Searching the grey literature \( n = 4 \)
Eurosurveillance \( n = 3 \)
Studies identified through reference lists \( n = 6 \)

Excluded \( n = 140 \)
Excluded based on the abstract available \( n = 135 \)
Unable to obtain further information needed to make assessment \( n = 5 \)

Full copies retrieved and assessed for eligibility \( n = 241 \)

Excluded \( n = 218 \):
- Conference abstracts of case-control and cross-sectional studies \( n = 10 \)
- Studies of LGV, HIV co-infection was not reported \( n = 4 \)
- Cross-sectional studies of MSM, no LGV found \( n = 6 \)
- Cross-sectional studies of LGV and other STIs in the whole population \( n = 21 \)
- Policy and behavioural surveys \( n = 5 \)
- Case reports and series \( n = 62 \)
- Guidelines, diagnostics and genetics of LGV \( n = 25 \)
- LGV reviews, reports, news, editorials, letters or commentaries \( n = 62 \)
- Other \( n = 23 \)

Potentially relevant articles \( n = 23 \)
Excluded \( n = 6 \)
Overlap with another study that was included

Publications that met the inclusion criteria \( n = 17 \)