

Financial, legal matters and Contributing Partners



Global Health
EDCTP3

Legal aspects

Co-funded by
the European Union



Eligibility to receive funding



EU COUNTRIES

- Member States (**MS**)
- Overseas Countries and Territories (**OCT**) linked to MS



NON-EU COUNTRIES

- Countries associated to Horizon Europe (**AC**)
- Countries which are members of **the EDCTP Association**
- Other countries when announced **in the call or exceptionally** if their participation is **essential**



SPECIFIC CASES

For example:

- EU bodies
- International organisations (**IO**)
 - International European research organisations are eligible for funding
 - Other IO can be eligible for funding only exceptionally

Consortium

To be eligible, consortia must include from the first stage:

- At least **three legal entities independent from each other** and established in different countries, where legal entities are eligible to receive funding;
- At least **one independent legal entity established in a Member State, or in an associated country that is a member of the EDCTP Association;** and
- At least **one independent legal entity established in a sub-Saharan African (SSA) country that is a member of the EDCTP Association.**



Forms of costs

- **Actual costs**
- **Unit costs**
- **Flat-rate costs**

General eligibility conditions for **actual costs**:

1. **Actually incurred** by the beneficiary
2. Incurred during the action duration
3. Declared under one of the budget categories set out in Article 6.2 and Annex 2
4. Connected to the action as described in Annex 1 and necessary for its implementation
5. Identifiable and verifiable
6. In compliance with applicable national laws on taxes, labour and social security; and
7. Reasonable, justified and must comply with the principles of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency

Cost categories

1. A. **Personnel costs**

- A.1 Employees (or equivalent)
- A.2 Natural persons under direct contract
- A.3 Seconded persons
- A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries
- A.5 Volunteers (not applicable)
- A.6 Others (includes Personnel unit costs)

2. B. **Subcontracting costs**

3. C. **Purchase costs**

- C.1 Travel and subsistence
- C.2 Equipment
- C.3 Other goods, works and services

4. D. **Other cost categories**

- D.1 Financial support to third parties
- D.2 Internally invoiced goods and services
- Others

5. E. **Indirect costs**



Financial reporting

Timing

- Deadline for submission of reports 60 days after the end of the reporting period.
- Deadline for payments: 90 days after first submission (subject to approval of reports). If reports incomplete – session back to Coordinator (suspension of the payment deadline)

Submission

- All Beneficiaries receive a notification
- Each beneficiary to complete own Financial Statement in the portal
- Each beneficiary e-signs and submits (PFSIGN) Financial Statements to the Coordinator
- The Coordinator checks & submits the elements (Technical part and Financial Statements) of the Periodic Report
- EDCTP3 reviews the submitted Periodic Report and accepts or rejects it.
- Interim Payment/Payment Of the Balance is processed

Certificate on financial statements (CFS)

CFS to be submitted with the final report

- Threshold: EUR 430,000 requested funding
 - Covers all the costs declared on the basis of actual costs and costs according to usual cost accounting practices (if any)
 - To be provided by a qualified approved external auditor (for public bodies: by a competent independent public officer)
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- ❖ Tip: familiarise yourself with the CFS template (available in F&T portal) early



Certificate on statement of contribution (CCS)

CCS to be submitted by the JU Member (or Constituent) and Contributing Partners if no EDCTP3 funding is received the beneficiary under the grant

- Threshold: EUR 430,000 IKOP or Financial Contribution (FC)
- Covers all the costs declared on the basis of actual costs and costs according to usual cost accounting practices (if any)
- To be provided by a qualified approved external auditor (for public bodies: by a competent independent public officer)



Ex-post audits

- Article 25.2 Grant Agreement (Art. 25 Checks, Reviews, Audits and Investigations-Extension of findings)
- Cost eligibility on the costs declared
- Audited by European Commission or external audit firm

Timeframe:

- Anytime after you receive first interim payment
- up to the number of years indicated in the data sheet after payment of the balance (incl. extension of findings from other grants)

Tips:

- Be diligent and keep evidence from the FIRST DAY OF THE PROJECT
- Costs declared MUST be actual and real
- Keep time records
- Best value for money and no conflict of interest



