



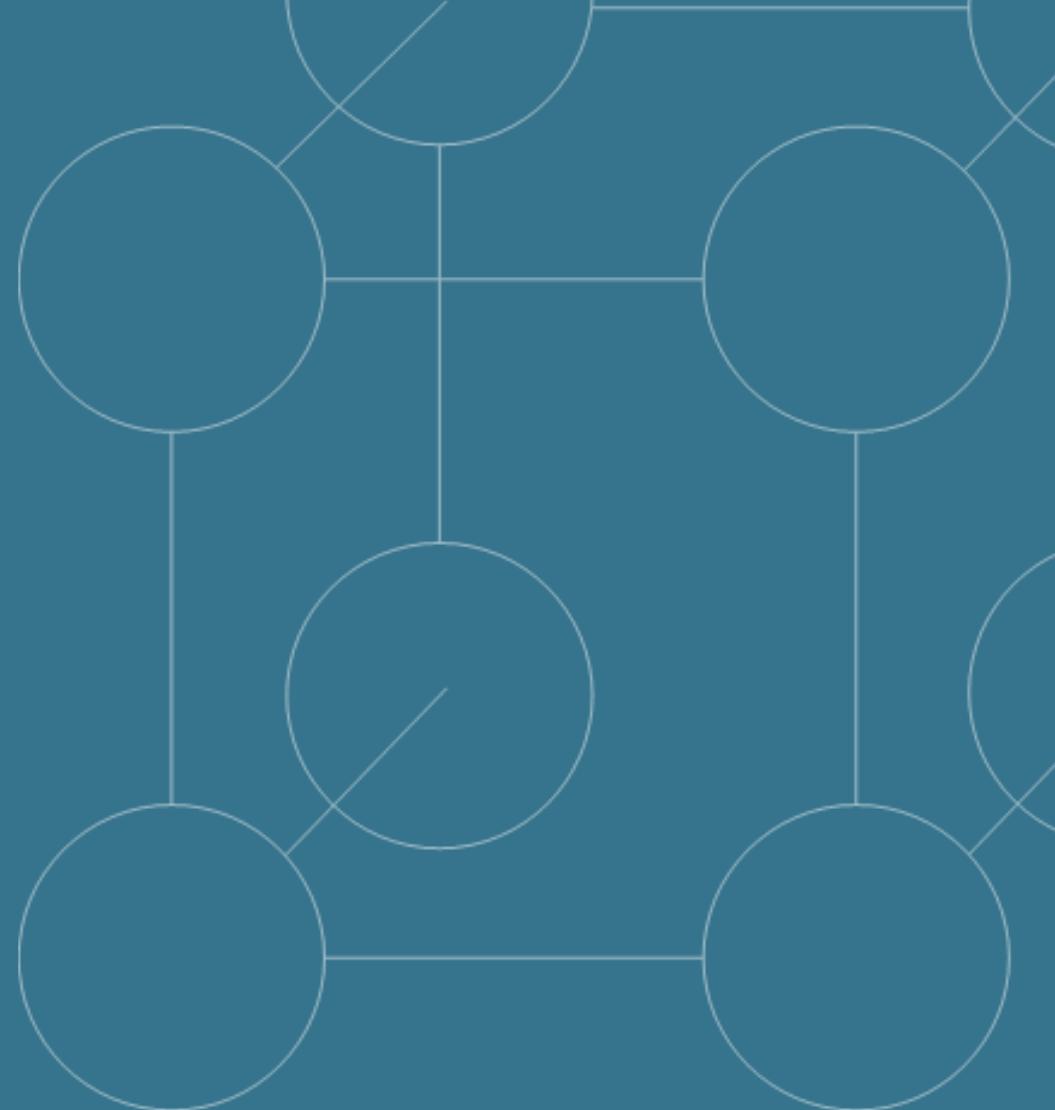
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# Financial, legal matters and Contributing Partners



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# Legal aspects



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# 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)

❖ 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





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# Contributing Partners: from funding recipients to strategic actors



