

Biographies

CHAIR OF THE EVENT

Ms Raminta Stuikyte, Open Society Foundations, European AIDS Treatment Group



Raminta Stuikyte has been working in promoting transformation of policies and strengthening civil society in the field of HIV, drug policy and access to medicines for the last 15 years. She advised UN Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, works with Open Society Foundations, and regional HIV and drug policy networks and initiatives across Europe. She serves on the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights. In the last years, she focused on increased awareness and solutions for greater sustainability of HIV and TB responses and more effective donor transition.

OPENING AND WELCOMING SESSION

Speakers:

Mr Jevgeni Ossinovski, Minister of Health and Labor of Estonia



Jevgeni Ossinovski is working to improve the working environment of Estonia in an innovative way. He is currently the Minister for Health and Labour of Estonia and the leader of the Estonian Social Democratic Party. His main fields of expertise are modernising education to fit the needs of the labour market, improving the labour environment, employment relations, and the promotion of equal treatment of all people in the workplace. Previously, he was the Minister for Education and Research. He has a master's degree in philosophy from Warwick University as well as a master's degree in political science from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Mr Wolfgang Philipp, the Head of Unit for Crisis Management and Preparedness in Health, the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission



Wolfgang Philipp is the Head of Unit for crisis management and preparedness in health in the Public Health Directorate of the European Commission, where he worked on HIV/AIDS and chronic disease policies before. He holds a PhD in microbiology of the University of Paris, France, and has been working in tuberculosis research at the Institut Pasteur, and at the Universities of Bern and Basel, Switzerland. He was a Member of the Basel Institute of Immunology before joining the European Commission in 2001.

Dr Luis Mendao, co-chair of the Civil Society Forum on HIV/AIDS at the European Commission, chair of EATG



Luís Mendão concluded his studies in biochemistry in 1983 at the University Pierre et Marie Curie, in Paris. He is currently Chair of the Board of GAT –Treatment Activist Group. He is also the founder and on the Board of Directors of the Portuguese drug policy reform association (SOMA-APA).

Luís Mendão is a member of the European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG), and former Chair of the Board 2016. He was also twice Co-chair of the HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and Tuberculosis Civil Society Forum of the European Union until July 2017. Since 2005 he has been community consultant of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, EMCDDA, ECDC and EMA.

He was ordered “Commendador” by the President of Portugal on 2014 for his services to the community and public health on HIV and viral hepatitis.

He presented on all the major HIV and Hepatitis conferences and summits, including World Hepatitis Summit Glasgow and S. Paulo. He is on the Board of the ACHIEVE Initiative and INHSU 2018. Luís Mendão was diagnosed with HIV and HCV in 1996.

Mr Latsin Alijev, Estonian Network PLWHIV, chairman of the board



Latsin Alijev is a Chairman of the Board of Estonian Network of People Living with HIV. He is an activist of and participant in national and international public initiatives and forums. His rich experience of volunteer work in state and non-governmental organizations contributed to Latsin’s subsequent professional activities in advocacy and development of services for people affected by HIV and drug use, which include: development of psychosocial support programs for people living with HIV and people who use drugs, implemented by non-governmental organizations in the penitentiary system of Estonia; creation and development of a national network of people living with HIV; promotion of meaningful participation of the PLHIV community in shaping policies and providing services in the field of HIV; establishment of a national consortium of key populations (MSM, TG, PLHIV, PWUD) in order to consolidate efforts to expand access to quality and continuous HIV care for all who need it in Estonia.

Dr Masoud Dara, Coordinator, Communicable Diseases & Programme Manager, TB, HIV and viral Hepatitis Programme, Division of Health Emergencies & Communicable Diseases, WHO Regional Office for Europe



Dr Masoud Dara is a Medical Doctor and public health expert from Belgium. He has worked with Médecins Sans Frontières, Belgian Red Cross, KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation and the World Health Organization in various countries. From 2010-2014, he led the WHO Regional Office TB programme, and from 2014-2016, worked as WHO Senior Advisor to the European Union. Since 2016, he has been the Coordinator of Communicable Diseases and leads the TB, HIV and viral hepatitis programme at WHO Regional Office for Europe.