Contributing Partners:

from funding recipients
to strategic actors

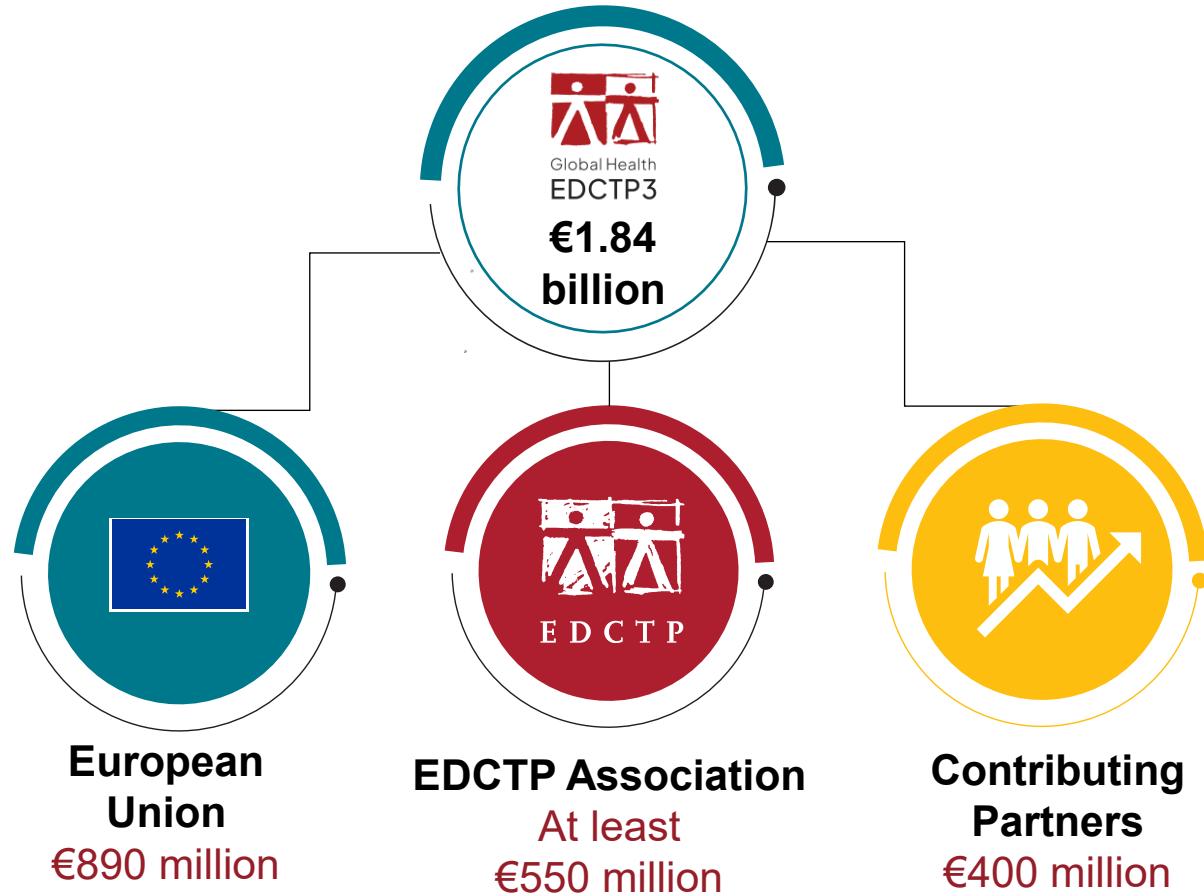
What are Contributing Partners?

Contributing partners are one of the three types of co-funders of Global Health EDCTP3

Global Health EDCTP3 operates on a budget of €1.84 billion up to 2027, for implementation and close out of activities by 2031.

It commits funding through annual work programmes co-developed by its various bodies and through expert consultations, including with contributing partners.

The EU matches contributions from Members of the EDCTP Association and Contributing Partners, making their support essential to fully fund Global Health EDCTP3's planned budget.



Who can be a Contributing Partner?