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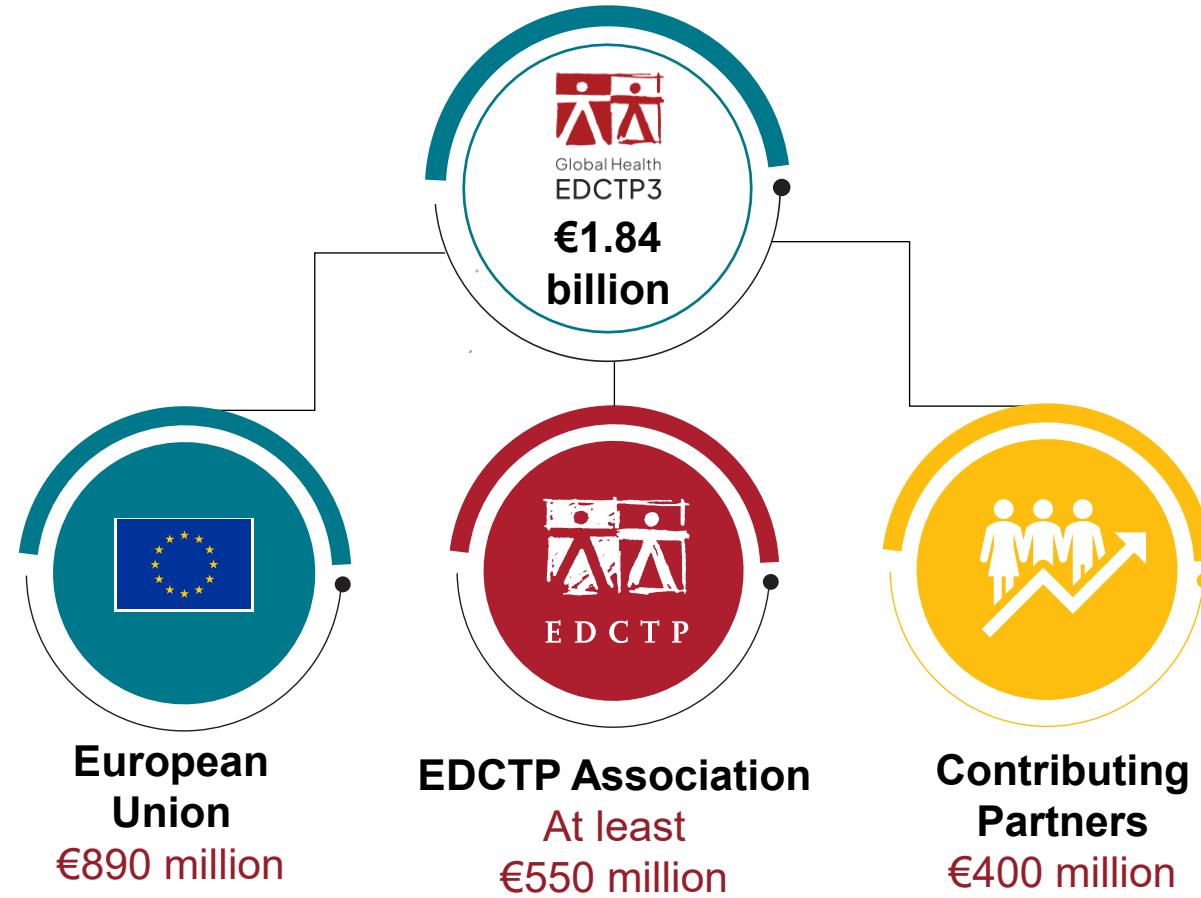
# What are Contributing Partners?

