

CCM in Romania concept and reality

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- The Global Fund has approved 2 HIV/AIDS and 2 TB grants for Romania through Round 2 and Round 6 call for applications
- The CCM was founded in October 2002, prior to the preparation of Round 2 HIV and TB applications
- 2002 – 2007 The Prime Minister Counsellor chaired the CCM
- 2007 - up to date: the Chair position belongs to the Ministry of Health (State Secretary)
- Over 40% of the CCM members are representing the civil society
- CCM Vice-Chair is representing the Federation of Organizations of PLWHA
- 2 PRs were appointed by the CCM: MOH (for Round 2 grants) and Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation (for Round 6 grants)

Strengths

- Since 2005 CCM Romania has revised its bylaws and operative procedures regarding grants overseeing
 - Romanian CCM's bylaws and working documents are largely available on CCM website:
www.ccmromania-gfatm.com
- The updated bylaws includes clear clauses regarding the conflict of interests, selection of SRs and PRs, grants oversight plan and instruments, the functions of the CCM secretariat, etc.
- The procedure of PR selection is based on TOR, offering equal opportunities and enough time to all candidates.
- PR provides quarterly reports to the CCM about the progress of HIV/TB Grants' implementation, both programmatic and financial. The PR is also updating its website, so that all CCM members and non-members have access to grant progress reports and other relevant information:
 - PR's website www.globalfund.ro
- Large representation of NGOs and CBOs and networks
- Effective civil society participation in consultative and decisional process.

Challenges

- The Romanian CCM it is not always recognized by the authorities as a decisional organism, only as an advisor one (making suggestions and recommendations; preparing national plans such as HIV/AIDS strategy, etc.)
- A turn-over in CCM Chairs (MoH State Secretaries), due to political frequent changes
- MOH (CCM Chair position)- a more active role in the CCM
- CCM members representing governmental institutions are not top-level positions, and therefore are not always able to play a key role in influencing / changing the political decisions concerning HIV/AIDS and TB.
- The sustainability of interventions and activities developed within the GF Grants is a difficult task for CCM members in the absence of:
 - MoH more active role as CCM-Chair
 - Lack of power of the CCM members representing governmental institutions