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1. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

This report describes the results of the **panel review** done by the evaluation committee/panel for the evaluation of the following topic.

Topic: HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01
 Call: HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-two-stage
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 Budget:
 Total call budget: EUR 49.100.000,00
 Budget for the topic: EUR 32.000.000,00.

This call covers the following topics/types of action:

Topic code	Topic name	Types of action
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	Tackling diarrhoeal diseases in the context of climate and health	Research and Innovation Actions
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-ACCESS-02-two-stage	Transformative Innovations in global health	Research and Innovation Actions

The evaluation was made in accordance with the applicable legal framework and guidance.

2. PANEL REVIEW

The evaluation committee/panel examined and compared the consensus reports (CRs) of the proposals and checked consistency of the comments and the scores against the award criteria set out in the call conditions (**evaluation**).

The committee also examined the answers to the **additional questions** asked (if any; exceptional funding).

The committee/panel made — for each proposal — an **evaluation summary report (ESR)** (see Annex 3).

On the basis of the scores in the evaluation summary reports, the committee/panel then made a **panel ranked list** (see Annex 1) — also recommending (if necessary) a **priority order** for proposals with the same score (in accordance with the procedure set out in the call conditions).

2.1 Analysis of consensus results — Evaluation summary reports (ESR)

After analysis of the consensus results, the evaluation committee/panel considers the evaluation consistent. The scores and the comments on the award criteria in the **consensus reports** are confirmed.

2.2 Panel ranked list — Priority order

On the basis of the scores retained in the evaluation summary reports (ESRs), the evaluation committee/panel made a **panel ranked list** for above-threshold proposals.

This ranking is based on the overall score (defined as the *unweighted* sum of the scores of the individual award criteria).

2.3 Evaluation outcome

Table A: Number of evaluated proposals and evaluation outcome.

Topic code	Number of evaluated proposals	Number of below-threshold proposals		Number of above-threshold proposals	
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04 -CH-01-two-stage	10	6	60%	4	40%
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-ACCESS-02-two-stage	26	9	34,6%	15	65,4%
Total	36	15	41,6%	19	58,4%

For the panel ranked list, along with a final score and the evaluation committee/panel recommendations for priority order, see Annex 1.

For the list of below-threshold proposals, see Annex 2.

For the evaluation summary reports (ESRs), see Annex 3.

3. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The evaluation committee/panel has the following comments and observations:

Moreover,

For future calls, the evaluation committee/panel would recommend the following

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ANNEXES

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PANEL RANKED LIST

Rank	Proposal Number	Proposal Acronym	Topic	Type of Action	Panel	Final Score	Evaluation Status	Number of Participants	Proposal Budget	Proposal Duration	Requested Grant Amount	Expert Recommended Grant	Expert Recommended Grant %	Expert Recommended Grant Cumulative
1	101249026-2	TARGET	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	14.5	Above Threshold	10	5,799,966.25 €	54	5,799,966.25 €	5,799,966.25 €	100.00 %	5,799,966.25 €
2	101248844-2	HUNADIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	13	Above Threshold	11	5,628,262.50 €	48	5,628,262.50 €	5,628,262.50 €	100.00 %	11,428,228.75 €
3	101248902-2	CARE-Africa	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	12.5	Above Threshold	6	4,808,785.75 €	36	4,808,785.75 €	4,808,785.75 €	100.00 %	16,237,014.50 €
4	101248988-2	PRoRota	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	12	Above Threshold	6	5,834,001.25 €	48	5,300,000.00 €	5,300,000.00 €	100.00 %	21,537,014.50 €
5	101249017-2	ECOLI-CEA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	11.5	Below Threshold	9	5,530,945.00 €	48	5,530,942.00 €	5,530,942.00 €	100.00 %	27,067,956.50 €
6	101249128-2	OptiCryptO	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	11.5	Below Threshold	12	5,587,723.75 €	36	5,587,723.75 €	5,587,723.75 €	100.00 %	32,655,680.25 €
7	101248926-2	BRACED	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	11.5	Below Threshold	7	5,299,375.25 €	48	5,299,375.25 €	5,299,375.25 €	100.00 %	37,955,055.50 €
8	101248922-2	DIASmart	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	11.5	Below Threshold	14	5,299,998.75 €	60	5,299,998.75 €	5,299,998.75 €	100.00 %	43,255,054.25 €
9	101248890-2	SAFE-GUT	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	11	Below Threshold	8	5,299,952.00 €	60	5,299,952.00 €	5,299,952.00 €	100.00 %	48,555,006.25 €
10	101249050-2	SHIELD Africa	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-RIA	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	7.5	Below Threshold	8	5,278,780.00 €	48	5,278,780.00 €	5,278,780.00 €	100.00 %	53,833,786.25 €

