Project Launch & First-Year Highlights

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Welcome to the first HIVE newsletter — a look back at the project's launch and the milestones that shaped its first year.

Since July 2025, HIVE has brought together 15 partners across 13 countries to advance integrated, person-centred care for people living with HIV and non-communicable diseases.

This issue highlights the meetings, training, policy engagement, dissemination activities and stakeholder structures laying the foundations for HIVE's next phase.

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Meet HIVE

HIVE is a Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action working to improve integrated care for people living with HIV and non-communicable diseases.

The project combines digital health, interpersonal counselling and implementation research to support more connected, person-centred care across diverse health systems.

INTEGRATED CARE · DIGITAL HEALTH · IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH

HIVE at a glance

15 partner organisations · 13 countries · 36 months

Pilot settings in Kenya, Kazakhstan, Greece and Malta

€3.99M Horizon Europe funding

1 July 2025 – 30 June 2028

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Project Meetings

Kick-off Meeting — Nicosia, Cyprus

HIVE officially began with a two-day kick-off meeting hosted by the University of Nicosia Medical School. The consortium aligned on the project vision, work plan, governance and implementation priorities, while discussing digital health, integrated HIV/NCD care and psychosocial support.







1st Plenary Meeting — Athens, Greece

On 5–6 March 2026, HIVE partners gathered in Athens for the project's first plenary meeting. The consortium reviewed progress across work packages, exchanged lessons from the first months of implementation and coordinated the next phase of activities.

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Communication & Dissemination Activities



37th Panhellenic AIDS Congress — Athens

In November 2025, HIVE partner AINIGMA presented the project at the 37th Panhellenic AIDS Congress, introducing HIVE's digital-health and integrated-care vision to around 300 healthcare professionals.

High-Level HIV Policy Roundtable — Cyprus



On 31 March 2026, HIVE was presented at a high-level roundtable in Nicosia bringing together policymakers, clinicians, researchers, patient advocates and communities. Discussions focused on long-term HIV care, healthy ageing, health-system resilience and the role of evidence-based innovation.

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Building Capacity Across Countries

Interpersonal Therapy Training — Malta

A three-day hybrid training brought together 15 professionals from Malta, Greece, Kenya and Kazakhstan. The activity strengthened participants' skills to provide interpersonal support for people living with HIV and marked an important step from project planning toward practical capacity building across HIVE pilot settings.



FROM PROJECT PLANNING TO PRACTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING

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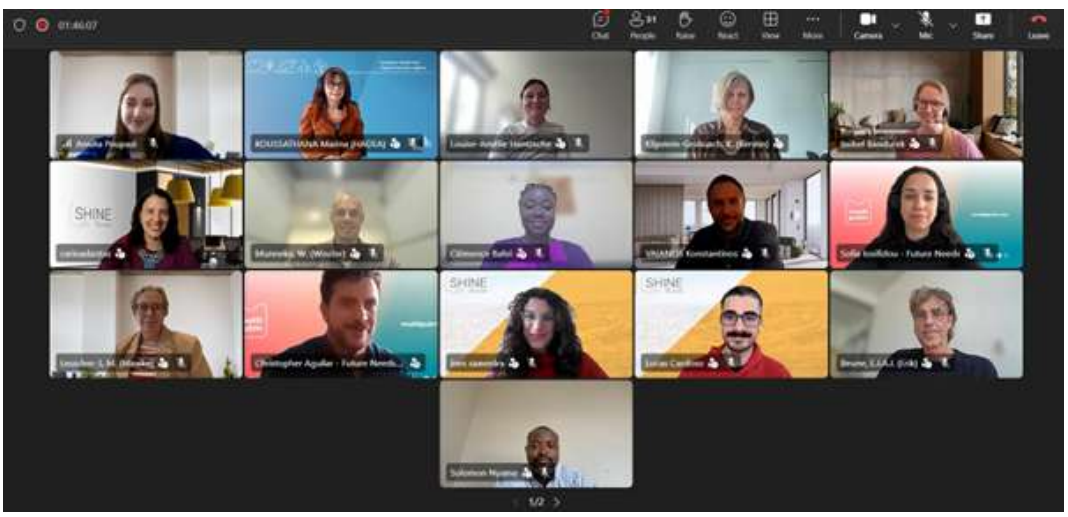
Synergies with Sister Projects



In April 2026, HIVE joined sister Horizon Europe projects for an online webinar focused on multiple long-term conditions and integrated care.

The session created space to exchange approaches, lessons and emerging practices across related European initiatives, while identifying opportunities for future collaboration and joint activities.

For HIVE, these synergies help connect project implementation with the wider European research community and strengthen shared learning around more integrated, person-centred and sustainable healthcare.



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Stakeholder Steering Committee

A key first-year milestone was the establishment of HIVE's Stakeholder Steering Committee. External experts contribute perspectives across HIV care, NCDs, epidemiology, implementation science, mental health, harm reduction, policy and community advocacy.

Alongside the Committee, the HIVE Collaborative Network creates a wider space for researchers, clinicians, policymakers and community representatives to exchange knowledge, provide feedback and help shape project activities.



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