A ONE HEALTH, PAN-EUROPEAN NETWORK STRENGTHENING SURVEILLANCE, CLINICAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF ZOONOTIC HEPEVIRUSES

ONWARD – One Health Network Against Zoonotic Hepeviruses

1. ABOUT ONWARD

ONWARD is a European COST Action (CA24140) focused on hepatitis E and rat hepatitis E.
The network brings together researchers, clinicians, veterinarians, microbiologists and public health experts to strengthen research, surveillance, prevention and control through a One Health approach.

2. CORE OBJECTIVES

- Advance a One Health approach
- Improve data sharing and collaboration
- Strengthen screening and surveillance
- Foster clinical and therapeutic evaluation
- Support prevention and control measures
- Promote policy engagement and awareness

3. WORKING GROUPS

WG1 Diagnosis and comprehensive surveillance of zoonotic hepeviruses

WG2 Clinical management and therapeutic approaches

WG3 Prevention and control of zoonotic hepeviruses

WG4 Dissemination, communication and awareness

WG5 European synergies and collaborations

4. EARLY CAREER SUPPORT

ONWARD places strong emphasis on supporting Young Researchers and Innovators (YRIs) and participants from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs) through grants, mobility support, leadership opportunities and mentoring activities.

5. FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN ONWARD

1. SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSMs)

Research visits (1–3 weeks) to partner institutions to learn new techniques, access specific data or instruments, and strengthen collaboration.

2. CONFERENCE GRANTS

Financial support to present ONWARD-related research at international conferences, enhancing visibility and networking

3. TRAINING SCHOOLS

Hands-on courses focused on harmonised methodologies, diagnostics, data analysis and One Health approaches in zoonotic hepevirus research.

4. WORKSHOPS & SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Thematic events to align practices, develop consensus frameworks and foster cross-sector dialogue.

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