



## Regional Platform EECA

Regional Civil Society and Community  
Support, Coordination and  
Communication Platform – EECA



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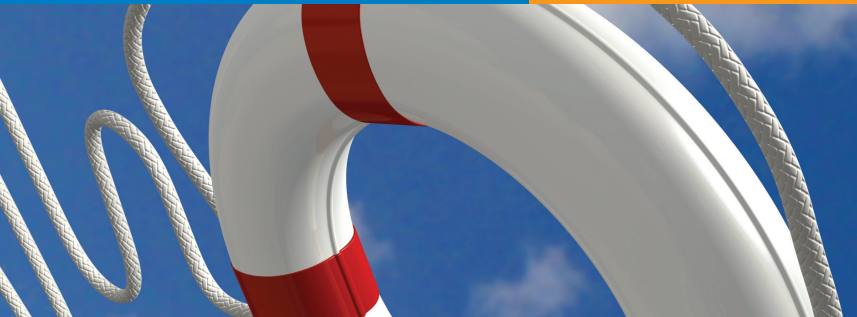
## About the Platforms

The Regional Civil Society and Community Support, Coordination and Communication Platform-EECA is a regional communication and coordination project, implemented by a consortium of key TA providers and regional community networks in EECA, and supported by the Global Fund (GF).

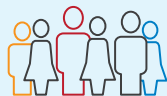
Being a part of the Community, Rights, and Gender Special Initiative (CRG SI), the 6 Regional Platforms acting worldwide aim to strengthen civil society and communities' fruitful, aware, and active engagement into the response to HIV, TB and malaria epidemics.



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## EFFECTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITIES OF AFFECTED POPULATIONS



Lack of access to knowledge and knowledge itself, which is necessary to play an important part in response to HIV and TB epidemics and Global Fund activities



Obstacles connected to human rights, gender inequality and other kinds of inequality and social exclusion



## The New Funding Model Cycle

Ongoing country dialogue



## Goals and objectives

All six Platforms have 4 main common objectives:

- 1 Raise CS and communities awareness on the Global Fund and TA
- 2 Build strong coordination among key stakeholders in the region (namely donors, TA providers, NGOs and key affected populations)
- 3 Identify the TA/capacity development gaps for CS and communities in the region and make sure the communities are well aware of them
- 4 Ensure CS and communities have access to relevant resources and ways of developing their capacity sustainably

Each Platform builds its activities around these objectives in specific ways.



## The EECA Platform and the EECA region

As we see from the latest UNAIDS Global Report on AIDS, the EECA region continues to be one with the highest number of new HIV cases, over 90% of which being among key populations and their sexual partners. TB is also an acute issue for the region with 340 thousand of estimated new TB cases and high MDR TB burden — 72 thousand, only 59% of which are diagnosed (Source: Global TB Report 2015, WHO).

Currently the region is also facing a new major challenge in terms of the epidemics responses – the need to transition from Global Fund and other external donors funding to governmental funding.

The core approach to this substantial challenge is to develop and strengthen the real role of communities in decision-making. Thereby EECA RP is building a strong and meaningful partnership of key CS stakeholders in the region. This leads to synergy in resources application and stronger CS's voice in the response to current challenges, including:

- Meaningful engagement of CBOs in transition planning

- Imparting more significance to participation of community representatives in national HIV and TB coordination bodies, as well as in CCMs
- Establishment of strong partnerships between national level CS and state bodies responsible for epidemics response
- Organizational / institutional capacity building, including management, participation in national and international processes, planning and monitoring of HIV and TB responses.

