

4th Baltic Tuberculosis symposium  
25-26 of August 2021 ONLINE

# Inter-sectoral collaboration for quality services and accountability

**Wednesday, 25.08.2021**

- 10:00-10:15** Join-in and registration of the attendees.
- 10:15-10:30** Opening ceremony.  
Dr. Līga Kuksa, Dr. Girts Skenders, Riga East University hospital, WHO CC Latvia
- 10:30-11:15** Keynote lecture: Hot news from the WHO: screening for TB disease.  
Dr. Askar Yedilbayev, WHO Regional Office for Europe

**SESSION I From screening to preventing TB: is it possible?**

Moderators: Dr. Olena Rzhepishevskaya, TBnet, Dr. Uldis Mitenbergs, WHO Country office Latvia

- 11:20-11:50** What can be done to eliminate TB in the European Union/European Economic Area?  
Dr. Marieke van der Werf, European Center for Diseases Prevention and Control
- 11:55-12:25** TB infection: Intention to test is intention to treat.  
Prof. Christoph Lange, TBnet
- 12:30-13:00** Is there anything in common? Clinical case discussion.  
Two stories from Lithuania and Latvia  
Dr. Līga Kuksa, Riga East University hospital, Dr. Saulius Diktanas, Klaipeda Republican hospital
- 13:05-13:35** Registration and Surveillance of TB infection in the Netherlands.  
Henriette Schimmel, Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Centre for Epidemiology and Surveillance of Infectious Diseases
- BREAK 13:35-14:05**
- 14:05-14:50** TB infection management from other specialist's points of view and future collaboration perspectives.  
Panel discussion - Prof. Gunta Sture, infectologist, Dr. Ilze Petermane, pneumonologist,  
Dr. Andris Puce, general practitioner, Dr. Inita Bulina, rheumatologist

**SESSION II Pharmacovigilance**

Moderators: Dr. Gunta Dravniece, PATH Ukraine, Dr. Saulius Diktanas, Klaipeda Republican hospital

- 14:55-15:25** Pharmacovigilance signals from countries - what can we learn?  
Dr. Monica Tarapues, Uppsala Monitoring Centre
- 15:30-16:00** Nursing Guide for managing adverse events in patients with drug-resistant TB.  
Mrs. Carrie Tudor, International Council of Nurses
- 16:00-16:15** Wrap - up of the day.

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**Thursday, 26.08.2021**

## **SESSION III People-centered care**

Moderators: Dr. Liga Kuksa, Riga East University hospital, WHO CC Latvia, Dr. Saulius Diktanas, Klaipeda Republican hospital

**9:30-10:00** Experience with video-supported TB treatment introduction in Lithuania.  
Dr. Saulius Diktanas, Klaipeda Republican hospital

**10:05-10:35** Digital technologies for patient support and treatment monitoring.  
Mr. Alexsey Bogdanov, PATH Ukraine

**10:40-11:20** Patients video & stories booths.  
Moderators & panel discussion

**BREAK 11:20-11:50**

## **SESSION IV Patients and healthcare workers perspective**

Moderators: Dr. Gunta Dravniece, PATH Ukraine, Dr. Liga Kuksa, Riga East University hospital, WHO CC Latvia

**11:50-12:30** Role of NGOs, parliamentarians, and the TB community to support the implementation of necessary interventions in countries.  
Mrs. Lucy Foster and Mrs. Alesia Matuskevych, Global TB Caucus, Mr. Zahedul Islam, Alliance for Public Health, Mrs. Yuliia Kalancha, TB Europe Coalition

**12:35-13:05** How to support and maintain healthcare worker`s wellbeing?  
Mrs. Ieva Leimane, KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation

**13:05-13:40** Panel discussion / Q & A.

**13:40-14:00** Wrap-up.

Registration and information: [www.tblatvia.com/tbsymposium2021/](http://www.tblatvia.com/tbsymposium2021/)

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