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WEBINAR: Results of the 54th meeting of the Global Fund's Board

Webinar on the results of the 54th meeting of the Global Fund's Board

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Join the webinar to learn about its key decisions including on the Strategic Shifts for GC8, Country Allocations and Catalytic Investments for GC8

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27 February 2026 11:00 AM KIVV TIME Russian/English simultaneous translation

**WHEN: 27 February 2026, 11.00-12:30
Kyiv time
HERE: [Zoom](#)**

The *54th meeting of the Global Fund's Board* took place on 11 – 13 February 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland. A number of issues, critical for EECA region, were discussed at this meeting, and important decisions were taken, including the Strategic Shifts for GC8, Country Allocations and Catalytic Investments for GC8.

During the [webinar](#) you will be able to receive the first-hand information about these and other key topics from this Board meeting and to address the representatives of three Delegations to the Global Fund Board with questions you might have.

Language: English/ Russian simultaneous translation.

Speakers:

- *Developed Country NGO Delegation* – **Vitaly Djuma** – Board Member.

- *Developing Country NGO Delegation* – **Andriy Klepikov** – Delegation member; **Ilimbek Sadykov** – Delegation member.
- *Communities Delegation* – **Lyubov Vorontsova** – Delegation member; **Valeriya Rachinskaya** – Delegation member.
- Facilitation – **Ganna Dovbakh**, EECA Regional Learning Hub.

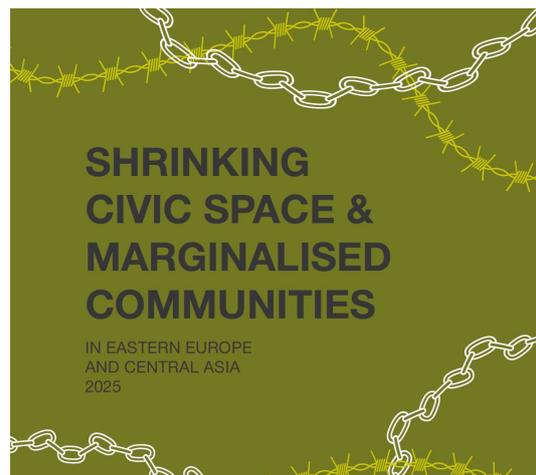
Discussion Topics:

- Resource Mobilization and the 8th Replenishment Outcomes
- Strategic Shifts for GC8
- Catalytic Investments for GC8
- Sources and Uses of Funds.

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Report: Shrinking civic space and marginalised communities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Report is the outcome of an **extensive regional data collection effort**, conducted in 2025. Drawing on structured inputs from ten countries (**Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan**), the report examines the civic space and legal environment context affecting community-led HIV and TB responses in EECA.



Grounded in international human-rights standards, the analysis **focuses on four interrelated dimensions** that are central to the functioning of civil society and the sustainability of community-led responses: **freedom of association; freedom of peaceful assembly; freedom of expression and access to information; and the criminalization of key populations and protection from reprisal.**

Report prepared by Eurasian Harm Reduction Association ([EHRA](#)) in partnership with Eurasian Coalition for Health, Rights and Sexual Diversity ([ECOM](#)), Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS ([EWNA](#)) and Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network ([SWAN](#)) to ensure the effects of the shrinking civic space and criminalization relevant to LGBTQI+ communities, people living with HIV, people who use drugs and sex workers are reflected.

Read more!

Global Fund related news

Press-release: Global Fund Board welcomes final 8th replenishment outcome of US\$12.64 billion, backs strategic shifts to advance countries' path to self-reliance



The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) has issued a [press-release](#) following the Global Fund Board meeting that took place 11 – 13 February 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland where the Board of the Global Fund welcomed the final outcome of the partnership's Eighth Replenishment – US\$12.64 billion.

The press-release stresses the ***strategic shifts that will guide countries in the next grant cycle***, with:

- Greater prioritization of the least-resourced and highest-burden countries.
- Defined, predictable transition timelines tailored to national contexts, disease burden and economic conditions.
- Optimized use of all available resources through rigorous programmatic prioritization, increased co-financing, market shaping, reinforced integration into national health systems, and community systems financing.

[Read more!](#)

Catherine Connor – the new member of the Developed Country NGO Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund

On 19 February, 2026 the Developed Country NGO Delegation to the Global Fund to Fight HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria Board announced that ***Catherine Connor has been appointed as the new Board Member for a two-year term.***

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The new leadership is working closely with Vitaly Djuma, out-going Board Member, and Katy Kydd Wright, Alternate Board Member, to ensure a seamless transition.

Find out more!

News from the Developing Country NGO Delegation on the results of the 54th Global Fund Board meeting



The Developing Country NGO Delegation has prepared a [newsletter](#) informing the civil society about the results of the 54th Global Fund Board meeting.

The Board meeting marked a critical milestone in agreeing the amount of funds for Grant Cycle 8 (GC8) – being US\$ 10.780 billion for the 2026-2028 allocation period and solidifying strategic shifts that will shape financing for HIV, TB, malaria, and resilient health systems.

[The decisions taken](#) ensure that GC8 processes and guidance can now move forward and set the terms for how countries will navigate a constrained but critical financing cycle. Strong, informed engagement from civil society will shape the outcomes for communities and people most affected by HIV, TB, malaria.

The newsletter provides information that is critical to civil society:

- Critical strategic shifts introduced by GC8;
- Information from the Global Fund on preparation for GC8;
- GC8 allocation letters;
- Tighter resources and greater prioritisation within GC8;

Find out more!



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