



Joint Action
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YES! WE CAN END TB

*From Sanatoria
to BCG Vaccination and
to Early Detection*

WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

24th March 2026

WORLD TB DAY 2026

Why It Matters

- TB remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases
- Millions of people are affected every year
- Raising awareness helps save lives

TB in Europe – Key Facts

- 2022: over 170,000 new TB cases in the WHO European Region
- Slight increase from 2021 due to improved diagnostics post-COVID-19
- Childhood TB cases increased by 10%, highlighting ongoing transmission

Common Symptoms

- Persistent cough (lasting more than 2–3 weeks)
- Chest pain
- Coughing up blood
- Fever and night sweats
- Weight loss and fatigue

Patients showing these signs? Check for TB!

Prevention

- Early diagnosis and treatment
- Good ventilation in indoor spaces
- Vaccination (BCG) in some countries

Is TB Curable? Yes! Preventable? Absolutely!

*Tuberculosis is preventable and curable with proper treatment
And early diagnosis*

Doctors: Watch patients' TB signs

Drug-Resistant TB

- Eastern Europe and Central Asia face high levels of drug-resistant TB
- In some countries, 20–30% of newly diagnosed patients have drug-resistant TB
- 1 in 3–5 diagnosed may have a form harder to treat, even if untreated previously

Take Action

- Get informed and spread Support TB prevention programs
- Encourage testing and treatment
- Fight stigma and discrimination

**DON'T DELAY—DIAGNOSE TB
Together We Can End TB**

*Every action counts - Be informed
Be proactive - Be part of the solution!*



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