— EECA region

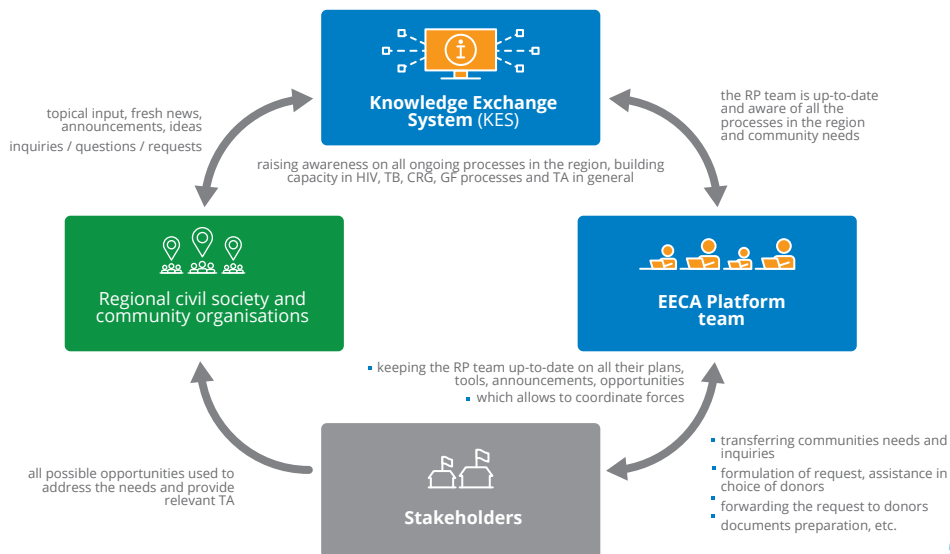




## Our approach — Comprehensive and sustainable coordina- tion

The EECA Platform utilizes an exclusive approach for realising one of the project's objective "Building strong coordination among key stakeholders in the region" — the project has been planned and is being implemented by a Consortium of key TA providers and key community networks in the region.

By definition, it gives Consortium partners access to information on all relevant opportunities and, moreover, a mechanism on better access of CSOs to available TA and other relevant resources.





## Our activities and tools

Communication strategy and implementation plan have been developed for producing and distributing information in 5 main thematic areas: GF, NFM and Transition, TA, Community Strengthening, Human Rights and Gender Equality. The Strategy is realized through an information-sharing platform, consisting of:

- Website: [eecapatform.org/en/home/](http://eecapatform.org/en/home/)
- Facebook page: [facebook.com/eeca.platform/](https://facebook.com/eeca.platform/)
- E-digest on TA opportunities: [eecapatform.org/en/oportunities/](http://eecapatform.org/en/oportunities/)
- Series of thematic webinars for CS from RP on GF related processes
- Elaboration of tools for communities
- On-line Information and Consultation Centre:
  - Regular updates of information on GF, TA, CRG
  - Information request form on GF, and TA possibilities

- Referral mechanism to respond CSOs' requests by Consortium partners with relevant expertise
- Peer-to-peer counselling of CSOs in countries with involvement of regional networks
- Participatory intervention-driven TA needs assessment with an integrated request form. Assessment results direct the Information and Consultations Centre's work.

Overall information coverage through all RP sources: over 1000 recipients from civil society in 29 countries.







## Upcoming activities

- On-line course on community engagement into HIV and TB responses in EECA
- Workshop-presentation of the online course on community engagement
- Practical tools on transitioning from GF to national funding
- Guidance on effective participation of community groups in the development of National Strategic Plans (NSPs) and other national documents which regulate HIV|AIDS and TB response inside countries, GF processes and mid-term reviews
- Series of trainings on the above mentioned tools
- Linking NGOs and communities to TA opportunities on preparation and submission of “shadow” reports, participation in NSP, country dialogues and transition to national funding by case management and requests referrals.

## How you can get engaged



We are always open for new ideas and partnerships.

### We are always looking for:

- new CS and community representatives to add to our contacts base and link to our project
- new and current opportunities from donors and TA providers to share with CS and communities in EECA and link them to
- community based experts on community involvement into decision making to share experience with communities on involvement into decision making on a national level: country dialogue (incl. NSP), transition plans, the Global Fund processes
- interesting and relevant materials, plans, events, etc.



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