EDCTP grantspersonship
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Session outline

- Evolution of the EDCTP programmes
- EDCTP's approach to capacity development
- Applying for GH-EDCTP3 funding
- Q&A

Introduction to EDCTP Programmes

The Evolution of EDCTP Programmes

EDCTP1: 2004-2015

EDCTP2: 2014-2024 (2026)

Global Health EDCTP3: 2022-2031

- Legal structure: European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG)
- Supported under European Commission's FP6/FP7
- Total budget: €400 M (European Union: €200M; Participating States: €200 M) and Third parties: €200 M
- Disease scope: HIV, tuberculosis and malaria

- Legal structure: EDCTP Association
- Supported under European Union's Horizon 2020
- Total budget: €1.36 Bn (European Union: €683 M; Participating States: €683 M) and Third parties: €500 M
- Disease scope: HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected infectious diseases, diarrhoeal diseases, lower respiratory tract infections (late addition: infectious diseases of epidemic potential)

- Legal structure: Joint Undertaking between the European Commission and the EDCTP Association
- Total budget: €1.6 Bn (EU Horizon Europe: €800 M; Participating States: €400 M; Third parties: €400 M)
- Disease scope: HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected infectious diseases, diarrhoeal diseases, lower respiratory tract infections, and infectious diseases of epidemic potential

- EDCTP3 also includes antimicrobial resistance, climate crisis-provoked changes in infectious disease incidence, and co-infections and co-morbidities.
- Currently the two programmes: EDCTP2 and the GH EDCTP3 are overlapping.

EDCTP's approach to capacity development

EDCTP Regional Networks of Excellence

60 institutions across **36 European and African countries** to strengthen regional networking and to provide platforms for research training and multicentre studies in sub-Saharan Africa.

CANTAM3
Central Africa clinical research Network

EACCR3
Eastern Africa Consortium for Clinical Research

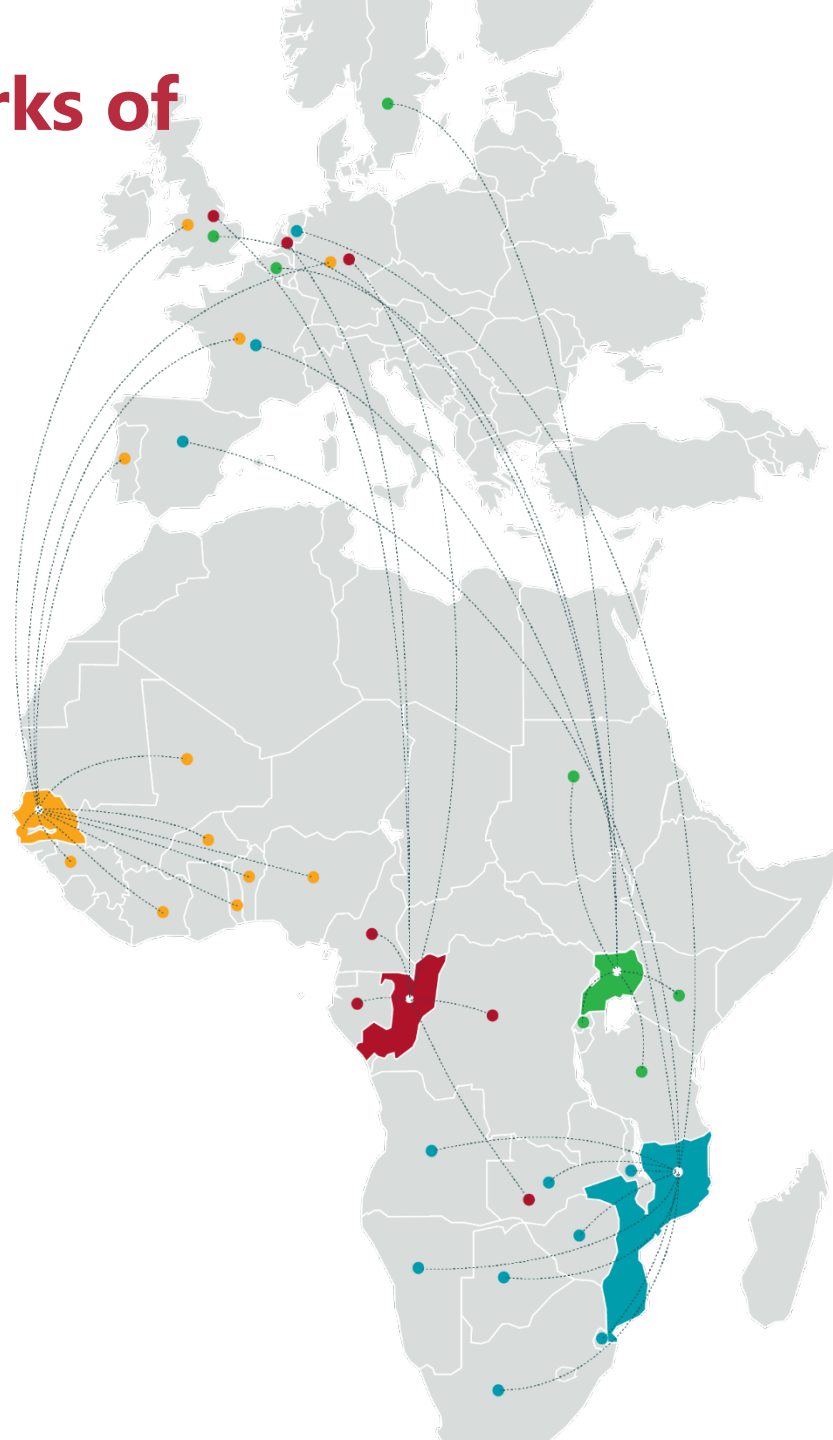**WANETAM3**
West African Network for TB Aids and malaria

