

HIV Advanced Training Forum 2025

Sinaia, Romania, 10-11 June 2025

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Course description:

The HIV Advanced Training Forum is a two-day course organized on 10-11 June 2025 in Sinaia Romania through the collaboration of leading academic and clinical institutions across Europe. The course is designed to equip early-career healthcare professionals with practical, patient-centered strategies for long-term HIV care. Through a comprehensive curriculum covering the latest developments in HIV management, coinfection integration, resistance understanding, and prevention, the course emphasizes translating scientific knowledge into real-world clinical practice. With a strong focus on the patient journey—from diagnosis to lifelong health and quality of life—it also highlights the critical role of vaccination and tailored interventions for key populations. Participants will gain valuable insights from an international faculty composed of leading European HIV experts, promoting a holistic and evidence-based approach to contemporary HIV care.

Objectives:

- To educate early-career healthcare practitioners on people-centered HIV care to ensure long term treatment success, with a focus on integrating theoretical knowledge into current clinical practice
- To explore the patient's journey for lifelong good health from diagnosis, linkage to care, treatment, retention in care and health-related quality of life
- To review novel developments and recent updates in HIV management
- To provide up-to-date information on vaccination as a vital component of comprehensive care

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CME accreditation:

The event has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 10.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

Course faculty:

Prof. Dr. Oana Săndulescu, Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, and National Institute for Infectious Diseases "Prof. Dr. Matei Bals", Romania

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Juan Ambrosioni, HIV Unit and Infectious Diseases Service, Hospital Clinic-IDIBAPS, Barcelona, Spain

Dr. Marta Vasylyev, Erasmus University Medical Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands and Astar Medical Center, Lviv, Ukraine

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agata Skrzat-Klapaczynska, Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

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Day 1 – 10 June 2025

Time	Session title and chairs
11.30-12.00	Arrival, registration and welcome coffee
12.00-12.15	Oana Săndulescu (Romania): Welcome lecture – Integrated approach to HIV infection – what has changed in 2025?
12.15-14.00	<p>Understanding your community's HIV epidemic Chairs: Adriana Hristea, Anca Streinu-Cercel</p> <p>5 minute presentation from one of the participants from each regional center (x8 regional centers) + panel discussion</p> <p>A slide template will be provided to participants ahead of the meeting. Templates will include country-specific information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of patients living with HIV - Key populations - General population - Information on each of the 4 95s: met needs. vs unmet needs
14.00-15.00	Lunch break
15.00-16.00	<p>Integrated management of coinfections in patients living with HIV – session in collaboration with ESCMID Study Group for Viral Hepatitis (ESGVH) Chairs: Dan Otelea, Cristiana Oprea</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adrian Streinu-Cercel (Romania) – Managing hepatitis B and C virus coinfections in patients living with HIV (25 min) 2. Anca Streinu-Cercel (Romania) – Management of hepatitis delta in patients living with HIV (25 min) 3. Panel discussion (10 min)
16.00-16.15	Coffee break

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16.15-17.15	<p>Translating science into care: understanding HIV resistance Chairs: <u>Oana Săndulescu, Anca Streinu-Cercel</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cristian Niculae (Romania): Back in the days when there was no forgiveness (case presentations – ART multiresistance) (15 min) Dan Oțelea (Romania): Molecular epidemiology of HIV infection in Romania and Europe - which resistance mutations remain relevant for the current ART standard of care? (25 min) Panel discussion (20 min)
17.15-18.15	<p>Bridging the gap in integrated HIV care to ensure long-term treatment success Chairs: <u>Adriana Hristea, Adrian Streinu-Cercel</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cristian Niculae (Romania): Interdisciplinary management of clinical and subclinical comorbidities: cardio-metabolic, weight dynamics, renal and bone considerations (25 min) Oana Săndulescu (Romania): Healthcare-related quality of life (HRQoL) and its impact on HIV treatment success: measuring and improving HRQoL in clinical settings (25 min) Panel discussion (10 min)

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Day 2 – 11 June 2025

Time	Session title and chairs
09.00-10.30	Comprehensive strategies for HIV prevention, timely diagnosis, and dealing with difficult opportunists when timely diagnosis fails <u>Chairs: Marta Vasyliev, Anca Streinu-Cercel</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jose Bernardino (Spain): Getting to zero: coordinated approach to HIV prevention (20 min) Casper Rokx (Netherlands): Putting an end to undiagnosed HIV in European hospitals – lessons learned from aware.HIV (20 min) Bart Rijnders (Netherlands): Invasive fungal infections in AIDS (30 min) Panel discussion (20 min)
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30	Translating science into care: workshop on HIV treatment optimization <u>Chairs: Marta Vasyliev, Casper Rokx, Jose Bernardino, Agata Skrzat-Klapaczynska</u> Participants will be split into 4 groups; each chair will guide one of the groups in solving complex clinical scenarios. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Juan Ambrosioni (Spain): Treatment optimization: part 1 – managing virological failure; part 2 – simplification in the setting of virological suppression (60 min) Panel discussion (30 min)
12.30-12.45	Coffee break
12.45-13.15	Provision of patient-centered care – part 1. Sanofi symposium Chair: Oana Săndulescu <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Oana Săndulescu (Romania): Vaccination for people living with HIV – a vital component of comprehensive care Panel discussion



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13.15-14.00	Provision of patient-centered care – part 2. Individualized care for special patient groups <u>Chairs: Juan Ambrosioni, Anca Streinu-Cercel</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marta Vasylyev (Netherlands, Ukraine): Comprehensive care for women living with HIV: Best Practices through every life stage (20 min) Agata Skrzat-Klapaczynska (Poland): Targeted interventions for treatment success in people who inject drugs (20 min) Panel discussion (5 min)
14.00-15.00	Lunch
15.00-16.15	Why early detection matters: lessons learned from late HIV diagnosis <u>Chairs: Oana Săndulescu, Anca Streinu-Cercel</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adriana Hristea (Romania): HIV and TB: an ongoing health challenge (25 min) Cristiana Oprea (Romania): Recognizing and managing opportunistic infections in 2026 (25 min) Panel discussion (25 min)
16.15-17.30	All faculty <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Key takeaways (45 min) Wrap-up, closing remarks and future directions (30 min)

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