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Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Keppel Street, WCE1 7HT, London, United Kingdom, VAT number GB233756066, 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 JU).

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) is a global leader in research and postgraduate education in public and global health, with a mission to improve health worldwide through research, training, and translation into policy and practice. LSHTM has extensive partnerships in Africa and other LMICs in infectious disease control, vaccines, health systems, and capacity building. Its priorities align with the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, which aims to accelerate development and uptake of interventions for poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases by strengthening research capacities for preparedness and response, and fostering equitable Africa–Europe partnerships.

LSHTM's contribution to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking will take the form of an in-kind contribution of personnel (IKOP) generated resources over the full duration of the project, equivalent to resources reflecting approximately seven person-months of senior research fellow staff time. This support will focus on access to already developed Epiverse training materials and delivery networks (which would otherwise have to be developed from scratch), as well as technical guidance on modelling tools via package maintainers, and strengthening collaborations with the Epiverse fellows' network (which includes mentoring and professional development). By providing these resources at no financial cost, LSHTM adds significant value to the consortium, ensuring high-quality training, capacity building, and technical excellence. This contribution directly supports the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU by strengthening research capacities for preparedness and response to control infectious diseases.



Beyond their direct use in outbreak response, Epiverse tools have been adopted into training curricula and postgraduate research, with over 2,000 trainees engaged across Africa, Europe, and Latin America. We have also developed the largest set of integrated open access training materials for outbreak analysis and modelling available globally. Resources are continually being expanded and translated into English, French, and Spanish to ensure accessibility and broader uptake. Furthermore, both Epiverse and several of its constituent tools have been recognized as Digital Public Goods

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be EU 61,340 with further details provided in the table below.

Contributing partner: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)		
Budget Category	Cost (€)	Description
Personnel costs	61,340	Resources equivalent to approx. 7 person-months of senior research fellow time over project duration (i.e. the amount of time that would have been required to develop the below resources from scratch without LSHTM involvement). Activities include: WP1: Consortium coordination and kick-off (onboarding with teaching materials and Epiverse network) WP2–4: Access to Epiverse training materials, lecturer recruitment, technical oversight of modelling tools via package maintainers. • WP8: Mentoring of fellows via links with the Epiverse Phase 2 training programme, strengthening links with Epiverse Fellows network for collaboration and guidance. • WP9: Access to Epiverse seminars/webinars and dissemination networks.
[e.g. Purchase costs (Travel, Equipment, Other goods, works & services)]	0	No direct purchases
[e.g. Subcontracting costs]	0	Not applicable



[e.g. Financial support to 3 rd parties]	0	Not applicable
Indirect costs (25% applied on Personnel and Purchase costs)	0	No indirect costs.
Total (€)	61,340	

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 JU 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 JU confidential. This confidentiality obligation applies in particular but is not limited to the areas of Global Health EDCTP3 JU 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 JU. Internal dissemination of information within our organisation will be done on the basis of the “need-to-know” principle.
3. We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and further confirm our understanding that the Global Health EDCTP3 JU 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.
5. We accept that additional modalities regarding the provision of our contribution may be defined in subsequent agreements or documents, such as a funding agreement and topic text.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Adam Kucharski

29th Sep 2025