SESSION 1

Current Challenges and Opportunities in the European Union and neighbouring countries

Moderator: **Dr Lucica Ditiu**, Executive Director of the STOP TB Partnership



A native of Romania, Dr. Ditiu is a physician and a public health expert, who has devoted her career to helping those affected by TB, especially people most vulnerable and living in communities heavily burdened by tuberculosis (TB). Over the last 5 years, Dr. Ditiu has been developing a clear identity for the Stop TB Partnership and ensuring a strong voice of the TB Community in the international arena. Dr. Ditiu began her international career with the WHO in January 2000 as a medical officer for TB in Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia within the disaster and preparedness unit of the WHO European Regional Office. In this role she worked in a very challenging environment and closely collaborated with main national stakeholders involved in TB care, including ministers of health, justice and development. In 2006 she was selected to be a medical officer in the TB unit of the European Regional Office in Copenhagen. In January 2010 Dr. Ditiu joined the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat in Geneva to lead the TB REACH initiative - a Stop TB Partnership programme that awards grants up to US\$ 1 million for improving access to TB diagnosis and treatment and care for those that are most vulnerable.

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DISCUSSION PANEL I

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Mr Vinay Saldanha, Director, Regional Support Team for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Ms Annika Veimer, Director of the Estonian National Institute for Health Development



Annika Veimer is the Director General of the Estonian National Institute for Health Development. She joined the Institute in 2004 as a manager of GFATM 4-year program with the aim to scale up the response to HIV prevention, treatment and care in Estonia. After the GFATM program ended in autumn of 2007 she continued as a Director of Public Health Programs and was involved in managing, developing, implementing and coordinating national public health programs and action plans according to strategies in the Institute in cooperation with the government, health care and NGO sector organizations.

SESSION II

Sustainably integrating TB and HIV services into national health systems: challenges, risks, and opportunities

Moderator: **Dr Martin van den Boom**, Technical Officer, TB, HIV and viral Hepatitis Programme, Division of Health Emergencies & Communicable Diseases, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Dr Martin van den Boom



Dr. Martin van den Boom, from Germany, studied medicine and public health in Germany, Switzerland, France, USA, UK and Spain. He is a medical graduate of the University of Aachen, where he also obtained his doctorate, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He joined WHO in 2008, following several years in clinical medicine and short term assignments for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany. Since then he has worked in different areas of TB control in several WHO Regions & been co-author of international peer-reviewed publications. His key areas of interest are the integration of TB in primary health care, health system strengthening, childhood- and DR-TB.

Speakers:

Dr Ihor Perehinets, Technical Adviser, Division of Health Systems and Public Health, WHO/Europe



Ihor Perehinets, MD, MPH, Technical Advisor at the Division of Health Systems and Public Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe, is responsible for coordination of the TB – REP Project. He advises the Division Directors' Office on broad spectrum of health systems related issues. Before joining WHO Dr. Perehinets served as Deputy Minister of Health of Ukraine and was responsible for the health systems and public health services reform coordination in the country and EU-Ukraine Association Agreement implementation. Dr. Perehinets has an extensive experience in public health field in Eastern Europe. Prior to joining MOH Dr. Perehinets worked for the WHO Country Office in Ukraine as a Deputy Head. He holds MD degree from Lviv State Medical University, Ukraine, and MPH from San Jose State University, USA.

