

GENDER BUDGET WATCHDOG NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING AND GRB COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

24-27 August 2026
Unique Resort & Spa Ohrid



Strengthening University-CSO Collaboration for a Gender-Equal Societies

GENDER BUDGET WATCHDOG NETWORK

ANNUAL MEETING

NETWORK MEETING DAY ONE

24 August 2026
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AGENDA

18:00 – 18:30

Opening of the GBWN Annual Meeting

- Minutes of meeting of last meeting
- Confirming agenda

18:30- 19:30 Executive Committee confirmation

- Closing of the voting and Announcement of the members voted by network
- Obligations of the Executive Committee
- GBWN Statute changes



FUTURE and SUSTAINABILITY of the NETWORK

GBWN Annual Meeting 2025 discussion outcomes

- Global, regional and local advocacy
- Working with members
- **Advocacy on domestic resource mobilization**
 - Green jobs and circular economy as topics – along with the agriculture (subsidies)
 - People with disability in GRB – access to institutions – disability rights
 - Entrepreneurship for women– access to finance – women's companies
- Ministries co-financing
- **Municipalities support** – space, resources, etc.
- Embassies co-financing
- **Businesses cooperation** – companies with regional markets
- Banks co-financing
- **Expertise monetization**
- **Membership** based on the size of the organization – not same for all

VOTING ON THE NETWORK'S GOVERNING BODIES AND CHANGES IN THE GBWN STATUTE



Obligations of the Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee shall be responsible for taking strategic decisions regarding the direction of the network and fundraising for the network.
- Takes strategic decisions on behalf of GBWN;
- Represents GBWN in relation to third parties and acting on his behalf;
- **Assists the Regional Network's Director in ensuring funds for the operation of GBWN;**
- Prepares semesterly work plans and reports of GBWN;
- Reports to the Oversight Board;
- Prepares Assembly sessions of GBWN;
- Review and approve annual narrative and financial reports of the Network delivered by the Coordinating Body by 30th of June each year.
- Prepares proposed changes and amendments of the Statute and submits to the Assembly for approval;
- Decides on and provides recommendations concerning cooperation and relation with other associations and institutions;
- Performs other duties according to the orders and instructions of the Assembly of GBWN.

Oversight Board

- **Five-member Oversight Board**
- Implementing partners and organizations receiving funds from GBWN may not be members of the Oversight Board.
- **Members of the Oversight Board shall serve a two-years term**, after which they will need to take a one-year break before serving another term.

The Oversight Board has the responsibilities to:

- Meet in person or virtually at least twice annually;
- Support and advise GBWN in strategic planning.

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NETWORK MEETING DAY TWO

25 August 2026
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AGENDA

09:30-10:00 Reflections on new phase of development

**10:00- 11:00 Sustainability of GBWN
Resources- Building the ecosystem for
gender equal society**

- Annual report procedures;
- Membership;
- Members engagement beyond grants;



Annual report procedures

Annual narrative and financial reports of the Network are to be delivered to the Coordinating Body by 30th of June each year.

Meaning GRB-related activity impact report of each of the network members.

Financial report – based on the network's funding (not of individual members).



Article 8. Membership Fees

8.1. The Assembly of Members shall **decide whether an annual membership fee will be required from members** and the amount of this fee, for the upcoming calendar year at the Annual Members meeting.

8.2. The Assembly of Members shall **decide on the amount**, rules, and procedures for paying membership fees annually. This should be approved by the Executive Committee.



**MEMBERSHIP
FEES**

MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT BEYOND GRANTS

small groups discussions

- HOW to KEEP the MEMBERS ENGAGED when there are NO GRANTS?
- WHAT is the main BENEFIT for the NETWORK MEMBERS?
- HOW to KEEP the NETWORK ALIVE PRACTICALLY?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION & YOUR COMMITMENT TO GBWN