Any public or private entity other than the EU, the EDCTP Association, or public entities related to them

Examples of eligible entities

- Philanthropic organisations and charities
- Private entities, both for-profit and not-for-profit
- Biotech and pharmaceutical companies
- Public entities, such as government agencies, research funding agencies, or public universities, based in countries that are **not members of the EDCTP Association** ([see](#) the list of members)
- International organisations

All other entities may still be able to contribute through the EDCTP Association. Contact us to know how



Why become a Contributing Partner?



Delivering lifesaving innovations to those who need them most



Shaping and co-creating research agendas and interventions



Enhancing the social responsibility and reputation of your organisation

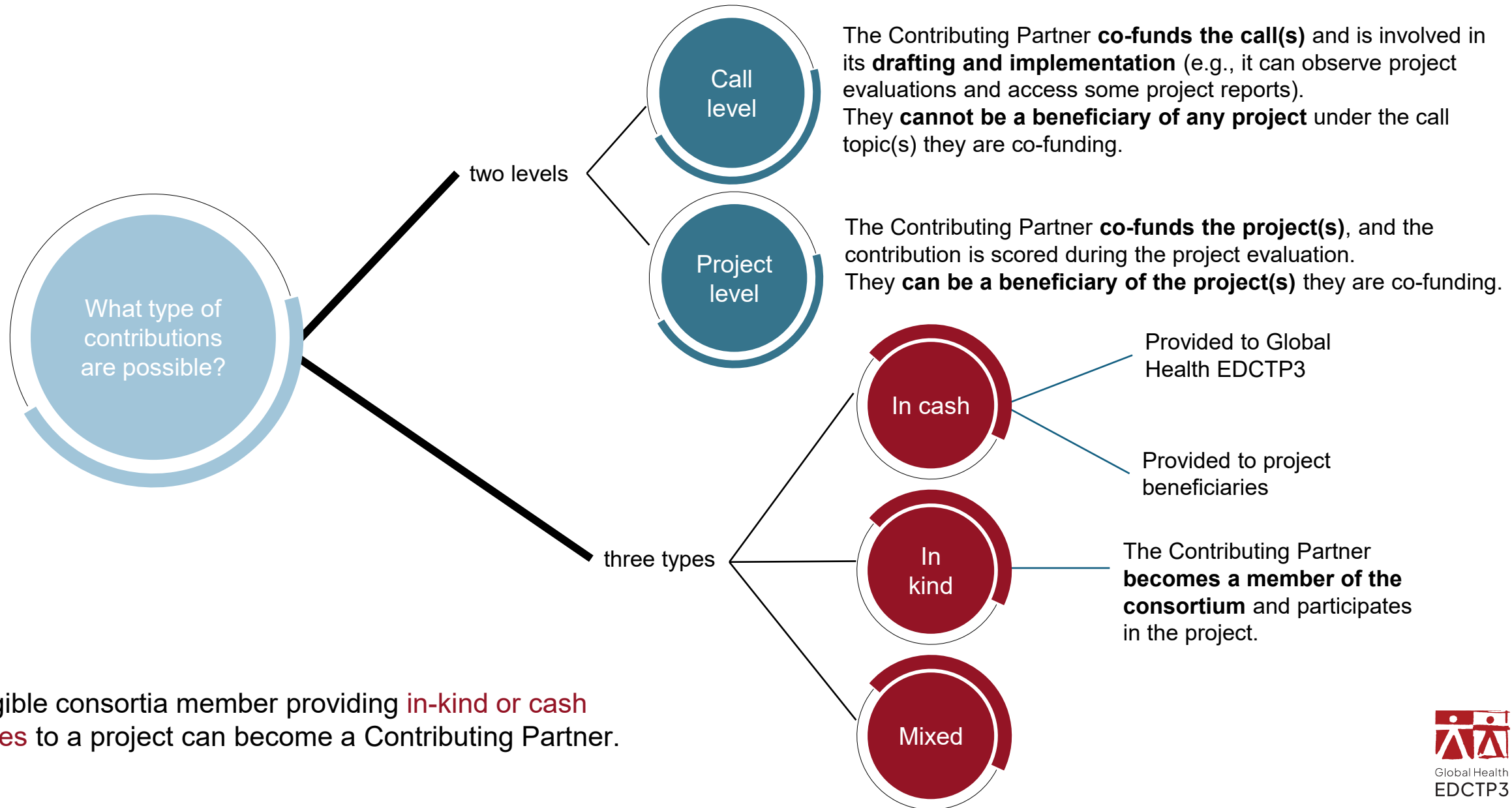


Leveraging resources and maximising your project's success chances and impact



Boosting international visibility and partnership opportunities

What type of contributions are possible?