TESA3
Trials of Excellence in Southern Africa

EDCTP fellowship programmes

EDCTP-AREF Preparatory Fellowships

Objective: to enhance the competitiveness of up-and-coming post-doctoral sub-Saharan African scientists and clinicians aspiring to receive international/ regional/ national fellowships or grant support.

Clinical Research and Development Fellowships

Objective: to offer researchers and key members of clinical research teams the opportunity to acquire technical and project skills in clinical R&D through placement in pharmaceutical companies, PDPs and CROs.

Career Development Fellowships

Objective: to support early and mid-career scientists to develop their individual clinical research skills, providing an opportunity for talented scientists to establish themselves as independent researchers and team leaders.

Senior Fellowships

Objective: to support experienced researchers to advance themselves as leaders in clinical product development and closely related fields while also training and mentoring junior researchers.

Senior Fellowships Plus

Objective: to support capacity development of potential African research leaders and to mentor junior researchers with emphasis on hands-on research training linked to clinical trial activities conducted in sub-Saharan Africa.

Up-and-coming Post-Docs ----------------------------→ **Experienced researchers**

EDCTP1 & EDCTP2: facts and figures

Fellowships and trainings (2003-2023)

Awarded **262 fellowship grants** to researchers from sub-Saharan Africa (56 EDCTP1; 206 EDCTP2)

Supported **151 fellows** through **Master's training in epidemiology and biostatistics**

Supported **1,618 trainees** from sub-Saharan Africa through EDCTP projects (460 EDCTP1; 1,158 EDCTP2)

