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TBEC FUNDRAISING POLICY

Introduction

The TB Europe Coalition (TBEC) is a not-for-profit organisation, officially registered under Dutch law as a Stichting (foundation) since December 2017.

The main objective of TBEC is to further the achievement of a world free of tuberculosis (TB) by ensuring civil society drives the TB response.

To attain this objective, TBEC strives to:

- Be a regional civil society network bringing together both individuals and organisations from across the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region to strengthen the role of civil society within the regional response to TB;
- Increase the political and financial commitments required to manage the epidemic effectively.

Sources of funding and contributions

According to TBEC's founding document (Articles of Incorporation), TBEC's "funds and means will be formed from a. subsidies and other contributions; b. gifts, bequests and legacies; c. all other acquisitions and gains".

To develop its activities and achieve its objectives, TBEC seeks diversified sources of funding from entities that share TBEC's values and wish to help further achieve TBEC's vision and mission (*see the box below*).

As one of TBEC's core activities is advocacy to end TB (namely influencing decision-makers) in the name of civil society, in order to maintain TBEC's reputation for independence, integrity, credibility, social responsibility and accountability, TBEC will refrain from accepting funding and contributions from corporations (which include companies and corporate foundations):

- that derive their income from the production and/or sales of products harmful to people's health: tobacco, alcohol, firearms, fossil fuels;
- whose activities might undermine the values and principles that TBEC holds to, such as equality, social justice, accountability, transparency, and respect for human rights;



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- whose profit-driven agenda impedes the realisation of needs-driven biomedical research and development (R&D), as well as access to safe, quality, effective and affordable medicines, such as pharmaceutical corporations.

Accepting funding from the corporations mentioned above can be a severe risk to TBEC's reputation. It can make TBEC's advocacy agenda (specifically on R&D of new health technologies and access to medicines) subservient to the interests of corporations that support it, over the interests of people affected by TB.

TBEC's vision: A world free of TB.

TBEC's mission: Civil society driving the TB response.

TBEC's Values: TBEC maintains a commitment to the following core values:

- **Empowerment:** TBEC believes that people's needs should be at the centre of any TB decision-making. As such, TBEC seeks to empower civil society and TB affected communities to participate in the TB response actively.
- **The human rights-based approach to TB:** A human rights-based approach to TB prioritises the dignity and autonomy of all people with TB. TBEC is committed to promoting and defending the rights of TB affected people.
- **Equality & social justice:** TBEC upholds the principles of promoting and defending health equality, with particular focus given to engaging and empowering vulnerable and marginalised groups in TB affected communities.
- **Independence, transparency and accountability:** TBEC only accepts funding from donors whose objectives are in line with its vision and core value. Furthermore, TBEC maintains a policy of transparency and disclosure for its beneficiaries, donors, and partners.

Fundraising and grant approval governance

Any decision on the potential engagement of TBEC in grant-making and other fundraising opportunities should be guided by the principles of independence, integrity, credibility, social responsibility and accountability.

TBEC Board members can initiate TBEC's participation in calls for proposal or any other fundraising opportunity with the approval of the Board (qualified majority if no consensus is reached).

TBEC Executive Director can also initiate TBEC's participation in fundraising opportunities with the prior approval of the Board (qualified majority if no consensus is reached). TBEC Executive Director should assess whether the potential fundraising opportunity is in line



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with TBEC's values and whether it will help to achieve TBEC's vision and mission further, and inform the Board about the opportunity.

The Board should be given at least five working days for possible feedback/objections regarding TBEC's participation in a fundraising opportunity. If there are no objections from the Board, TBEC Executive Director will have a "green light" to lead the grant making or any other fundraising process.