

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference for Global Prisons Infectious Diseases Network (GPIDN) 2026 | AGENDA

Grand Plaza Hotel & Congress Center | Ljubljana, Slovenia

1 October 2026 | 12:30–13:30

**Method of delivery:** Live

**Format:** Short presentations and panel discussion (60 min total)

**Speakers:** Ashley Brown (Chair, UK), George Kalamitsis (Greece), Anna Mättö (Finland)

**Overall title:**

- HCV in Custodial Settings: Screening, Treatment, and Sustainability

| Title                                                                                                                | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Duration | Presenter         |
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| <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5 min    | Ashley Brown      |
| <b>Unlocking the Potential for HCV Elimination in Custodial Settings</b>                                             | Examine the disproportionate burden of HCV among people in prisons, jails, and community correctional settings, as well as the factors driving ongoing transmission.<br><br>Highlight why custodial health systems represent a critical opportunity to diagnose, treat, and prevent HCV infection, while contributing to broader national and global elimination goals. | 10 min   | George Kalamitsis |
| <b>No Missed Opportunities: HCV Screening and Linkage to Treatment in Custodial Care</b>                             | Explore practical approaches to identifying HCV infection and moving people rapidly from screening to confirmed diagnosis and treatment.<br><br>Topics will include opt-out versus risk-based screening, reflex RNA testing, point-of-care approaches, confirmatory pathways, and simplified intake-to-treatment workflows.                                             | 10 min   | Anna Mättö        |
| <b>Treatment Without Delay: Delivering HCV Cure in Custodial Settings</b>                                            | Review how direct-acting antiviral treatment can be delivered safely, effectively, and efficiently within prisons, jails, and other custodial settings.<br><br>Explore simplified treatment models, adherence support, short-duration treatment, and continuity of care when individuals are transferred or released.                                                   | 10 min   | Ashley Brown      |
| <b>Closing the Implementation Gap: Systems, Data, and Continuity</b>                                                 | Address the operational and structural barriers that limit the impact of HCV programs, including stigma, staffing, cost, security constraints, fragmented data systems, and variable access to care.<br><br>Explore practical solutions for surveillance, program monitoring, post-release follow-up, and continuity between custodial and community services.          | 10 min   | Anna Mättö        |
| <b>Panel Discussion Q&amp;A:</b><br><br><b>Scaling What Works: The Road to HCV Elimination in Custodial Settings</b> | What is required to move from successful local initiatives to sustainable, system-wide HCV programs?<br><br>Discuss persistent barriers, transferable models, policy and funding requirements, measures of success, and opportunities to integrate custodial and community care.                                                                                        | 15 min   | All               |