



GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 JOINT UNDERTAKING DECISION N° GB/07/2026

Adopting the first modified version of the Work Programme for the year 2026

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 JOINT UNDERTAKING (hereafter “Global Health EDCTP3”),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014 (hereafter “the Founding Regulation”), in particular Articles 17(2)(f), (k) and (n), 19(4) (c) and 21(7)(a) thereof;

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 (hereinafter “the Horizon Europe Regulation”);

Having regard to the Financial Rules of Global Health EDCTP3¹, and in particular Articles 6 and 33 thereof,

WHEREAS:

- (1) On 2 December 2025, the Governing Board adopted the Work Programme 2026 of Global Health EDCTP3 by decision GB/28/2025.
- (2) EUR 16.7 million were de-committed at the beginning of the year related to unused appropriations from previous years.
- (3) The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) has submitted a letter of endorsement to the Governing Board on 16 January 2026;
- (4) On 9 March 2026, the Governing Board has approved the application of CEPI by decision GB/05/2026.
- (5) CEPI plans to provide financial contributions to Global Health EDCTP3 JU, which are to be used under topic “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”.

¹ Governing Board decision GB/22/2022



- (6) A contribution from Germany is expected through the EDCTP Association as contribution from Members other than the EU. This contribution from Germany will be allocated to fund reserve list projects from 2025 and 2026 calls and call topic HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-02-CH-01-two-stage: Global collaboration action on climate and health in sub-Saharan Africa.
- (7) A contribution from the United Kingdom is expected through the EDCTP Association as contribution from Members other than the EU. This contribution from the United Kingdom will be allocated to fund two call topics, namely: HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-LRTI-02-two-stage: Global collaboration action for prevention and treatment of Lower Respiratory Tract Infections (LRTIs) in sub-Saharan Africa, and “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”, as well as one reserve list project from 2025 calls.
- (8) The reference to the Horizon Europe General Annexes 2023-2025 is updated and replaced by reference to Horizon Europe General Annexes 2026-2027. Due to operational reasons, a derogation to the application of the Horizon Europe General Annexes 2026-2027 is established regarding the evaluation award criteria for which the Horizon Europe General Annexes 2023-2025 are still applicable.
- (9) The scoring and weighing of CSAs have been changed to align with the scoring applied to the full proposals of the two-stage RIAs calls.
- (10) The list of countries eligible for funding has been updated.
- (11) In compliance with Article 110 (2) and (3)(d) of the Financial Regulation, the necessary information has been added in the Work Programme in the Section 4.1 (Other actions not subject to the call for proposals) and in particular section 4.1.4.5, regarding the seven EDCTP Prizes in view of the EDCTP Forum 2027, that Global Health EDCTP3 JU will publish and award with total budget of EUR 180,000.
- (12) Further explanations on the operational procurement regarding the preparation for the EDCTP Forum 2027 have been added in the Work Programme in the Section 4.1 (Other actions not subject to the call for proposals) and in particular section 4.1.4.4.
- (13) Justification for the derogation from the general rule of Article 22(2) Horizon Europe Rules for Participation for consortium composition based on Global Health EDCTP3 JU policy objectives as well as a clarification regarding the communication of documents to the Global Health Contributing partners have been added in the Section 4.1.2.4 (Specific conditions to Global Health EDCTP3).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The annex to decision GB/28/2025 (Annual Work Programme for the year 2026) is hereby replaced by Annex 2 to this decision (First modified version of the Work Programme for the year 2026).

All substantial modifications to the Work Programme for the year 2026 are described in Annex 1 to this decision (Explanatory note).

Article 2

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 15 April 2026.

For the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board

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Chairperson of the Governing Board

Annex:

1. Explanatory note.
2. First modified version of the Work Programme for the year 2026.