS) guidelines long term monitoring and co-morbidities	Justyna D. Kowalska
15:10 - 15:30	Клінічний протокол лікування ВІЛ інфекції в Україні. Українські стандарти лікування опортуністичних та супутніх захворювань. Ukrainian HIV Clinical Protocol . Management of opportunistic infections and co-morbidities	Olena Pavlyshyn
15:30	Discussion	



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