Dr Marieke van der Werf, MD, PhD, MSc, MPH, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, ECDC



Marieke J. van der Werf is the head of the Disease Programme Tuberculosis at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control since 2012 where she is responsible for the scientific and technical work of the Centre on tuberculosis surveillance, diagnosis, guidance development, and country support. She was trained as a medical doctor, in biomedical sciences, and in public health. She obtained her PhD in 2003 and published more than 100 articles in international peer-reviewed journals. She has worked in Europe, Africa and Asia and provided technical assistance and built capacity for epidemiological and operational research on topics relevant for tuberculosis prevention and control. She participated in international policy and guidelines development groups, such as the World Health Organization STAG-TB and the Task Force Impact Measurement.

DISCUSSION PANEL II

Panellists:

Mr Vitaly Djuma, Executive Director of Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM)



Vitaly Djuma is the Executive Director of Eurasian Coalition on Male Health, ECOM. With headquarters in Tallinn, Estonia, ECOM is a regional association of 42 member organizations and activists working on HIV among gay men and other MSM, and transgender people in 12 countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Vitaly has been involved in the HIV response in the region for almost 20 years, with a focus on the most affected populations - specifically, men who have sex with men and people who use drugs.

Nina Khurjeva, Chief Specialist, Federal Research Institute for Health Care Organization and Informatics of Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation



Dr Nina Khurjeva is a Chief Specialist in the Federal Research Institute for Health Organization and Informatics affiliated to the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation. After getting a MD diploma in the Sechenov Moscow Medical Academy, she served as a physician at the Moscow Ambulance Service (1985-1989). In 1989-1991, she completed a two-year post-graduate training in internal medicine. She has worked in Moscow-based offices of International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (1991-1993) and WHO (1999-2002). At her current position, Dr Khurjeva's interests moved to health systems strengthening area as she joined the research team active in the development of time norms for health care workers, norms for outpatient and inpatient care (volumes of care for basic health care package), which provides a solid ground for development of new models of TB care within a multitier health care system.

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Mr Viktor Pylypenko, head of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Affected by TB



Born in Kyiv, July 26, 1957. Since 1982 at Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University. Associate Professor, Faculty of History, Department of Ethnology. During December 2013 – August 2015 passed treatment from tuberculosis (MDR-TB).

Member of “Ukrainians against TB” Foundation» and National Council on TB and HIV / AIDS. One of the founders of “TB People” – network of people with experience of TB in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. One of the organizers and head of the Board of All-Ukrainian Association of People, who recover from TB “Stronger than TB”. Married. Father of two. Have two grandsons.

Dr Alistair Story, Founder and Clinical Lead of the pan-London TB screening service Find & Treat, UK



Dr Al Story is the founder and Clinical Lead of the pan-London Find&Treat Service. His core expertise is in tackling communicable diseases among vulnerable populations. Research interests include outreach, point of care diagnostics, computer aided diagnostics, Peer interventions, service integration and using mobile technologies to promote engagement and treatment continuity. He is an original member of the Faculty for Homeless and Inclusion Health and the Pathway Team and a senior lecturer with the Farr Institute at University College London.

SESSION III

Sustainable financing of the HIV and TB services within the national health systems: challenges, risks, and opportunities

Moderator: **Dr Ülla-Karin Nurm**, Director of the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being

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Speakers:

Dr Stela Bivol, Director of the Center for Health Policies and Studies (PAS Center), Moldova



Stela Bivol is the Director of the PAS Center, a Moldovan non-government organization that implements Global Fund national and regional grants and other public health programs. Stela Bivol is a public health professional with experience in program management of international development programs and as a consultant in EECA region. She serves on the TGF Technical Review Panel as its Vice Chair. She holds an MD degree in family medicine from the Testemitanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Moldova and an MPH from the Boston University School of Public Health.

Ms Aljona Kurbatova, Head of the Infectious Diseases and Drug Abuse Prevention Department, Estonian National Institute for Health Development



Aljona Kurbatova is the head of the Infectious Diseases and Drug Abuse Prevention Department in the National Institute for Health Development. She is sociologist by education and started working in the public health field in 1998. In 2002-2003 she worked in the Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia. She has participated in elaboration of different public health strategies including National HIV prevention strategy and White Paper on Drug Policy. In her current position she is responsible for development, coordination and financing of health and social services in the field of drug addiction, HIV and tuberculosis prevention, as well as implementation of national and international cooperation projects.

