



Workshop:

Advancing tuberculosis control: from clinical platforms to regional implementation

March 24th & 25th, 2026

Sofia, Bulgaria

Stephan Angeloff Institute of Microbiology,
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On-site

Local time: CET + 1h



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March 24th, 2026

08:30h **Registration**

09.00h **Opening**

Prof. Penka Petrova, Director (Stephan Angeloff Institute of Microbiology, Bulgaria), Violeta Valcheva (Stephan Angeloff Institute of Microbiology, Bulgaria), Alicia Lacoma (IGTP, Spain) and Mr. Iliya Tasev (Director of the Public Health Directorate, Ministry of Health, Bulgaria)

09:30h **Keynote: Tuberculosis situation in Bulgaria**

Prof. Daniela Petrova (Head of the Expert Council on Tuberculosis, Ministry of Health, Bulgaria Head of the Department of Pulmonary Diseases at the Clinic of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine, Hospital "Aleksandrovska", Medical University, Sofia)

10.00h **WG1 activities for GP4**

Zorica Nanovic (Institute of Lung Diseases and Tuberculosis, North Macedonia)

10.30h **Coffee break**

11.00h **A multinational DELPHI consensus on TB screening of migrants in Europe**

Prof. Raquel Duarte (Instituto Nacional de Saúde Doutor Ricardo Jorge, Portugal)

11.30h **Working Session: Tuberculosis in migrants in the Balkan countries**

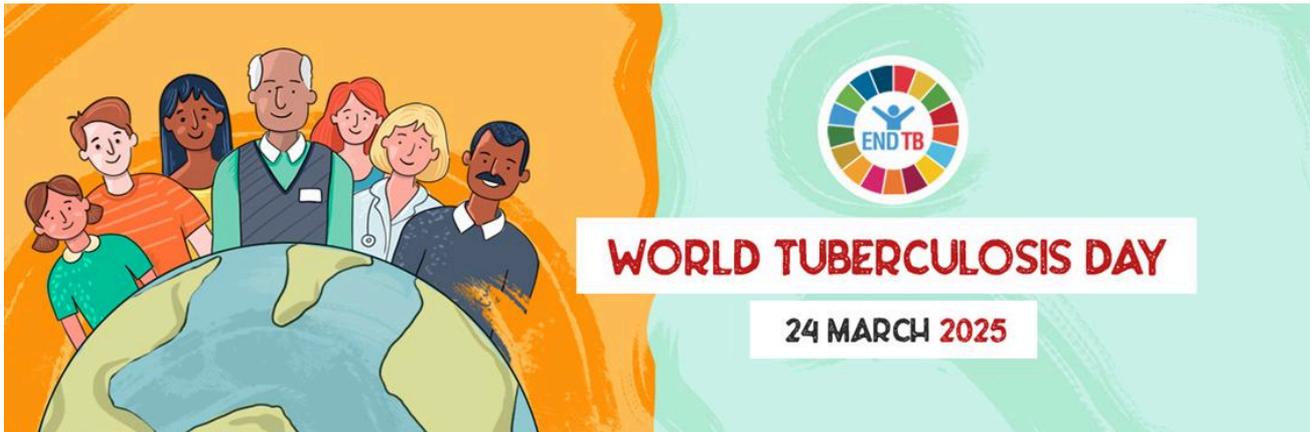
Presentation of participants and discussion. Led by Zorica Nanovic (ILD, North Macedonia).

13.30h **Lunch**

15.00h Presentation and visit to the National Reference TB Laboratory

Transportation will be done by private bus. Address: 44A, Gen. N. Stoletov Blvd, 1233 Sofia

20.00h Official dinner



Bulgarian National Television will interview A.Lacoma, V.Valcheva and J. Domínguez. Journal of BG Science and Az-buki National Publishing House for Education and Science will contribute with a press release with an interview on site.

March 25th, 2026

08:30h Registration

09.00h Keynote: Difficulties in diagnosing tuberculosis in children

Prof. N. Gabrovska (Children's Clinic of Pneumology and Phthiology "Prof. Dr. Ivan Mitev", Sofia)

09.30h Update on the ADVANCE-TB Clinical study platform

Zorica Nanovic (ILD, North Macedonia) and Jose Domínguez (IGTP, Spain)

09.45h **Keynote: Genetic analysis – a new approach in tuberculosis**

Assoc. Prof. Elena Georgieva (Clinic of Pediatric Pneumology and Phthiology, Sofia)

10.15h **Coffee break**

10.45h **Infection, prevention and control (IPC) of TB in Europe: foundations and new frontiers**

The End Tuberculosis (TB) Transmission Initiative - Powering Airborne IPC, working group of the STOP TB partnership. Helene-Mari Van Der Westhuizen (Nuffield Department of Medicine, Oxford University, UK), Jerod Scholten (KNCV TB Plus Foundation, Netherlands) and Grigory Volchenkov (Stop TB Partnership, Switzerland)

11.15h **Interactive, airborne IPC training stations**

Participants will have an opportunity to rotate through six skills development stations for hands-on experience that includes evaluating room ventilation, developing a facility risk assessment, and the safe use of personal protective equipment.

13.15h **General discussion and closing remarks**

Alicia Lacom (IGTP, Spain), Zorica Nanovic (Institute of Lung Diseases and Tuberculosis, North Macedonia) and Violeta Valcheva (Stephan Angeloff Institute of Microbiology, Bulgaria)

13.45h **Lunch and departure**

Participants are asked to pay for their meals

Thanks for joining!



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