LIST OF BELOW-THRESHOLD PROPOSALS

Call	Panel	Proposal Number	Proposal Acronym	Proposal Title	Reason	Requested Grant	ESR Score
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	101249128-2	OptiCrypto	OptiCrypto: a pair of individually randomized superiority trials to optimize treatment and prevention of cryptosporidium-associated diarrhea in children aged 1-3 years in Nigeria and Chad	Proposal failed to pass the threshold of the overall score	5,587,724 €	11.5
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	101248890-2	SAFE-GUT	Sustainable Approaches for Food-based Enhancement of Gut Health to tackle Childhood Diarrhoeal Diseases in the Context of Climate Change	Proposal failed to pass the threshold of criterion 1	5,299,952 €	11
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	101249050-2	SHIELD Africa	Integrated Public Health and Climate Resilience Strategies for Tackling Antibiotic-Resistant Shigella and Reducing Diarrhea in Sub-Sahara Africa	Proposal failed to pass the threshold of multiple criteria	5,278,780 €	7.5
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	101248926-2	BRACED	Bran for Resilience Against Childhood Enteric and Diarrhoeal disease and Environmental challenges	Proposal failed to pass the threshold of criterion 2	5,299,375 €	11.5
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	101249017-2	ECOLI-CEA	Tackling and investigating Escherichia coli Induced Diarrheal Diseases in Central and East Africa (ECOLI-CEA)	Proposal failed to pass the threshold of the overall score	5,530,942 €	11.5
HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-two-stage	HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-CH-01-two-stage	101248922-2	DIASMART	DIARRHOEAL-PREPAREDNESS AND STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING ACCELERATED RESPONSIVE INTERVENTIONS	Proposal failed to pass the threshold of criterion 1	5,299,999 €	11.5

LIST OF EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORTS (ESRs)

The evaluation summary reports for the following proposals are attached:

Proposal Number	Proposal Acronym
101249026-2	TARGET
101248844-2	HUNADIA
101248902-2	CARE-Africa
101248988-2	PRoRota
101249017-2	ECOLI-CEA
101249128-2	OptiCryptO
101248926-2	BRACED
101248922-2	DIASMART
101248890-2	SAFE-GUT
101249050-2	SHIELD Africa

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Proposal Number	Proposal Acronym	Participant(s) that should exceptionally be funded	Participant(s) that should NOT be funded
101248844-2	HUNADIA	The partner from Bangladesh plays an important role given their extensive cholera and IP experience and as well as advanced expertise in adaptive protocol design and clinical trial conduct. The partner has completed the Phase II trial for the IP; therefore, their involvement seems imminent. While Bangladesh is not an EDCTP-eligible country, its wealth of expertise justifies consideration for exceptional funding. The role of the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia as a scientific lead on the proposed project, along with providing access to research infrastructure and a pertinent geographical environment for conducting the clinical trial, justifies consideration for exceptional funding	
101249050-2	SHIELD Africa		Based on the information available, the participation of Synergy Biomed Research Institute (Pty) Ltd does not clearly meet the conditions required for exceptional funding under the Horizon Europe provisions. While the institute is presented as an international partner, the proposal does not provide sufficient justification demonstrating that its participation is essential for carrying out the project. In particular, there is no clear evidence of unique or outstanding expertise, exclusive access to specific research infrastructure, data, or geographical environments that cannot be provided by eligible entities already within the consortium. In the absence of a documented and verifiable rationale demonstrating that these criteria are fulfilled, the eligibility of Synergy Biomed Research Institute (Pty) Ltd for exceptional funding cannot be confirmed.
101249128-2	OptiCrypt O	Mother and Child Teaching Hospital, Chad The participation of this institution is essential for the successful implementation of the project. The Mother and Child Teaching Hospital is the leading paediatric referral centre in Chad and serves as a primary site for the target population of the planned clinical trial. Its inclusion provides direct access to a large and relevant patient base, existing clinical infrastructure, and experienced personnel required for recruitment, case management, and data collection. The hospital's involvement ensures geographical and epidemiological representation critical to the project's objectives and scientific validity. Without this partner, the clinical and implementation activities in Chad could not be effectively or credibly undertaken.	