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

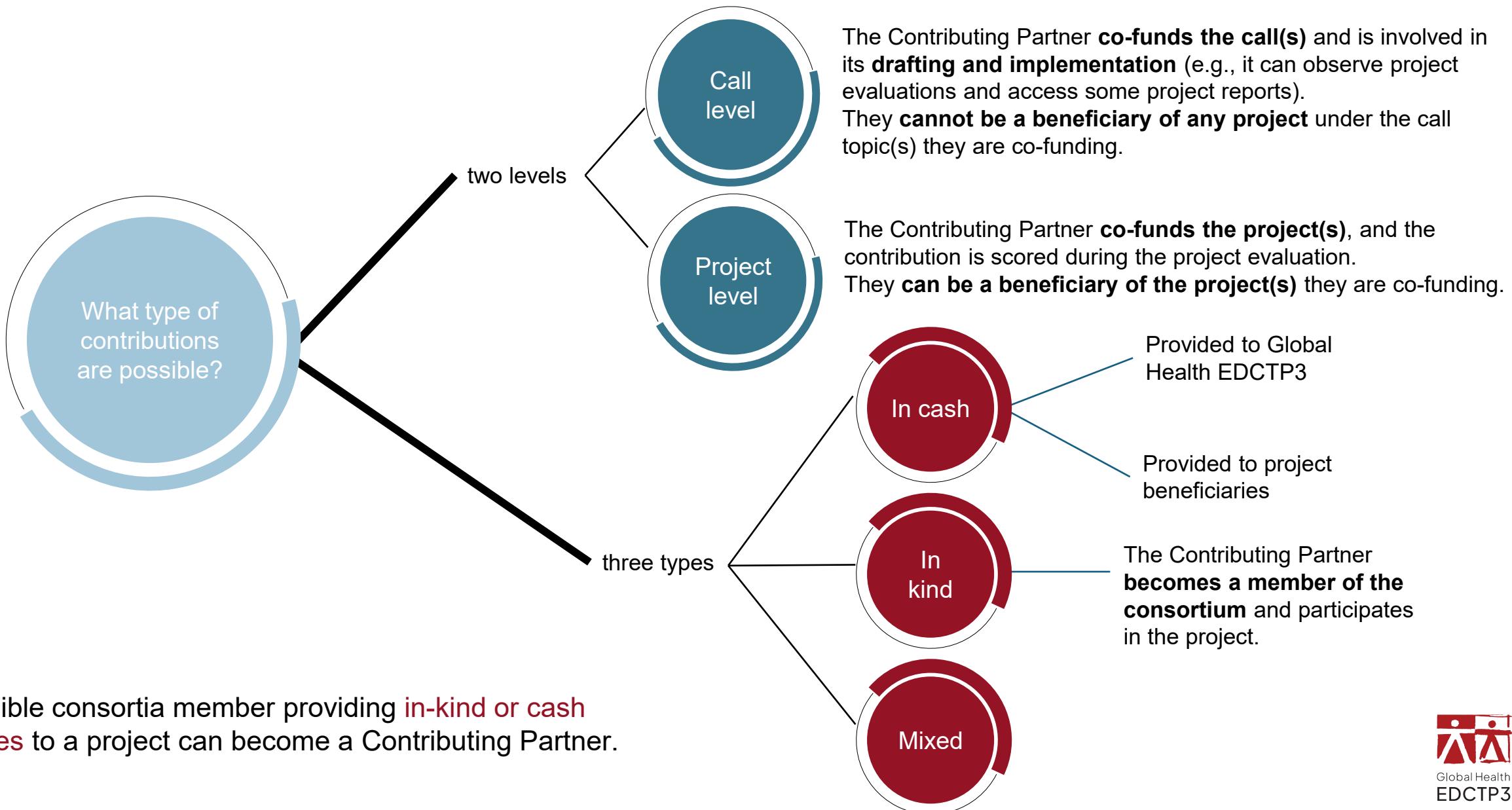


Leveraging resources and maximising your project's success chances and impact



Boosting international visibility and partnership opportunities

# What type of contributions are possible?



# 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.

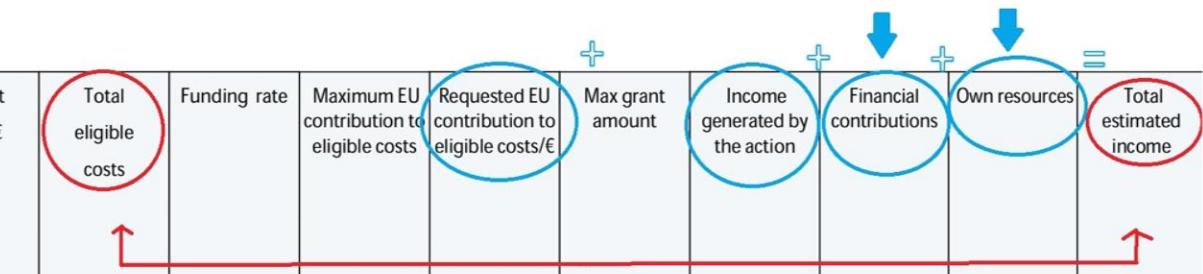
*The 'implementation' criterion is scored only if the total proposal contribution meets the threshold.*

