

Newsletter 5: ESCAIDE 2021 updates: Join us next week at ESCAIDE 2021! Here's what you can expect

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ESCAIDE updates

The European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology ([ESCAIDE](#)) is an annual conference organised by ECDC, providing a forum for public health professionals to meet and share experiences on infectious disease prevention and control, and exchange knowledge in fields of epidemiology, microbiology and other related activities, which can be applied to support public health action.

How will ESCAIDE work?

ESCAIDE 2021 is online again this year, hosted on Swapcard, an online conference platform. This is already open, allowing you to create your profile and explore the content before the start of the conference. You can visit a detailed guide on how to use Swapcard, to help you to get the most out of the online conference space.

ESCAIDE enables participant-led discussions and is an environment where early-career through to established public health professionals and researchers can present their work and share ideas. We made sure that these interactions and activities can still take place – all through our online platform.

A guide to the online conference platform is available. Be sure to check it out to find out how to make the most out of your attendance at ESCAIDE 2021. Note that the platform is only accessible to those who have registered, and one needs to log in with the e-mail which was used when signing up.

[ESCAIDE 2021 user guide & Social media toolkit](#) | [Last chance to register](#)

What events are taking place?

ESCAIDE is a platform to discuss public health challenges in infectious disease and the latest scientific research and advances in the field. As to be expected, many of the sessions at ESCAIDE 2021 will discuss the COVID-19 pandemic, with an emphasis this year on reflecting on what we have learnt so far in this continually evolving pandemic, and how these experiences can be translated to improve public health responses to other infectious diseases and future pandemics. However, as always, the programme for ESCAIDE covers wide ranging disease areas and health functions, including implementation research, field epidemiology, surveillance, food and waterborne diseases, AMR and more.

Eurosurveillance will celebrate its 25th year and the European Antibiotic Awareness Day 2021 will be launched, with sessions in the programme. The BarCamp ESCAIDE is back for its first online edition. At the BarCamp, the participants create the agenda: they can propose topics, volunteer to speak briefly about your ideas, puzzling findings, methodological hiccups, data challenges, etc. The most voted are discussed at the BarCamp.

[Programme](#) | [Plenary sessions](#) | [Abstract-led presentations](#) | [Side-events](#)

Interacting at ESCAIDE

All interaction at ESCAIDE be facilitated through our online platform. During sessions you will be able to pose questions and comments to the speakers and presenters in the chat and live polls and word clouds may be used to get audience input on key topics.

Missing seeing the faces of other participants? Talk Spaces will be open throughout the conference to allow anyone to join with their cameras on and digest the sessions, network, catch up with old friends and colleagues and share your research!

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The profiles of all participants (attendees, abstract presenters, speakers, moderators) can be viewed and you can reach out to others over message and set up video calls. An open chat room – the Coffee Corner – will run throughout.

The EAN photo contest will return – submissions will be open during the week before the conference, through the online platform. The platform will also host a personality quiz, where you can see how engaged you have been at ESCAIDE and get tips for how to get more involved!

[Link to ESCAIDE online platform](#) (only registered participants)

CME credits

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