

Resetting the course towards ending tuberculosis and AIDS, and eliminating the epidemics of viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections in the WHO European Region

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By 2030, the world is expected to have significantly reduced the burden of tuberculosis (TB), AIDS, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). In the WHO European Region, most of the related 2020 targets have not been met and COVID-19 has reversed progress.

Recent advances provide an unprecedented opportunity to end TB, AIDS and the epidemics of viral hepatitis and STIs globally. Reaching the regional and global targets requires reinforcing strategic shifts, implementing bold actions and advancing sustained commitments.

Key outcome: Attest political commitment prior to the adoption of the regional action plans, including setting the pace towards a subregional Ministerial Meeting on HIV and Hepatitis and the United Nations High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on TB in 2023.

Outline:

- Member States that have made compelling progress towards ending AIDS, viral hepatitis, STIs and TB will share their perspectives.
- Partners will give an overview of how they can support governments to get back on track towards reaching the targets.
- An open discussion will be held on key areas of focus to end the epidemics in countries participating in the event.
- The session will conclude with reviewing and supporting tangible commitments ahead of a subregional ministerial meeting in 2023 and United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB in 2023.

Programme

This parallel session is hosted by: Dr Hans Kluge WHO Regional Office for Europe; Dr Nino Berdzuli, Director, Division of Country Health Programmes

Facilitator of the session: Miri Mikhaeli, news anchor and journalist, Tel Aviv

12:30 Lunch will be served

12:43-12:45

Welcome and introductions

Dr Nino Berdzuli

12:45-12:48

People Time

Video story of XDR TB Survivor

12:48-12:55

Setting the scene: The urgency to accelerate ending TB, AIDS, hepatitis and STIs

Dr Hans Kluge WHO Regional Office for Europe

12:55-13:00

Audience Time: Rapid Test Availability*Facilitated activity*

13:00-13:15

Ministers Time: Key ingredients for success and what lies ahead*Mr Zurab Azarashvili, Minister of Health, Georgia**Mrs Azhar Giniyat, Minister of Health, Kazakhstan**Ms Ana Wechsberg, International Director, Department of Health and Social Care, the United Kingdom (tbc)**Ms Carolina Darias San Sebastián, Minister of Health, Spain (video)*

13:15-13:30

Partners Time*Lucica Ditiu, Executive Director, Stop TB Partnership**Dumitru Laticevski, Regional Manager, EECA Team, Global Fund**Carry James, CEO, World Hepatitis Alliance**Carolyn Wester, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

13:30-13:40

Open Floor

13:40-13:45

Commitment Time Summing up and moving forward*Dr Nino Berdzuli, Director, Division of Country Health Programmes, WHO Regional Office for Europe*

Practical information

Languages

The parallel session will be in English with simultaneous translation provided into French, German and Russian

Interaction with participants

Closed Ministerial Session

Documentation

[Information Sheet: Regional action plans for ending AIDS and the epidemics of viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections 2022-2030](#)

[Information Sheet: Tuberculosis action plan for the WHO European Region 2023-2030](#)

