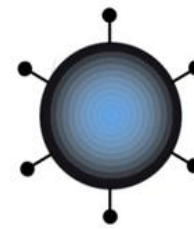


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BREACH
BELGIAN RESEARCH AIDS&HIV CONSORTIUM

9th Spring Meeting
Friday May 29th & Saturday May 30th
2026



PROGRAM

**“Improving access to HIV prevention
and care for vulnerable population.
Towards Belgium's HIV Plan
2027-2031”**

**Dolce, La Hulpe
Chaussée de Bruxelles, 135
1310 La Hulpe**



Day 1 - Friday 29 May 2026

18:30 Arrival, registration and reception

19:00 - 19:10 Welcome - Introduction
Stéphane De Wit - BREACH Chairman

Session 1: Setting the Scene: Where Are We and What is at Stake?

Moderators: **Gilles Darcis** - CHU Liège & **Axel Vanderperre** - Positive Council

19:10 - 19:30 Rising HIV incidence in Réunion Island: recent epidemic dynamics, 2010-2025

Hugo Law-Koune - Centre Hospitalier Universitaire - La Réunion

19:30 - 19:55 HIV in Belgium 2026: Epidemiology, prevention gaps & system challenges

Nicolas Dauby - CHU Saint-Pierre

Session 2: Vulnerabilities in Practice - Clinical & Community Realities

Moderator : **Gilles Darcis** - CHU Liège

19:55 - 20:05 Clinical & system vignette
Charlotte Martin - CHU Saint-Pierre

20:05 - 20:25 Community & lived experience perspective
Steve Dize (patient from Cameroon) & **Thierry Martin** - La Plateforme

20:25 - 21:10 Interactive plenary discussion :
Moderator : **Jelle Visser** - ITM
Which populations remain insufficiently reached?
What are the most urgent access barriers ?
How can we find solutions for the system to access barriers?
What are the key priorities to integrate into the 2027 - 2031 Plan?
Panel discussion: **Pierre-Louis Deudon** - SSMG, **Ariane Barthélemy** - CHU Saint-Pierre, **Wouter Dhaeze** - Departement Zorg Vlaanderen, **Thierry Martin** - La Plateforme
Synthesis : **Jelle Visser** - ITM

21:10 Dinner

Day 2 - Saturday 30 May 2026

Session 3: The Hidden Vulnerabilities: The System & the Caregiver

Moderator: **Agnès Libois** - CHU Saint-Pierre

09:00 - 09:20 The evolving complexity of HIV care
Charlotte Martin, **Ariane Barthélemy**, **Jade Becquet** - CHU Saint-Pierre

09:20 - 09:40 Debate on financing, INAMI conventions, structural sustainability, workforce challenges, and multidisciplinary integration

Miguel Lardennois - Expert in health policies, **Paul De Munter** - UZ Leuven, **Jean-Christophe Goffard** - HUB

Session 4: From Analysis to Action - Building the 2027-2031 HIV plan

09:40 - 10:00 Key messages from national consultations
Joint overview summarizing findings from Expert Group:
Pierre-Louis Deudon - SSMG, **Wouter Dhaeze** - Departement Zorg Vlaanderen, **Axel Vanderperre** - Positive Council, **Agnès Libois** - CHU Saint-Pierre

10:00 - 10:20 Coffee break

Session 4a: Structured Interactive Session

10:20 - 11:10 Breakout Groups – Structured Working Session

- 1) How to Improve access to prevention & testing?
- 2) How to Reduce structural barriers to care?
- 3) How to better Integrate psychosocial & quality-of-life dimensions?
- 4) What System reforms are needed (financing, workforce, partnerships) ?

Each group formulates 3 priority actions, 1 realistic short-term measure, 1 structural reform (**Pierre-Louis Deudon** - SSMG, **Wouter Dhaeze** - Departement Zorg Vlaanderen, **Sherihane Bensemmane** - Positive Council, **Steven Callens** - UZGent)

Session 4b: Plenary synthesis & consensus

Moderator: **Steven Callens** - UZGent

11:10 - 11:45 Reporting back (1 representative per group)
11:45 - 12:05 How to go forward? Discussion on implementation pathways
12:05 - 12:15 Final reflections
Nicolas Dauby - CHU Saint-Pierre

12:15 Lunch