

WESTERN-EASTERN EUROPEAN
PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE
ON HIV, VIRAL HEPATITIS AND TB



WEEPI Framework Grants 2025

Supporting Research for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and Tuberculosis in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

The **WEEPI Foundation** is proud to announce the launch of **Framework Grants** to improve the prevention, testing, and care for **HIV, viral hepatitis, and tuberculosis** in the Eastern European region through support of clinical or implementation research projects.

Who Can Apply

The call is open to:

- Researchers at **universities, research institutes, and non-profit organizations** in **Eastern Europe and Central Asia**
- Collaborative projects between **Western and Eastern actors** are encouraged
- Priority is given to **low- and middle-income countries** in Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the Caucasus, and Central Asia
- **High-income EU member states** remain eligible for collaboration in cases of ongoing projects or strategic relevance, but will not be prioritised for capacity-building



Our Priorities

The foundation encourages applications that:

- Reduce barriers to healthcare access
- Promote sustainability
- Build long-term research capacity

Aim and Scope

The **WEEPI Foundation** – the Western-Eastern European Partnership Initiative on HIV, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis – is dedicated to strengthening healthcare in Eastern Europe through research, evidence-based solutions, and capacity development.

Our aim is to support innovative projects that improve testing, prevention and care for HIV, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis. We prioritize initiatives that reduce barriers to healthcare access, promote sustainability and build long-term research capacity.

Funding Model Overview

To achieve this, the WEEPI Foundation is launching two independent funding mechanisms:

Seed Grants

- **Duration:** 1 year
- **Purpose:** Generate pilot data, support early-career researchers, and explore new ideas or approaches
- **Funding amount:** 30'000 CHF

Framework Grants

- **Duration:** Up to 4 years
- **Purpose:** Build sustainable research capacity and deliver measurable impact on healthcare systems and practices
- **Funding amount:** Up to 400'000 CHF

This replaces the previous **Stage 1-Stage 2 model**, where a short project was followed by a continuation grant. Under the new funding model, **Seed and Framework grants are fully independent** and can be applied for separately.

Important Notes

- **Seed grants are not prerequisites** for Framework grants
 - The **WEEPI Secretariat** provides structured guidance and capacity-building throughout the project lifecycle
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Application Deadline

Applications close: 11 January 2026, midnight CET

Take the Next Step

Are you working on a project that could transform healthcare access and outcomes in

Eastern Europe and Central Asia? Do you have an idea that deserves support, structure, and visibility?

Apply Now for a WEEPI Framework Grant

Join a growing network of researchers and institutions committed to evidence-based change in HIV, viral hepatitis, and tuberculosis care.

- **Deadline:** 11 January 2026, midnight CET
- **Start your application:** Apply at weepi.org
- **Questions?** Contact the WEEPI Secretariat via weepi.org for guidance and support

Let us help you turn your vision into impact.

[Go to weepi.org](https://weepi.org)

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At the heart of the WEEPI Foundation lies a bold mission: to transform healthcare related to HIV, viral hepatitis, and tuberculosis (TB) in Eastern Europe. Established in October 2018, the WEEPI Foundation was founded on the belief that research, innovation and collaboration can overcome the region's most pressing health challenges. <https://weepi.org/>