Any eligible consortia member providing **in-kind** or **cash resources** to a project can become a Contributing Partner.

How are contributions considered and evaluated?

The basic principle

Contributions must cover **eligible project costs** (personnel, purchase, indirect...), as defined in Article 6 of the Model Grant Agreement. They must be **actual** costs (not estimates), **necessary** for the project, incurred **during** its implementation, and **by eligible** contributing partners.

Total Project Costs – Requested Grant Amount = Contributing Partner Contribution

In '**Global Collaboration Actions**' contributions from contributing partners are scored under the **Quality and efficiency of the implementation award criterion**, and the **Impact award criterion** for projects submitted to calls (in the second stage).

- **The 'impact' criterion:** which scores any financial and/or in-kind contributions from contributing partners.
- **The 'quality and efficiency of the implementation' criterion:** which scores financial and/or in-kind contributions from contributing partners that are equal or greater than the requested contribution.

The 'implementation' criterion is scored only if the total proposal contribution meets the threshold.

How are contributions reflected in the proposal?

- General description of activities – the activities to be funded by the contribution should be included in the description of the work packages and the costs should be included in the justification tables.
- Budget table - In principle, the total project eligible costs on the one hand must equal the requested grant amount plus any 'own resources' and/or 'financial contribution' on the other hand.

3 - Budget

No.	Name of beneficiary	Country	Role	Personnel costs/€	Subcontracting costs/€	Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/€	Purchase costs - Equipment/€	Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/€	Internally invoiced goods and services/€ (Unit costs-usual accounting practices)	Indirect costs/€	Total eligible costs	Funding rate	Maximum EU contribution to eligible costs	Requested EU contribution to eligible costs/€	Max grant amount	Income generated by the action	Financial contributions	Own resources	Total estimated income
1			Coordinator									100							
2			Partner									100							

For lump sum grants, the table will be similar but simpler, because we won't have the budget categories.

How to become a Contributing Partner?

It requires the submission and approval of the **letter of endorsement**



Letters are to be submitted to [partnerships@
global-health-edctp3.europa.eu](mailto:partnerships@global-health-edctp3.europa.eu)

Check out our [guide](#) for contributing partners for all the details

If the Contributing Partner is a consortium member of a proposal selected for funding, this is handled during **grant agreement preparation**.

If the Contributing Partner is not a consortium member, it is handled through a **funding agreement** between the Contributing Partner and Global Health EDCTP3.

When should letters of endorsement be submitted?

Recommended timeline



March
- July

For project-level contributions:
after stage-one evaluation and before the stage-two submission deadline, so that your co-funding can be considered in project evaluations.



January
- March

For call-level contributions:
as soon as possible to ensure your input is included in the work programme preparation and/or to participate in its implementation (e.g. observe project evaluations).



Common Pitfalls and Final Recommendations

Top 5 mistakes with letters of endorsement

1. **Missing mandatory legal provisions** (letter not in template)
2. **Unsigned**, or signed by unauthorised person.
3. Submitted by an **ineligible entity** (e.g. a public university in an EDCTP Association Member State).
4. Total co-funding amount is mentioned in letter but **missing or inconsistent with the budget proposal**.
5. **Basic information is missing** in the letter: project name, call topic, short description of contributions, etc.

Recommendations:

Checklist : Guide & Template | Applicant & Cost Eligibility | Letter & Project Budget Match | Draft review

1. **Read the guide & Use the official template.** You can download both [here](#)
2. **Verify your eligibility** as a contributing partner & the eligibility of your **contributions**.
3. **Ensure** your contribution in the **letter matches** the project **budget proposal**.
4. If you want to receive comments on your letter, please **share it with us (in Word) as soon as possible**—and at least three weeks before the call submission deadline. Partnerships@global-health-edctp3.europa.eu

Connecting with Contributing Partners

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