

CHEMSEX

Support Hub Barcelona

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
ON CARE, CONNECTION
AND HARM REDUCTION

PROGRAM

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The Chemsex Support Hub Barcelona is a European conference created by chemsex users to generate shared knowledge, make our realities visible, and co-create strategies that respond to our needs by building bridges between users, professionals and organisations.

For over a decade, **ONG Stop** has worked from within the LGBTQ+ community to make chemsex visible, conduct research and provide support.

We were pioneers in Spain in identifying the chemsex phenomenon and driving concrete responses - first with our own resources and later in alliance with entities, professionals, public administrations and activists.

Event Information

Dates:

23/24
OCTOBER 2025

Venue:

Centre LGBTI de Barcelona

Carrer del Comte Borrell, 22

L'Eixample, Barcelona

Streaming:



YouTube channel of ONG Stop

@stoponglgtbi

Official languages:

Spanish / Catalan / English

(with simultaneous interpretation
in key sessions).

FREE REGISTRATION

In person: 100 seats available, by invitation
with prior registration.

Virtual: Open access via live streaming.



Congress objectives

- **Strengthen the leadership of chemsex users** in generating knowledge and health-promotion actions.
- **Create a safe, stigma-free space** centred on wellbeing, autonomy and rights.
- **Promote intersectoral collaboration** grounded in a rights-based and harm-reduction approach.
- Build an inclusive, realistic and respectful **health intervention framework** for diverse experiences.



Target audience

- Chemsex users.
- Members of the LGBTIQ+ community.
- Activists and community organisations.
- Professionals in social and healthcare fields.
- Researchers and teaching staff.
- Technical staff from public administrations and law enforcement.
- LGBTIQ+-led, tech, leisure and digital-platform companies.
- Media representatives.



Practical aspects

- **Languages: Spanish, Catalan and English** (with simultaneous interpretation).
- **100 in-person seats.** (Free, by invitation with prior registration).
- **Open live streaming:** youtube.com/@stoponglgtbi
- **Cultural and Artistic Activities.**
- **Availability of harm reduction kits.**

PROGRAM

Day 1

Thursday 23 OCTOBER

15:30 h / **Reception.**

15:45 h / **Institutional Opening.**

J. Sebastian Meyer, Presidency ONG Stop

(Associació Stop Sida).

Marta Villanueva Cendán, Councillor for Health,

Barcelona City Council.

Esteve Fernández, Secretary of Public Health,

Department of Health of Catalonia.

Javier Padilla, Secretary of State for Health,

Ministry of Health.

16:30 h / **Chemsex users' panel:
presentation of urgent and
structural needs in the areas
of research and public policy.**

MODERATION:

Luís Villegas, ChemSex Support Coordinator and

Co-manager, ONG Stop and **Georges Azzi**, Volunteer,

ChemSex Support Commission and international

coordination, ONG Stop.

SPEAKERS:

Ovi Leonarte, Activist and Spokesperson, Alliance

for Psychoactive and Human Freedom and Ethics

(ALEPH) – Public policy domain.

Alejandro Sánchez Ocaña, Member of the ChemSex

Support Commission at ONG Stop and Researcher –

Research domain.

17:15 h / **Parallel working groups
with experts in public policy
and research to collectively
build transformative responses
based on rights, autonomy
and lived experience.
Each group is facilitated by the
user who presented the needs
for that domain.**

Public Policy Working Group:

MODERATION:

Ovi Leonarte, **Georges Azzi** and **Gerard Funés**,

Community Participation Technician – ONG Stop.

SPEAKERS:

Ana Koerting, Psychologist, Sexologist and Senior

External Technician, TRAGSATEC. Division for the

Control of HIV, STIs, Viral Hepatitis and Tuberculosis.

Directorate-General of Public Health and Health

Equity, Ministry of Health.

Elena Adán, Subdirectorate-General for Addictions,

HIV, STIs and Viral Hepatitis. ASPC, Public Health

Agency of Catalonia.

Antons Mozalevskis, Global HIV, Hepatitis and STIs

Programmes, Geneva (Switzerland).

Nuria Calzada, LEAP: Law Enforcement Action

Partnership, International Police Group.

Research Working Group:

MODERATION:

Alejandro Sánchez and **Sergio Villanueva**,

University of Barcelona and ONG Stop Research Area.

SPEAKERS:

Axel Schmidt, MD and Researcher, Sigma Research,

Dept. Public Health, Environments & Society, London

School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London (UK);

Aidsilfe, Berlin (Germany).

Kristian Møller, Independent Researcher on Critical

Chemsex Studies, Copenhagen (Denmark).

Cinta Folch, Researcher, CEEISCAT – Centre for

Epidemiological Studies on STIs and AIDS of Catalonia

(IGTP), Badalona.

Nikolay Lunchenkov, MD and Researcher; LGBT

Health Coordinator, ECOM – Eurasian Coalition

on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity

(Estonia); and Research Fellow, Technical University

of Munich (Germany).

