

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 JOINT UNDERTAKING DECISION N° GB/10/2025

Laying down the rules for payment of travel expenses, allowances and the reimbursement of costs to members of the advisory bodies of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe (hereafter “the Founding Regulation”), in particular Articles 16(1), 17(2)(a), 19(4) (w), 21(7), (8) and (9), 22, 108 and 109 thereof;

Having regard to Governing Board Decision N° GB/05/2022 on the selection process and criteria for the composition of the Scientific Committee;

Having regard to Governing Board Decision N° GB/15/2022 on the selection process and criteria for the composition of the Stakeholders Group;

WHEREAS:

- (1) As a matter of transparency, it is deemed appropriate to clarify the rules for payment of travel expenses, allowances and the reimbursement of costs to members of the advisory bodies;
- (2) Consistently with Governing Board decision GB/05/2022 and GB/15/2022, the calls for expression of interest for the selection of the advisory bodies provide that the same rules on appointment, reimbursement of costs and allowances applicable to external experts according to the rules of the European Commission apply to the members of the advisory bodies;
- (3) With regard to the objectives and tasks of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU, it is paramount to ensure significant and equal participation in the advisory bodies by members based in Europe and in sub-Saharan Africa;
- (4) Physical meetings of the advisory bodies are required to foster a fruitful collaboration between Europe and sub-Saharan Africa;
- (5) Such physical meetings are generally expected to take place only once a year;
- (6) Payment of transport costs by the members of the advisory bodies based in sub-Saharan Africa as well as working for academic institutions in Europe prior to reimbursement by the Global Health EDCTP3 JU has proven to be an impediment in practice to participation in physical meetings;
- (7) The Scientific Committee’s purpose is to provide independent scientific advice, whereas the Stakeholders Group’s purpose is to represent the views of stakeholders, while promoting synergies in the field of global health research and capacity building in sub-Saharan Africa;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The relevant provisions of Commission Decision C(2007) 5858 or any subsequent Commission Decision replacing it shall apply by analogy to the members of the advisory bodies.
2. In the case of members of advisory bodies established in sub-Saharan Africa or working for academic institutions in Europe, Global Health EDCTP3 JU may proceed to an advance payment of air travel expenses to the relevant members for meetings organised by Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Where applicable, the conditions of Commission Decision C(2007)5858 or any subsequent Commission Decision replacing it shall apply by analogy to such advance payments.
3. Global Health EDCTP3 JU may derogate from the provisions of Commission decisions referred to in the first paragraph regarding daily allowances in cases where meals are offered to the members of advisory bodies or regarding transport costs and other categories. Rules and guidelines applicable to staff of Global Health EDCTP3 JU may be applied by analogy to members of the advisory bodies, taking into account budgetary considerations.

Article 2

1. The relevant provisions of Commission Decision C(2016) 3301 or any subsequent Commission Decision replacing it shall apply by analogy to the members of the Scientific Committee and to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Stakeholders Group, in particular with regard to the payment of “special allowances”.
2. Global Health EDCTP3 JU shall define the deliverables required to claim the payment of special allowances.
3. The members of the Scientific Committee, the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Stakeholders Group shall sign a specific expert contract as a frame for the submission of the deliverables required by the Global Health EDCTP3 JU and the payment of “special allowances”.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 20 May 2025.

For the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board

Henning Gädeke

Chairperson of the Governing Board

Annex:

1. Commission Decision C(2007) 5858 on the rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by people from outside the Commission invited to attend meetings in an expert capacity:
https://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/egf/docs/reglementation_experts_2008_en.pdf