

# Day one: From policy to practice

## ● 09:00 – 10:00 OPENING SESSION

MSF Head of Mission in Ukraine; Representative from the Ministry of Health of Ukraine; Representative of MSF Operational Centre Brussels; WHO video

### Welcome

Yuliya Chorna,  
TB Europe Coalition

➤ **Plenary session:** Recent developments, achievements, challenges and trends in the fight against TB in EECA, with a focus on the status of ambulatory care implementation.

## ● 10:00 – 10:30 SESSION 1A

### Solutions: From Policy to Practice

In recent years, many important new tools have become available to fight TB, including newer, safer TB drugs and oral regimens. EECA countries have been receptive to some of these innovations, including them in their policies, and even leading the way in research. However, often these innovations have remained at the trial/pilot stage and have not yet been replicated or scaled-up by national partners.

**Chairs: Dimitri Donchuk, Yana Terleeva**

Yana Terleeva,  
Public Health Center, Ukraine

➤ Ending TB in Ukraine: challenges, strategy, and the way forward

Fuad Mirzayev,  
WHO

➤ WHO consolidated guidelines on DR-TB treatment: update

Asgar Ismayilov,  
STOP TB Partnership

➤ UNHLM TB commitments and financial requirements for EECA countries

## ● 10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

## ● 11:00 – 11:50 SESSION 1B

### Solutions: From Policy to Practice

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Alena Skrahina,  
NTP Belarus

➤ Current status of operational research on short modified all oral MDR-TB treatment and BPAL in Belarus

Naira Khachatryan,  
NTP Armenia

➤ Analysis of indicators from the Out of Step report: achievements and gaps

Nana Kiria,  
NTP Georgia

➤ Step by step to fully oral regimens for pulmonary RR/MDR-TB: Georgian experience

Olha Siomak,  
Ministry of Health of Ukraine

➤ All oral SCR as the future for MDR-TB treatment: Zhytomyr experience

Nataliia Kampos-Rodrigues,  
Public Health Center Ukraine

➤ Expanding access to rapid diagnostic methods for TB in Ukraine

## ● 11:50 – 13:00 PANEL DISCUSSION

## ● 13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

## ● 14:00 – 14:50 SESSION 2

### Empowering patients to prevent and defeat TB

People with TB need to be at the centre of TB-care, receiving holistic care, adequate counseling and education. This approach empowers patients to make decisions based on informed consent. This approach has showed the best treatment outcomes.

**Chairs: Cathy Hewison, Yuliia Kalancha**

Jonathan Stillo,  
Wayne State University

➤ Do we really do DOT and should we? Human rights and person-centered approaches to TB treatment (video)

Parvati Nair,  
MSF Uzbekistan

➤ Short Course Regimen qualitative study – link to person-centered care

Marve Duka,  
MSF Ukraine

➤ Psycho-social support for patients with DR-TB in ambulatory settings

Jennifer Furin,  
Harvard Medical School

➤ 'Making the Switch' – Saving more lives with optimal treatment for DR-TB

Olya Klymenko,  
TB People network

➤ Rights of people with TB and tools for monitoring

## ● 14:50 – 15:30 PANEL DISCUSSION

## ● 15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

## ● 16:00 – 16:30 SESSION 3

### Challenging stigma

To various extents, stigma towards people with TB is common in EECA countries. This represents a major barrier to TB-care, preventing access to health and social services, including ambulatory care. As such, stigma negatively affects treatment outcomes and negatively impacts TB-control.

**Chairs: Sharonann Lynch, Safarali Naimov**

Olena Trush,  
MSF Ukraine

➤ Stigma among primary healthcare providers

Veena Karir,  
MSF Uzbekistan

➤ Telegram Channel – TB is curable! An innovative approach to engage with the community

Olha Zaitseva,  
Public Health Center Ukraine

➤ Preparing for ambulatory TB care in Ukraine

## ● 16:30 – 17:10 PANEL DISCUSSION

## ● 17:10 – 17:15 PATIENT REMARKS

## ● 17:15 IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE: MIND PALACE

See page 6 for more information.

## ● 19:00 RECEPTION DINNER

## Day two: Overcoming challenges in TB care

● 09:00 – 09:40

### SESSION 4

#### Overcoming barriers to improve TB care

The successes achieved in improving TB-care are fragile. Challenges still lie ahead which threaten to roll-back such achievements. EECA countries need to carefully plan to ensure the sustainability of their TB programmes, as well as overcome lack of political commitment.

**Chairs: Dumitru Laticevschi, Gabriella Ferlazzo**

<i>Kerstin Akerfeldt, MSF</i>	➤ Leveraging Global Fund resources to overcome barriers and achieve impact
<i>Sergey Voshchilov, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Belarus</i>	➤ Partnership between the penitentiary system of the Republic of Belarus and MSF
<i>Christophe Perrin, MSF</i>	➤ Challenges to accessing DR-TB medicines
<i>Aelita Ibraeva, JSI USAID</i>	➤ Comprehensive reform of the TB health care system in Kyrgyz Republic

● 09:40 – 10:45

### PANEL DISCUSSION

● 10:45 – 11:15

### COFFEE BREAK

● 11:15 – 11:55

### SESSION 5

#### HIV and other co-infections

The increasing HIV prevalence is a major challenge for TB-care. Co-infected patients suffer from several vulnerabilities. To overcome this, national TB programmes and health systems must strive toward integrated, comprehensive care.

**Chairs: Dmytro Sherembei, Fuad Mirzayev**

<i>Svetlana Esipenko, Ministry of Health of Ukraine</i>	➤ Regional strategy for the provision of integrated services for patients with HIV, TB and viral hepatitis, using the example of Odessa region
<i>Jarmila Kliescikova, MSF Tajikistan</i>	➤ Implementation of TB LAM testing in HIV positive population in Tajikistan
<i>Mathieu Bastard, MSF EpiCentre</i>	➤ endTB: hepatotoxicity of MDR-TB regimens and hepatitis C as a risk factor for poor outcomes
<i>Naira Khachatryan, NTP Armenia</i>	➤ Final results of a hepatitis C study in MDR-TB patients in Armenia: effectiveness and safety of DAA in MDR-TB patients

● 11:55 - 12:45

### PANEL DISCUSSION

● 12:45 - 13:45

### LUNCH

● 13:45 – 14:15

### SESSION 6

#### Alcohol use disorder

Alcohol abuse is highly correlated with TB in EECA, both as a factor impacting incidence of the disease and in complicating the treatment process. This often leads to increased stigmatization of people with TB. Comprehensive care for TB must include psychological support, including for alcohol use disorder.

**Chairs: Jennifer Furin, Olya Klymenko**

<i>Veena Kaur, MSF Belarus</i>	➤ Person-Centered Care (PCC): Multidisciplinary Psychosocial (PS) Support and Harm Reduction Intervention In a cohort of MDR/RR-TB patients with Harmful Use of Alcohol in Minsk, Belarus
<i>Vitalii Plokhyykh, MSF Ukraine</i>	➤ Alcohol use disorder in DR-TB patients
<i>Till Kinkel, MSclH Specialist (video)</i>	➤ Adapted treatment strategies and contingency management are key for TB treatment success in people with substance use disorder

● 14:15 – 15:00

### PANEL DISCUSSION

● 15:00 – 15:30

### COFFEE BREAK

● 15:30 – 16:00

### CLOSING REMARKS

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● 16:00 – 16:30

### CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION