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Dear Dr Aguar-Fernandez,

Letter of endorsement

On behalf of Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Post box 1030, Hoff, 0218 (registration number 917.687.811) and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19th November 2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe and specifically Article 9 therein, I hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3).

Introduction to CEPI

Launched in 2017, CEPI is an international coalition of governments, academic, philanthropic, private, public, and intergovernmental institutions whose vision is to create a world in which epidemics and pandemics are no longer a threat to humanity. Our mission is to accelerate the development of vaccines and other biologic countermeasures against epidemic and pandemic threats so they can be accessible to all people in need. CEPI is organised as a not-for-profit association under Norwegian Law and has offices in Oslo (HQ), London, and Washington, DC. More details about CEPI and our mission can be found on our website: www.cepi.net

CEPI’s mission is to accelerate the development of vaccines and other biologic countermeasures against epidemic and pandemic threats so they can be accessible to all people in need. In pursuit of this mission CEPI manages a portfolio of vaccines at various stages of development, targeting pathogens selected from the WHO Blueprint list of priority diseases. CEPI also engages in promoting vaccine development more widely for the benefit of global health initiatives.

CEPI’s contribution to Global Health EDCTP3

Capacity building and strengthening of the research environment is at the core of Global Health EDCTP3’s objectives and in line with the implementation of the European Union Global Health Strategy’s Guiding Principles 6 and 7 to “address workforce imbalances and foster skills” and “strengthen capacities for prevention, preparedness and response and early detection of health threats globally”.

In addition to epidemiology and biostatistics (from Global Health EDCTP3 fellowships), and strengthening the Regional Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness Consortia there is a need to build capacity related to regulatory affairs, ethics, pharmacovigilance, and related digital regulatory platforms.

CEPI's proposed involvement

Financial contributions from CEPI will support consortia that will provide successful applications to the call "HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-SERP-01: training, and innovation networks for sustained capacity building related to ethics, regulatory, pharmacovigilance, and related digital regulatory platforms" ("CfP").

CEPI's contribution will be for projects awarded by Global Health EDCTP3 that also align with CEPI's mission and mandate, from the proposed CfP developed in partnership between Global Health EDCTP3 and CEPI.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be up to a maximum of EUR 3,450,000 (an equivalent of US\$4,000,000 as of 25 November 2025 on www.xe.com). This contribution is subject to CEPI and Global Health EDCTP3 entering into a funding agreement. It is CEPI's intention to provide the aforementioned maximum amount, subject to its own due diligence to ensure funded activities are within CEPI's mandate and mission. Therefore, after the review and award of the request for proposal, CEPI will at its reasonable discretion select specific projects or work packages within projects awarded by Global Health EDCTP3 under the call to be to which CEPI's financial contribution will be attributed and such CEPI co-funded projects will be specified in the co-funding addendum under the funding agreement or otherwise agree in writing between CEPI and Global Health EDCTP3. For the avoidance of doubt, the selection of specific projects or work packages within projects will not reduce the maximum amount of CEPI's financial contribution to the CfP.

Expectations and needs from CEPI on the joint agreement

The specific funding conditions and other requirements will be agreed upon in the funding agreement between CEPI and Global Health EDCTP3.

CEPI will be allowed to propose independent evaluators for the applicant selection process, and to participate in the evaluation process as observers. CEPI will share its findings of project risks and proposed mitigation measures with Global Health EDCTP3 which Global Health EDCTP3 will in good faith consider and use reasonable effort to incorporate in related project documents and keep CEPI informed of the implementation of the project and related mitigation measures.

Global Health EDCTP3 will use its best endeavours to ensure beneficiaries accept CEPI's usual award conditions via the grant agreement between Global Health EDCTP3 and the beneficiaries, which will be further detailed in the funding agreement between Global Health EDCTP3 and CEPI and cascaded down to the call for proposals. Global Health EDCTP3 will ensure that unless duly justified all project outputs will be made public and accessible.

CEPI requires that Global Health EDCTP3 clearly names CEPI as a contributing partner throughout the whole process. CEPI will have the same rights to Global Health EDCTP3, to review and comment on proposals, audit reports and findings, deliverables including periodic financial and technical reports from funded projects. CEPI will be invited to any formal project or networks meetings involving applicants or grantees for this call. Global Health EDCTP3 shall use its best endeavours to require that under each Grant Agreement, beneficiaries grant CEPI a royalty free, non-exclusive license to exploit Project results (including intellectual property rights) for CEPI's internal use and other purposes equivalent to what is granted to Global Health EDCTP3.

Contractual agreements

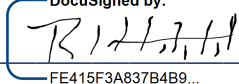
The specific needs that relate to the recipient institutions, outlined in this letter, should clearly be specified in any contractual agreements with those institutions. This will ensure a mutual

understanding and agreement on the use of funds, reporting requirements, and conditions for continued funding.

We confirm the following:

1. We will comply with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695; Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe; the Model Grant Agreement for Horizon Europe and applicable Global Health EDCTP3 rules, including the relevant work programmes and in particular the call conditions therein.
2. We will keep all information received in the context of our involvement as contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 confidential. This confidentiality obligation applies in particular but is not limited to the areas of Global Health EDCTP3 call topic preparation and publication, proposal submission and evaluation, and consortium formation. We further understand that this obligation strictly prohibits the release of confidential information to any legal entities save where specifically authorised by Global Health EDCTP3. Internal dissemination of information within our organisation will be done on the basis of the “need to-know” principle. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CEPI is not prohibited from i) disclosing confidential information that it is required to disclose under applicable laws; ii) disclosing confidential information to any external legal or professional advisors who would also be bound by confidentiality, if authorised by the Global Health EDCTP3; and iii) disclosing the existence of a relationship between CEPI and Global Health EDCTP3 for the purpose of declaring a potential conflict of interest. For the avoidance of doubt, CEPI is obligated to disclose confidential information to its investors through CEPI’s Investor Council for the purpose of reviewing and approving CEPI investment proposals, and to facilitate their oversight and monitoring function over CEPI’s activities. CEPI’s maximum liability in aggregate to Global Health EDCTP3 for breach of confidentiality obligation hereunder will be capped by US\$5,000,000.
3. We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and further confirm our understanding that the Global Health EDCTP3 will allocate resources to the above topic based on these commitments.
4. The value of our contribution will be based on costs calculated in accordance with Article 6 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement. It will furthermore be subject to final approval by CEPI governance and the agreement on the size and allocation of funding to awarded proposals.
5. We accept that, with CEPI’s prior agreement, additional modalities regarding the provision of our contribution may be defined in subsequent agreements or documents, such as a funding agreement and call text.

Yours faithfully,


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