DISCUSSION PANEL III

Panellists:

Ms Marja Esveld, Senior Advisor Health, Department of Social Development, Health and Aids Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands



Marja Esveld is an infectious diseases epidemiologist by training. She currently holds the position of Senior Health Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As part of this position, she is alternate Board Member to the GFATM. The last 5 years Marja was a global health advisor at the Dutch Ministry of Health, where she managed the Dutch Partnership Programme with the WHO and coordinated the Dutch contribution to the Global Health Security Agenda, G20 and the 2016 Dutch EU Presidency on Antimicrobial Resistance. Previous positions were with the National Institute for Public Health, WHO and the Dutch Healthcare Inspectorate.

Mr Andriy Klepikov, Executive Director of Alliance for Public Health (Ukraine)



Andriy Klepikov is the Executive director of the Alliance for Public Health (formerly known as International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine). Andriy is managing one of the largest harm reduction program globally, he is leading scaling up opioid-substitution therapy program, he runs growing TB program in Ukraine, he is leading advocacy efforts in access to Hepatitis C treatment.

Received Ph.D. in philosophy in 1996 in Ukraine and did Post-Doctoral Studies & Research in Sociology being a Visiting Scholar at the Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York in 1996-1997. In 2008 successfully completed executive management education program International Masters in Practicing Management which was run jointly by the following universities / business schools: INSEAD (France); McGill University (Canada); India Institute of Management (Bangalore); Lancaster University (UK); Korean Development Institute and Japan Advanced Institute of Science & Technology. Elected member of the Developing Country NGO Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (since April 2013).

Mr Geir Sølve Sande Lie, Health Financing Specialist, Strategy, Investment and Impact Division, The Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria



Geir Lie is a Health Financing Specialist at the Global Fund. Geir works on supporting country teams on domestic financing, fiscal sustainability, transition, and planning across Global Fund projects. Prior to the Global Fund he served as the Economist at the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health. He has also worked at the World Health Organization and the World Bank.

Mr Sergey Votyagov, Director of the Robert Carr Network Fund



Sergey Votyagov works as Director of the Robert Carr Fund designing and implementing participatory grant making strategies to sustain and strengthen civil society and communities' roles in the global HIV response. Sergey holds 6 years of organizational leadership and management experience and 12 years of experience in advocacy program design and management in politically challenging environments. Sergey engaged diverse national, international stakeholders in government, corporate, nonprofit sectors to mobilize response to public health challenges and has proven his ability to identify problems, formulate priorities and propose solutions. He played key roles in program piloting, organizational start-up, merger and expansion that were critical to development of strategic thinking and leadership skills. Sergey is a 2010 graduate of Johns Hopkins University (USA) with Master's Degree in Public Policy and Certificate in International Development.

SESSION IV:

Opportunities for reaching Universal Health Coverage through a strong community response

Moderator: **Dr Julia Greenberg**

Dr Julia Greenberg, Director of Governance and Financing at the Open Society Public Health Program, Open Society Foundations

Speakers:

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Ms Fanny Voitzwinkler, Head of EU Office & Deputy Executive Director of Global Health Advocates



After graduating in Conflict Studies and Human Rights, Fanny worked on minority rights projects for the European Centre for Minority Issues in Kosovo, on peacebuilding and conflict transformation in the United Nations Africa Peacekeeping Operations in New York, on emergency health aid with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society in the occupied Palestinian territories, on children's rights campaigns for the Council of Europe and on multilateral relations with the European Commission.

She joined the GHA team at the beginning of 2011, with the creation of Global Health Advocates' Brussels office. She coordinates the work, strategy and team of GHA at EU level. Since then she has focused her work on EU Research, Development and Health policies and helped develop and coordinate a TB advocacy coalition in the WHO Europe region ([TB Europe Coalition](#)).

