ETW newsletter | 4 April 2022



The Spring European Testing Week is happening 16 – 23 May 2022!

We are happy to announce that the next Spring European Testing Week will occur from 16 – 23 May 2022. The theme for this campaign focuses on the importance of ending stigma, discrimination and misconceptions around testing, especially in times of crisis. Read the statement here.

The European Testing Week Working Group and Secretariat recognise and acknowledge that the current crisis in Ukraine, combined with the ongoing pandemic, can make it difficult to engage and participate in the Spring #EuroTestWeek.

We encourage you to support the campaign to the best of your ability to ensure equal access to testing services and linkage to care, especially for the most marginalised populations such as refugees, migrants and key populations.

To help kick off the upcoming campaign, we are very happy to <u>launch the NEW and improved European Testing Week website!</u> We have been working hard to provide an updated and streamlined website that will hopefully make it easier to navigate.

NEW improved sign-up process!

We are asking **all organisation**s that are interested in participating in ETW to signup on the new website.

For this re-launch, we kindly ask <u>all who are interested (including those who have signed-up to participate in previous ETWs)</u> to sign-up on the new website. This new sign-up process will make it easier for your organisation to keep your information up-to-date and indicate participation in future ETWs.

The new process is easy:

- All interested organisations (including orgs. that have previously participated/signed-up for ETW) should sign-up on the new ETW website here.
- 2. Your organisation's info (Org. name, country and website) will be displayed on the ETW website **here**.
- 3. You will receive an email confirming your sign-up... and done!

 <u>For future ETWs</u>, you will be auto-emailed for each ETW to update your organisation's info/indicate if you plan to participate in the upcoming campaign, which is why it's important for your organisation to sign-up on the new website.

Click here to sign-up!









Signup for the new European Test Finder!

- Create a profile for the testing site on https://www.testfinder.info/register
- Fill out the form to provide information about your testing services.

Is your organisation on the European Test Finder?

During the November 2021 ETW, the NEW <u>European Test Finder (ETF)</u> was launched. The ETW secretariat took it over from NAM-AIDSmap and we are encouraging all testing sites to sign-up! The previous version of the ETF is no longer available therefore we encourage you to sign-up on the new version on <u>testfinder.info</u>!

Due to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and the Eastern European region, it is especially important to have your site on the new ETF to help displaced people find their nearest testing site to receive not only testing but other supportive services.

Additionally, the ETF will soon be expanded to include information about sites that offer HIV treatment, testing and treatment for tuberculosis, opioid substitution therapy with future plans to also include hepatitis treatment sites. This is a result of a collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for Europe which aims to ensure continued provision of treatment for Ukrainians displaced by the conflict. Initially, information will be available for Ukraine's neighbouring countries, but we are hoping to expand to all other European countries.

To check if your site is on the ETF, click here. To sign-up, click here.

New call for proposals!

The WEEPI Foundation (Western-Eastern European Partnership Initiative on HIV, viral hepatitis and TB) is launching an extraordinary call for proposals to support projects that focus on developing and documenting good practices for provision of care for people affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

Proposals from the following countries are eligible: Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Ukraine.

For more information and to submit a proposal, visit the WEEPI website.

Deadline for submission: 29 April 2022.



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2020 - 2021 ETW Evaluation reports

The evaluation reports and one-pagers for the November 2020, May 2021, and November 2021 campaigns are now available for download!

We thank every organisation that participated and completed the evaluation surveys. Your feedback continues to influence decisions and the direction of the ETW initiative.

You can download the reports **here**.



If you no longer want to participate in <u>ETW</u> (both Spring and Autumn), please click the "Opt-out" link below and follow further instructions.

By choosing to "Opt-out" of European Testing Week, your organisation will:

- Be removed from our list of signed-up organisations;

- No longer receive the ETW newsletter, announcements or promotional offers with diagnostic kit companies.

Click here to Opt-Out of European Testing Week.