Established an **EDCTP Alumni Network** and online platform

EDCTP1 and EDCTP2 fellowships by country

EDCTP1

EDCTP2

Country	EDCTP1	EDCTP2
Cabo Verde	0	6
Mali	2	7
Chad	0	2
Niger	0	1
Sudan	1	0
Senegal	3	3
The Gambia	4	20
Guinea-Bissau	0	7
Burkina Faso	3	13
Nigeria	1	25
Guinea	1	4
Benin	0	9
Ethiopia	0	9
Sierra Leone	0	1
Cote d'Ivoire	1	4
Togo	0	2
Central African Republic	0	2
South Sudan	0	1
Somalia	0	1
Liberia	1	2
Ghana	1	18
Cameroon	3	9
São Tomé and Príncipe	0	3
Congo	2	1
Uganda	12	53
Kenya	4	36
Gabon	1	3
Rwanda	0	2
Burundi	0	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	16
Tanzania	0	23
Comoros	0	1
Malawi	1	9
Zambia	0	7
Zimbabwe	1	6
Mozambique	1	3
Botswana	1	5
Madagascar	0	1
Namibia	0	2
South Africa	12	44

Applying for Global Health EDCTP3 funding

Eligibility for Participation

Funding is available to legal entities established in:

- EU member states

- Countries associated to Horizon Europe

- African countries that are members of the EDCTP Association

- Entities from other states may be eligible in specific call topics or in a call addressing a public health emergency.

> ➤ Rules on eligibility for funding can be confirmed in the call topic description in the GH EDCTP3 2023 Work Programme

Note: Eligibility to participate is not the same as eligibility to receive funding

Eligibility requirements – consortium composition

Legal entities forming a consortium should include:

At least **three legal entities** established in **different countries**, where legal entities are eligible to receive funding, including:

- At least **one** independent legal entity established in a **Member State or a Horizon Europe associated country**

- At least **one** independent legal entity established in a **sub-Saharan African** country that is a member of the EDCTP Association

  ➢ These rules apply to both Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) and Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)

Specific Rule on which entities can be a Coordinator

Coordinator for a research project funded by GH EDCTP3 JU needs to be from an EU Member State, Horizon Europe Associated Country or a non-EU country that has a Science and Technology agreement (STA) with the EU.

This agreement protects the financial interests of the EU participating with funding in the action.

South Africa is the only SSA country that is a member of the EDCTP Association with an STA.

Project/Financial coordinator shall be established in a member state or associated country.

Scientific Project Leader

If the coordinator is not established in a country in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), the designation of a scientific project leader established in a SSA country member of the EDCTP Association will be mandatory.

To ensure that all partners in the funded consortia, including sub-Saharan African entities, have equal opportunities to lead the scientific work of the project.

The scientific project leader oversees the project scientific governance and leadership.

A work package on 'scientific project leadership' must be included and a budget needs to be provided for this activity.

Project Coordinator: Indicative Tasks

1. Monitor and ensure proper implementation of the action
2. Act as the intermediary for all communications between the consortium and EDCTP3, and in particular:
   - submit the prefinancing guarantees to EDCTP3 (if any)
   - request and review any documents or information required before submission to EDCTP3
   - submit the deliverables and reports to EDCTP3
   - inform EDCTP3 about the payments made to the other beneficiaries
3. Distribute the payments received from EDCTP3 authority to the other beneficiaries without unjustified delay

Scientific Project Leader: Indicative Tasks

- Coordinate meetings and the drafting of the full project proposal during the application and selection process

- Work with coordinator and other beneficiaries on drafting and negotiating consortium and legal agreements

- Act as key contact for GH EDCTP3, in collaboration with the project coordinator, on scientific action governance issues and steer and provide oversight on scientific actions

- Ensure proper implementation of scientific tasks, monitoring and reviewing project deliverables

- Collaborate with coordinator to monitor the project and ensure beneficiaries fulfill their obligations

General EDCTP3 Application Process

Calls for Proposals are published in the European Commission's **Funding and Tenders Portal**

1. Create an EU account to log in on the Portal
2. Find a suitable Call for Proposal
3. Study the call text and supporting documentation to assess the partnership and eligibility requirements of the call
4. Find project partners in good time (if applicable)
5. Register your organisation(s) to get a participant identification code (PIC)
6. Plan your project and budget
7. Submit your grant proposal through the portal by the indicated deadline

