

CEPI Newsletter

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# CEPI | New vaccines for a safer world

Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations

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### Message from the Interim CEPI CEO

"Dear all CEPI friends. Yesterday CEPI was officially launched at the World Economic Forum in Davos. We have come a long way in only one year – from a planning meeting that just agreed that something should be created, at least a coordination mechanism, to an announcement demonstrating that CEPI already has \$540 million of funding. In additional co-funding will be provided from the European Commission.

We have also issued the first Call for Proposals from CEPI. With clear focus on the three diseases MERS, Nipah and Lassa, it will be exciting to follow the full process during the spring. It is a lot of important work!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your efforts and support. CEPI is now taking its first steps on its own, and I hope we can count on your continued contributions."

*John-Arne Røttingen, Interim CEPI CEO*

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## CEPI officially launched at WEF in Davos

Exactly one year after the initial agreement of international organizations, governments, industry, public and philanthropic R&D funders, academia, NGOs and civil society groups to create a global financing and coordination mechanism, CEPI is now officially launched. At the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, CEPI announced its initial investment of US\$540 million from the governments of Germany, Japan and Norway, plus the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Trust. The European Commission will also contribute to CEPI's objectives and plans to co-fund actions with CEPI, such as through the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI).

Within this short period, CEPI has raised around half of the US\$1bn it needs for its first five years. CEPI is now calling for proposals from researchers and companies around the world to support the development of vaccines against its first target diseases.

The full media release on the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness can be found [here](#).

[OutsmartEpidemics Animation](#)

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## Call for Proposals

CEPI is pleased to announce its first funding opportunity for the development of vaccines against epidemic infectious diseases. This first Call for Proposals (CfP) focuses on advancing vaccines against MERS, Nipah and Lassa viruses.

To facilitate a rapid launch of the first Call for proposal, the CEPI secretariat is collaborating with the Research Council of Norway by using their established online application system for submissions.

The deadline for submission of preliminary proposals is 8 March 2017. Shortlisted applicants will be invited in April 2017 to submit full proposals.

For more details, please follow [this link](#).

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## Vaccines against Emerging Infections - a Global Insurance

CEPI and Inserm would like to invite you to the scientific community meeting entitled “**Vaccines against Emerging Infections– a Global Insurance**” – on 21-22 February 2017 at Institut Imagine in Paris.

The meeting will provide an update on vaccine development for priority pathogens and platform technologies, launch CEPI in the scientific community as well as advertise CEPI’s first call of proposals and facilitate discussions between potential collaborators. The scientific community meeting will also introduce the CEPI Partners Forum.

For more information, please visit the CEPI website. The registration page can be found [here](#).

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- **Independent expert database:** As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, CEPI is developing a database of prospective independent experts to assist CEPI with tasks related to Calls for Proposals. The **deadline has now been extended to 14 February**. More information can be found [here](#).
  - **Partners Forum:** We have already received a number of requests to join the CEPI Partners Forum. For those of you who have not yet signed up, you can find more information [here](#). The forum will be officially launched at the scientific community meeting in Paris.

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