

**Question for written answer E-004141/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Addressing shortcomings in HIV testing and early diagnosis across the EU

A report published by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control on 25 September 2026 highlights significant gaps in the implementation of HIV testing standards in Greece, Poland and Romania.

Based on an audit of 12 clinics, the report reveals that between 35 % and 72.5 % of patients received a late or very late HIV diagnosis, raising concerns about delayed access to treatment and increased risks of transmission.

Furthermore, none of the three countries include HIV self-testing or home testing in their national recommendations, limiting opportunities for early detection. The audit also identifies substantial delays in confirmatory testing, with none of the nine specialised HIV clinics meeting the target of completing 90 % of confirmatory tests within five working days.

These shortcomings underline persistent inequalities in access to timely diagnosis and treatment, potentially undermining the EU's commitment to ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

What measures will the Commission take to support Member States in improving HIV testing accessibility, accelerating diagnosis and access to treatment, and promoting more consistent implementation of EU testing standards?

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