EC Funding and Tenders Portal

[EC Funding and Tenders Portal](#) - where Global Health EDCTP3 calls for proposals are published

General Process for Submitting Proposals

- **Electronic proposal submission**: Launch submission wizard -> Pre-register your draft proposal -> List participants, contact persons -> Fill in Administrative forms (Part A) -> Upload Technical Annex (Part B) -> Submit your proposal -> Acknowledgement of Receipt

Resource:

- Online Manual: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1867927

Proposal Preparation

CONTENT

- Have a clear concept before you start writing - a convincing proposal can only be written with a clear concept in mind.
- Consult colleagues and staff members to refine your concept
- Be realistic about what you can achieve within the project duration
- NB: writing takes time!

STRUCTURE: Review proposal structure before completing the online application form

- Develop Work Packages and identify WP leaders (project partners)
- WPs must present a clear and logical link to the project objectives

WP examples :

- Clinical trial, other research
- Data management
- Project management/coordination
- Dissemination & exploitation
- Capacity building

WP Leaders responsible for:

- Content development
- Text writing
- Implementation

MUST be competent and responsive

Budget Plan

- Budget <u>per period</u> (project year)
- Short justification on each budget item might be required (what will the money be used for?)
- Indication of **budget per work package** is also encouraged
- The budgeted costs should be based on a detailed and accurate estimation of ALL your estimated project costs

Do not forget to budget for:
- Travel to yearly project meetings
- Project meeting preparations/organization

Prepare the budget in a separate file. Then transfer final figures into the online application form!

Note the **maximum EDCTP contribution** that can be requested in the action you are applying for.

Text writing: Tasks and timeline, and responsibilities

- Start writing once proposal preparation is advanced
- If working in a group: prepare a clear task distribution list incl.a timeline
  - who does what and when.. For EVERY piece of the puzzle
- Everyone: adhere to ALL deadlines (Internal & External)
- Pay attention to the word limits in each section of the proposal
- Transfer into online form at the very end of planning; takes time
- Ensure your proposal is presentable and professional
- If possible: have your full proposal online & ready to submit atleast **48hrs before the deadline**

Proposal Presentation

- **Logic:** Have and communicate the main message; be clear, correct, concise. The reader should never get lost in detail.

- **Language:** Should not divert the reader's attention away from your content. Spell and Grammer check!

- **Graphics:** Can be uploaded as separate files in some sections, not all → check help text or online manual

- **Formatting:** Don't lose <u>any</u> time formatting your proposal in your word template ☺.
        → online application form

➢ Invest time in presenting your proposal. Thorough preparation - thorough implementation.

MAKE YOUR PROPOSAL PRESENTABLE AND PROFESSIONAL!

Proposal Submission

- **Where?** Through the Topic page on the Portal

- **Who?** Proposals must be created and submitted by a contact person of the coordinating organisation

- **How?** Use the online forms and templates available in the Submission System.

- Proposal consists of 2 main parts:

1. Part A: administrative forms (structured information of the basic administrative data, declarations of partners, organisations and contact persons, etc.)

2. Part B: technical annex, which is the detailed description of the planned activities outlining work packages, costs, etc.

Checklist for submission

Before submitting the proposal, check that:

- your proposal fulfills the call conditions
- the proposal (both the Administrative Forms (Part A) and Technical Description (Part B)) is complete, readable, accessible and printable
- the requested declarations have been made
- all consortium members have:
- ➤ obtained a user account to log in to the Portal
- ➤ registered in the Participant Register.

Do not wait until the end to submit!

Important information

- Global Health EDCTP3 Website

- EC Funding and Tenders Portal - where Global Health EDCTP3 calls for proposals are published

- For EDCTP3 related questions, please email: EC-GLOBAL-HEALTH-EDCTP3@ec.europa.eu

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