Ms Ivana Vujovic, NGO Juventus, Montenegro



Ivana Vujovic is Executive Director at NGO Juventus from Montenegro. She is active in the NGO sector since 1996, member of Juventus from 2000. She has coordinated or has participated in the realization of over 100 projects related to: capacity building, research, policy, advocacy and direct assistance, many of them in area of prevention of HIV/AIDS. She has published a significant number of publications in the fields of: policies for young people, participation in decision-making process, analyzes of public opinion polls, SRHR, human rights of KAPs in relation to HIV/AIDS, prisoners, people who use drugs, LGBT, young people leaving formal care, access to services, NGOs, patients' rights, physics of ionized gases and promotion of science.

Mr Matthew Macgregor, Senior Project Lead, Sustainability, Transition, and Co-Financing



Matthew MacGregor is the Senior Project Lead for Sustainability, Transition, and Co-Financing at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. In this capacity, Matthew leads the Global Fund's work to implement the Sustainability, Transition, and Co-Financing (STC) policy. Matthew also previously served as a Global Fund "Fund Portfolio Manager" (FPM) in the Latin American and Caribbean region. Before joining the Global Fund, Matthew worked in a variety of capacities in health and development, including as the Executive Director of a US-based health NGO. He holds a Master degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts University.

DISCUSSION PANEL IV

Panellists:

Mr Henning Mikkelsen, representative of UNAIDS



With a background in social sciences Henning Mikkelsen has more than 30 years of experience in the AIDS response. From 1986 to 1988 he was engaged in the first national HIV organisation in Denmark, and became from 1989 NGO liaison officer at the Global Programme on AIDS in the WHO Regional Office for Europe. He joined UNAIDS in 1996, and worked with countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, latest as Director for the UNAIDS Regional Support Team. From 2007 to 2010 he served in the European Commission as Policy Adviser on AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis in the Directorate for Development, and then became UNAIDS Representative to the European Union until his retirement in 2014.

Ms Cristiana Oprea MD, Ph.D., Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Victor Babes Clinical Hospital for Infectious and Tropical Diseases, Romania



Associate Professor at "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy and infectious diseases specialist at "Victor Babes" Clinical Hospital for Infectious Diseases Bucharest, Romania. Her research interest is focused on HIV and opportunistic infections (tuberculosis and neurological complications), co-infections with viral hepatitis and standards of HIV care. Since 2014 she is a member of the EACS Governing Board and since 2017 part of the EuroSIDA Steering Committee. She is involved in research projects related to HIV, hepatitis and TB and in HIV educational programmes organized by EACS.

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Dr Maria Tyufekchieva, Chief Expert in "Promotion and prevention of diseases and addictions" Directorate, Ministry of Health of Bulgaria and Medical coordinator under the Programs financed by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



Specialist/education background - Medical doctor, specialty in epidemiology, specialty in Pediatric diseases. Job title - Chief Expert in "Promotion and prevention of diseases and addictions" Directorate, Ministry of Health of Bulgaria and Medical coordinator under the Programs financed by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Responsible for the implementation of the National TB Program and TB Program funded by the Global Fund.

Ms Louise Van Deth, Executive Director of the Aids Fonds and STI AIDS Netherlands



Louise van Deth is executive director of Aidsfonds-Soa Aids Nederland since June 2016, after been Director of STOP AIDS NOW! for more than 7 years. Before that she was director of Stichting Natuur en Milieu for five years and Assistant Director of the Centraal Bureau Fondsenwerving for seven years. She started her career as an investment banker with Pierson, Heldring & Pierson. She made a deliberate switch to the NGO sector and has served on the board of a variety of charitable organisations. During 15 years she acted as treasurer of Mama Cash and until 2008 she was chair of the climate project HIER, a coalition of 40 beneficiaries of the Dutch Postcode Lottery. Louise van Deth received an MBA from Tuck School of Business and a Master's in English language and literature from the University of Amsterdam.