# 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

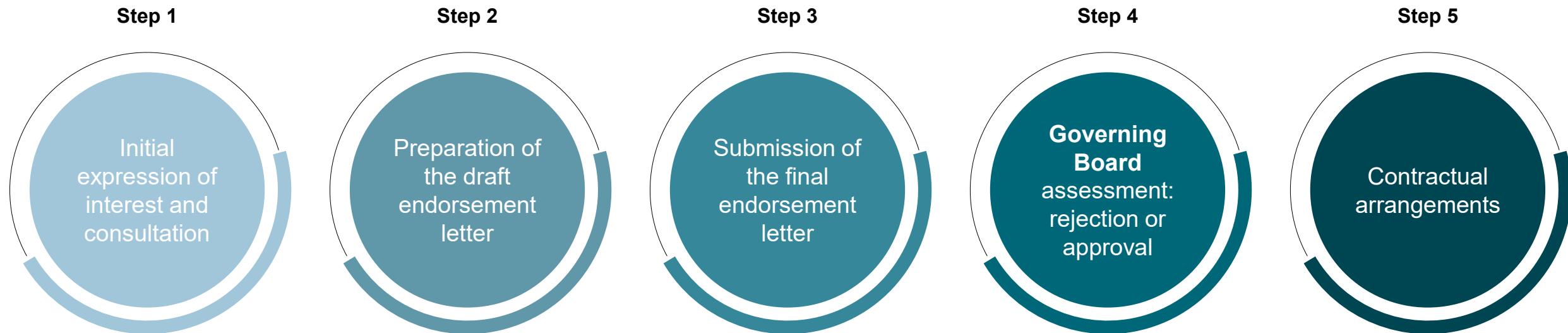
No.	Name of beneficiary	Country	Role	Personnel costs/€	Subcontracting costs/€	Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/€	Purchase costs - Equipment/€	Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/€	Internally invoiced goods and services/€ (Unit costs- usual accounting practices)	Indirect costs/€	Total 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)

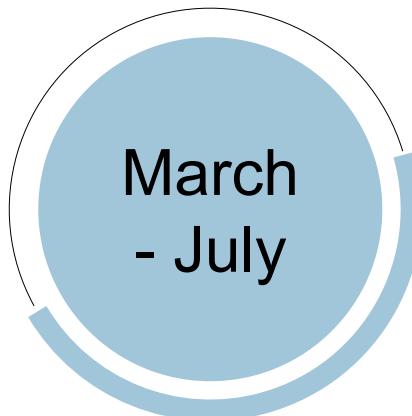
Check out our [guide](#) for contributing partners for all the details

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

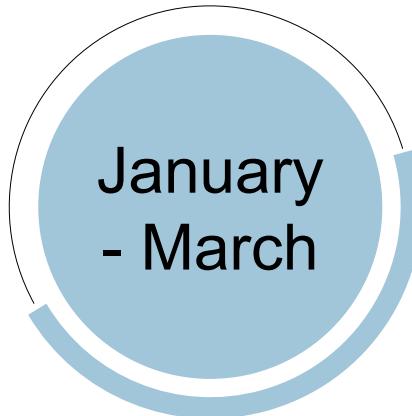
If the Contributing Partner is not a consortium member, it is handled through a **funding agreement** between the Contributing Partner and Global Health EDCTP3.

# When should letters of endorsement be submitted?

## Recommended timeline



**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.



**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](mailto:Partnerships@global-health-edctp3.europa.eu)

# Connecting with Contributing Partners

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**2026**

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