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**1. APPLICANTS INFORMATION**

1. **EMBL Applicants**

**Full name**:

**Unit**:

**Site**:

**Contact email**:

**I am a member of the [Infection Biology Transversal Theme / Microbial Ecosystems Transversal Theme]**

1. **Co-applicants**

**Full name**:

**Institution**:

**Contact email**:

Copy/paste to add more co-applicants as needed.

**2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION** (7 pages)

1. **Title**
2. **Summary**
3. **Background**

Introduce the broader context of the research topic and its importance.

1. **State-of-the-art**

Describe the current knowledge and technological advancements related to the project. Highlight recent research findings and any existing gaps. Include any preliminary findings.

1. **Aims and Objectives**

Outline the specific aims and the objectives used to achieve them. Include any hypotheses to be tested and their rationale.

1. **Research Plan and Methods**

Provide details of the research plan (including timeline) and methods. If needed, include tables for milestones, deliverables, and risks.

1. **Expected Impact**

Discuss the potential outcomes of the project in advancing knowledge in infection biology.

1. **Budget** (does not count toward the page limit)

Itemise the estimated costs associated with the project and the institutional contribution.

**Budget Table A.** General budget.

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| **Item** | **Description** | **Cost (€)\*** | **Institution** |
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**Total funds requested (€)**:

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**Budget Table B.** Institutional distribution of requested funds (€).

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| **Institution** | **Year 1** | **Year 2** | **Total Costs** |
| **EMBL** |  |  |  |
| **Institut Pasteur** |  |  |  |
| **MIMS** |  |  |  |
| **HZI** |  |  |  |
| **Wellcome Sanger** |  |  |  |

**3. TRACK RECORD OF ALL RESEARCH GROUPS AND THEIR SYNERGIES** (5 pages)

*Describe the track record of each research group involved in the project in the context of the project’s topic. Provide up to 3 key references from each group. Explain the synergy and/or complementarity between groups. Detail how the proposed project strengthens the collaboration between institutions and advances their research in infection biology.*