"My work is about making the world a better place and I do this with conviction and a business attitude. I deal with the poorest of the poor and with presidents and ministers and everyone in between. I am known as "the peacemaker", always trying to find common ground on the way toward tangible goals."

SESSION V: Roles and responsibilities of different partners in integrated and integrative disease responses

Moderator: **Mrs Maris Jesse**, Deputy Secretary General on Health, Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia

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Dr Maris Jesse holds the position of Deputy Secretary General on Health since 2016. Previously, she has served as the Director of the National Institute for Health Development since 2008. She holds a medical degree from Tartu University, Estonia and MSc degrees from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. She has led the Estonian Health Insurance Fund as Chairman of Management Board, worked as senior health specialist at the World Bank and as health policy analyst at PRAXIS Center for Policy Studies, Estonia. Dr Jesse served as Member of Executive Board of WHO 2009–2012, and represented the WHO European Region in the working group of WHO governance reform in 2015

Speakers:

Anke van Dam, Director of AFEW International



Anke van Dam is executive director of AFEW international, an international network of civil society organisations working in Eastern Europe and Central-Asia to increase access to health for key populations at risk for HIV, TB and viral hepatitis. Anke works for more than 20 years in the area of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, including HIV and AIDS, of which 13 years in Eastern Europe and Central-Asia. She is an expert in Harm Reduction and in strengthening the capacity of NGOs and civil society organisations.

Mr Jean-Luc Sion, Policy Officer, Health Threat Unit, the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission



Jean-Luc Sion is Policy Officer in the Public health Directorate of DG Health and food Safety. He graduated in Applied Economics at the University of Mons in Belgium. He joined the European Commission in 1986 and the Public Health Directorate in 2006, first as a Financial Officer, then as the Policy Officer in charge of the development and the implementation of the Joint Procurement Agreement of Medical countermeasures by EU Member States on a voluntary basis. As of January 2017 Jean-Luc has taken over the follow-up of HIV/AIDS, viral Hepatitis, STI's and Tuberculosis.

DISCUSSION PANEL V

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Ms Eleonora Gvozdeva, UNAIDS Strategic Information Adviser



Master of Sciences, Master of Arts / Political Sciences, Bachelor of Art/ English Stylistics. Developed career from project analyst on M&E system of the Sustainability Strategy (UNDP/ Ministry of Economy) and assistant to the UNDP/Ministry of Social Welfare project on restructuring of Mono-industrial enterprises to UNICEF Programme Officer and further to UNAIDS Country Coordinator NOD (Belarus). After being 6 years head of the UNAIDS office in Minsk, Belarus, moved to the position of Strategic Information Adviser, UNAIDS Ukraine (since 2013).

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Mr Milotin Milosevits, Serbia, Executive Director of the Drug Policy Network South East Europe, Serbia



Milutin is informatics engineer with Master in management, but for the whole life he was engaged in the non-profit sector, managing organisations, from strategic decisions to hands on actions, or supporting community service networks. Originally Scout, he also worked in the areas of environment and youth work, on national level, in South East Europe and internationally. His key strengths are organisational development, human capital management and training, but his interests range from photography and blogging to talent management and emotional literacy.

More about Milutin is available at <https://ch.linkedin.com/in/milutinm>

Mr Andrej Senih, Chair of EATG Policy Working Group



Andrej Senih is a community activist from the Republic of Macedonia who has worked on improving access to ART at an affordable cost, building a strong community involvement in the response to HIV, and in particular on achieving a successful transition of the Macedonian national response to HIV from donor supported to full government funding. His focus includes budget monitoring and budget advocacy, developing a social contracting mechanism for a sustained partnership between the government and the civil society sector in the national HIV response and efforts to improve the quality and the coverage of services. He is an active member of the European AIDS Treatment Group.