18:45 h / **Roundtable
and collective debate.**

MODERATION:

Sergio Cuho, Vice Presidency, ONG Stop

(Associació Stop Sida), **Toni Lobelle**, ChemSex

Support Commission representative, ONG Stop

and **Georges Azzi**, Volunteer, ChemSex Support

Commission and international coordination,

ONG Stop.

20:30 h / **Cultural activity:
theatre play “El GÉ”.**

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Day 2

Friday 24 OCTOBER

10:00 h / **Chemsex users' panel: presentation of urgent and structural needs in the healthcare and socio-community & business domains.**

MODERATION:

Luis Villegas, ChemSex Support Coordinator and Co-manager, ONG Stop and **Georges Azzi**, Volunteer, ChemSex Commission and international coordination.

SPEAKERS:

Sergi Martín, Psychologist, Chemsex Support ONG Stop, Barcelona (Spain) – Healthcare domain.

Ignacio Labayen de Inza, CEO, Controlling Chemsex, London (UK) – Socio-community & business domain.

10:45 h / **Parallel working groups with experts in healthcare and socio-community & business approaches to chemsex, aimed at collectively building transformative responses based on rights, autonomy and lived experience. Each group is facilitated by the user who presented the needs for that domain.**

Healthcare Working Group:

MODERATION:

Sergi Martín, **Argelio Gallego** and **Rubén Mora**.

SPEAKERS:

Alberto del Val, Psychologist specialising in sexual violence and LGBTIQ+ affirmative psychology, Barcelona.

Pablo Casero, Psychotherapist specialising in group therapy, addictions and chemsex expert, Barcelona.

Dr. Laia Miquel de Montagut, Psychiatrist specialising in addictions, Hospital Clínic de Barcelona.

Dr. Maria Martínez-Rebollar, Senior Specialist and Associate Professor, HIV Unit. Hospital Clínic – IDIBAPS – University of Barcelona.

Michael Conti, Psychotherapist specialising in trauma, sexuality and expanded states of consciousness (Malta).

Socio-community & Business Working Group:

MODERATION:

Ignacio Labayen de Inza y **Matthew Fuller**, Care Coordinator and Chemsex Specialist Advisor, Controlling Chemsex, London (UK).

SPEAKERS:

Carlos Velasco, Buddy Coach at Choices Support Center (Netherlands).

Raúl Soriano, Sociologist and Chemsex Consultant.

Stuart Fenton, Gestalt Psychotherapist and Founder of Chemsex Recovery, Berlin (Germany).

Alex Dury, Director of the MachoBB - Omolink app.

12:30 h / **Roundtable and collective debate.**

MODERATION:

Sergio Cuho, Vice Presidency, ONG Stop (Associació Stop Sida), **Toni Lobelle**, ChemSex Support Commission representative, ONG Stop and **Georges Azzi**, Volunteer, ChemSex Support Commission and international coordination, ONG Stop.

13:30 h / **Lunch break.**

15:30 h / **Talks: Interventions and technology.**

MODERATION:

Alejandro Sánchez and **Sergio Villanueva**, University of Barcelona and ONG Stop Research Area.

Selected oral communications:

- **Erik Porro**, Complutense University of Madrid.
- **Matthew Fuller**, Controlling Chemsex / Antidote / Turning Point.
- **Álvaro Morales Aser**, Hospital Clínico San Carlos.
- **Blanca Romero Panadero**, Hospital Universitario Ramón y Cajal.

17:00 h / **Coffee break.**

17:30 h / **Closing session: Conclusions and next steps.**

Sergio Cuho, Vice Presidency, ONG Stop (Associació Stop Sida).

Luisa Conejos, Deputy Director-General for Addictions, HIV, STIs and Viral Hepatitis, Department of Health, Government of Catalonia.

Julia del Amo, Director, Division for the Control of HIV, STIs, Viral Hepatitis and Tuberculosis, Ministry of Health.

Representative of the Government Delegation for the National Plan on Drugs, Ministry of Health (to be confirmed).

19:00 h / **Cultural activity: Screening of the documentary “Chemsex, a Journey Within” (CESIDA).**

Cultural and Artistic Activities

Collective Art Exhibition:

EXPRESSING CHEMSEX: ARTISTIC MANIFESTATIONS OF CHEMICAL DESIRE

The exhibition explores how users approach chemsex through photography, digital illustration, painting, video art, poetry and narrative, and reviews the topic's presence in theatre and audiovisual production.

21–26 October

Centre LGBTI de Barcelona

Carrer del Comte Borrell, 22
L'Eixample, Barcelona

Theatre:

EL GÉ

A performative piece that blends electronic music, dance and poetry to address pleasure, desire, excess and the body.

Thursday 23 October
20:30 - 22 h

Eixample Teatre

Carrer d'Aragó, 140
L'Eixample, Barcelona

Documentary Screening:

CHEMSEX, A JOURNEY WITHIN (CESIDA)

Screening and subsequent debate with special guests. An honest look at the experiences of men who practice chemsex. (Subtitled in English).

Friday 24 October
19 - 21 h

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