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Updates

EECA Regional Networks: Keep UNAIDS – the HIV response in EECA is not finished



In September 2025 the [UN Secretary-General has published a report “Shifting Paradigms: United to Deliver”](#), which states that “We plan to sunset UNAIDS by the end of 2026. This would entail mainstreaming capacity and expertise into relevant entities of the UN development system in 2027”.

In response to this the [regional networks of civil society in EECA have initiated a statement](#) stressing that:

- HIV epidemic in EECA region continues to grow.
- The epidemic is concentrated among key populations, particularly people who inject drugs, men who have sex with men, people in prisons and other marginalized groups who already face stigma, criminalization, and barriers to accessing health services – these dynamics demand stronger, not weaker, global leadership.
- UNAIDS plays a unique role in ensuring that governments, international organizations, and civil society are united behind a coherent and evidence-based response.
- Shrinking civic space and punitive policies continue to endanger lives, the independent voice and normative authority of UNAIDS is essential.

On 8th October 2025 the **Special Session of UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board (PCB)** was held and **EHRA ED Ganna Dovbakh delivered this statement** to all participants together with other **statements**.

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Vacancies & tenders

RFP: External consultant to prepare and facilitate 2-day Communities and civil society regional meeting

The **Eurasian Harm Reduction Association** (EHRA) within the scope of the **EECA Regional Learning Hub project** supported by the **Global Fund** will organize a meeting **“Ensuring meaningful community engagement in Global Fund GC8 in EECA”**.



The meeting is meant to gather to CCM members representing non-governmental sector from EECA countries – prospective applicants for GC8 Submission Windows 1 – 3 in 2026: ***Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine.***

EHRA is looking for a Consultant to help with preparation of meeting materials, program and facilitation. **More details can be found in the RFP.**

*Please submit your proposal to the **info@harmreductioneurasia.org** by 24:00 EET 31 October 2025.*

The meeting will:

- Allow participants to become better prepared for the engagement into the Grant Cycle 8 country dialogue processes including learning about the materials being available to support the process, opportunities for and expectations from the community engagement into the such process and the technical support being available.
- Provide the opportunity to better understand their roles as CCM members with regard to the process of funding request development and ensuring the voices of communities to be heard within this process, to share their current and previous experiences with each other and to address the representatives of the Global Fund Secretariat with their questions and concerns.

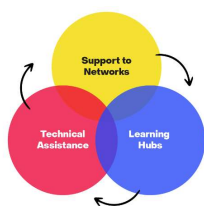
Tentatively the meeting ***will take place in Istanbul (Turkey) on the week of 26th of January 2026*** (the exact dates will be fixed within the next few weeks). The working languages of

the meeting will be English and Russian.

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Global Fund related news

Highlighting technical assistance provided within the Global Fund's CE TA Program in 2024



The community engagement strategic initiative offers [short-term technical assistance](#) to communities most affected by HIV, TB and malaria, so they can meaningfully engage in Global Fund and related national processes. Community and civil society organizations and groups can request technical assistance at any time throughout the funding cycle.

Check out the [examples TA provided within this program in Serbia and Turkmenistan in 2024 at EECA Regional Platform website](#).

News from partners

WEBINAR: Web3 and Crypto Fundraising: Redefining Sustainability, Resource Mobilization, and Community Leadership

The [Social Equation Hub](#) invites to a series of educational webinars for **Nonprofits and Communities** under the **Help Space** initiative, supported by the **Elton John AIDS Foundation** and **Alliance for Public Health** (funded by the **Global Fund**).



Imagine organization operating with full transparency — where resources flow directly to communities, donations are instant and borderless, and every contribution creates verifiable impact. Web3 makes this possible by enabling sustainable funding models, transparent reporting, and community-driven decision-making.

Webinar 1: Crypto Fundraising for
NGOs — From Theory to Your First

Workshop 2: DAOs and Fundraising
in Web3 for Nonprofits

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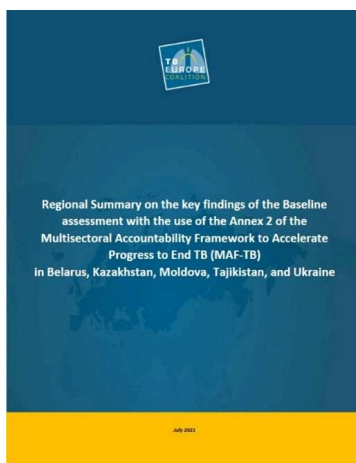
October 24, 2025
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November 7, 2025
3:00 PM (Kyiv / GMT+3)

[Registration is required](#). For more information, please visit the [EECA Regional Platform website](#).

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TBEC: How to conduct a baseline assessment on MAF-TB — a case study from five EECA countries



The [TB Europe Coalition](#) has developed a [brochure summarizing regional findings from the Baseline Assessment using Annex 2 of the WHO Multisectoral Accountability Framework for TB \(MAF-TB\)](#). This assessment was conducted in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, and Ukraine, providing valuable insights into how to conduct a baseline MAF-TB assessment.

The brochure describes the process and results of the assessment, carried out throughout 2021 with support from TBEC. National partners from civil society and TB-affected communities, in collaboration with national TB programs under ministries of health and country coordination committees, completed Annex 2 of the MAF-TB Baseline Assessment Checklist in these five pilot countries. Importantly, the overall technical guidance on completing the checklist and its annexes at the country level was provided by the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

This assessment helped identify key factors that enable meaningful participation of civil society and TB-affected communities in the TB response, as well as the role of multisectoral collaboration and accountability in ensuring such participation.

The regional summary was published under the Challenge Facility for Civil Society Grant for the EECA region, funded by the Stop TB Partnership, the Communities, Rights, and Gender Grant on "Long-Term Capacity Strengthening of TB-Affected Population Networks and Organizations," funded by the Global Fund, and a grant from the [Eurasian Harm Reduction Association](#) (EHRA).

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