

Technical Description

Annex III to the Call for applications for the Designation of an EU Reference Laboratory for Public Health

# General instructions and Guidelines

Please follow the structure of this template when preparing your Technical Description. It has been designed to ensure that the important aspects of your planned work are presented in a way that will enable the evaluators to make an effective assessment of your application against the selection criteria. Please read carefully also the guidance provided for each section on the information expected within that section.

Please be aware that applications will be evaluated as they were submitted, rather than on their potential if certain additions / changes were to be made. This means that only applications that successfully address all the required aspects will have a chance of being successful.

Applicants should take note of the page limits for each section, and strike the right balance between necessary detail and conciseness. Excess pages will be disregarded.

Fill in the template with text in black font colour of minimum font size 12.

When referring to the applicant organisation(s), please use the same organisation name(s) and acronym(s) as in the Administrative Information sections in EUSurvey.



Please read carefully all the documents and instructions provided.

These guidelines and all text in <blue> in the subsequent sections are instructions on how to use the template. **Please** **ensure that you delete this section and all text in <blue> from the final document prior to submission**.

**Application for the designation of an EURL for public health in the field of Respiratory Viruses (ref: EURL-PH-2025-01)**

**Applicant / Coordinator:** <organisation name of single laboratory applicant or coordinator of consortium applicant>

**Application submitted under the** <Basic / Advanced> **scenario**

# Purpose and role of the EURL

<Describe your vision for the purpose and role of the EURL, in line with the requirements of the call.

This description should include a description of the EU-level public health landscape that the EURL will operate within, and how EURL fits in within it.

This section is limited to maximum two pages of text. Excess pages will be disregarded.>

[Your text here…]

# Complementarity with other actions — European added value

<Illustrate the EU added value of the proposed activities, and explain how the proposed activities are complementary to other supra-national activities carried out by other organisations, in particular relevant EURLs for food, feed and animal health and/or for in vitro diagnostics (IVD); relevant World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centres (CCs) etc.

It is expected that applicants address the relevant organisations identified in the calls for applications, but applicants should also include additional activities / organisations as they find appropriate.

This section is limited to maximum two pages in total. Excess pages will be disregarded.>

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# Scenario Workplan

<This section must describe the proposed workplan of the EURL in response to either the Basic scenario or the Advanced scenario described in the call for applications, i.e. the tasks and activities that the applicant would implement as EURL over a two-year period if the amount of funding specified for the chosen scenario was made available.

Each workplan should include the following components:

* An outline of the approach and methodology behind the workplan. Explain why the proposed approach and methodology are the most suitable.
* Descriptions of and justifications for the proposed activities included in the workplan.
  + Where relevant, this should also include the proposed methods for carrying out the tasks and actions
  + It is required that the mandatory tasks included under section 2.4.1 (and, for the Advanced scenario, section 2.4.2) of the call for applications are covered
  + If non-mandatory activities are included by the applicant, describe the expected added value for the network laboratories from these proposed activities.
* Information on interlinking and dependencies between activities, and how the included tasks and activities form a cohesive workplan
* (For consortium applications) Information on what consortium partner will lead on which activities / parts of the work plan
* Please mention any foreseen outsourcing of minor parts of the planned activities outside of the applicant’s organisation(s)

Please note that applicants are not obliged to organise their proposed workplans into formal work packages, nor present lists of reports and deliverables within their workplan descriptions.

The description of this section is limited to:

* For an application under the Basic scenario, maximum ten pages in total
* For an application under the Advanced scenario, maximum fifteen pages in total

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# Risk management

<The applicant should provide a simple risk analysis, to predict the risks that could prevent the successful execution of the workplans. Identify the most relevant external and internal risks and briefly describe some proposed risk mitigation actions. The applicant should explicitly address resource prioritisation issues that may occur in the event of available resources not being sufficient to meet both EURL and institute / national resource needs, which may be specifically relevant in case of a public health emergency.

The description of this section is limited to maximum one page in total. Excess pages will be disregarded.>

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# Resources and knowledge

<Provide a brief description of the applicant’s organisation(s), and how the profile(s) and expertise(s) of the organisation(s) fit(s) with the requirements of the proposed activities and of the call for applications, including access to the equipment and infrastructure needed for carrying out the proposed work. Include also a description of any experience that the organisation(s) has of carrying out similar work, and how this experience would benefit the implementation of the proposed activities.

Describe the applicant team and how the members of this team will work together to implement the proposed workplans. List the required functions by expertise, and provide short descriptions of the profiles of the key team members for these functions, with a focus on demonstrating the scientific and technical expertise and competence needed for carrying out the proposed work.

This section is limited to maximum two pages per applicant organisation, i.e. a single laboratory applicant has a maximum of two pages whereas a consortium of five laboratories has a maximum of ten pages.

Excess pages will be disregarded.>

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# Consortium set-up

<Only for consortium applications. Single laboratory applicants should leave this section blank.

Describe how each organisation has a clear role in the consortium, how the organisations in the consortium complement each other in terms of the required expertise, and how they will work together to implement the proposed workplans.

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[Your text here…]

# capacity and capability for pathogens beyond the priority respiratory viruses, and for enhanced support in a crisis

<In this section, applicants are asked to provide a description of their ability to respond to a hypothetical need to change or expand the EURL activities due to unforeseen circumstances, e.g. an EU-level public health emergency / pandemic, or a change in EU-level public health priorities.

Disclaimer: Please note that any change or escalation of activities beyond the remits of the EURL grant agreement would require either a reprioritisation of the existing resources or the provision of additional EU-level resources. This would only be possible in dialogue with the European Commission, ECDC and HaDEA.>

# Capability of providing laboratory support for respiratory viruses beyond influenza virus, SARS-CoV-2 and RSV

<Please elaborate on the capacity and capability of the applicant to providing laboratory services also for the non-priority respiratory viruses mentioned under the scope of the EURL, such as SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, enterovirus D68, adenovirus and human metapneumovirus or a novel respiratory virus (pathogen X scenario) (see also section 2.2.1 of the call for applications).

This section is limited to maximum one page. Excess pages will be disregarded.>

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# capacity for providing enhanced laboratory support in case of an EU-level public health emergency or pandemic

<Provide a brief description of the applicant’s capacity (in terms of workforce, methods and infrastructure) to scale up their activities in order to guide and support the laboratory response to an EU-level public health emergency or pandemic impacting the EU and its Member States in the area of respiratory viruses.

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# Impact

<Define the short, medium and long-term effects of the proposed work. Identify the key stakeholder groups that would be impacted by the work of the EURL, and explain how they would benefit concretely from the proposed workplan activities.

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# Communication and dissemination

<Describe the communication and dissemination activities which are planned in order to communicate with the key stakeholders, promote the activities/results, and maximise the impact (to whom, which format, how many, etc.). Clarify how you will reach the relevant stakeholders and policymakers and explain the choice of communication and/or dissemination channels.

At minimum, a communication plan for

1. the relevant disease network(s) members, and
2. ECDC

must be presented.

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