

**RESOLUTION**  
**ESTABLISHING A THIRD PARTY PROGRAMME ON EUMETSAT ACTIVITIES**  
**IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COPERNICUS COMPONENT**  
**OF THE SPACE PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**  
**IN THE PERIOD 2021-2028**

**adopted at the 97<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council on 1-2 July 2021**

**The EUMETSAT Council,**

**RECALLING** that the primary objective of EUMETSAT is to establish, maintain and exploit European systems of operational meteorological satellites, taking into account as far as possible the recommendations of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and that a further objective of EUMETSAT is to contribute to the operational monitoring of the climate and the detection of global climatic changes,

**RECALLING** that the EUMETSAT Strategy “Destination 2030” approved at the 97<sup>th</sup> Council meeting in July 2021 foresees EUMETSAT supporting EU programmes that provide benefits to its Member States, whilst mobilising a proportionate share of its overall resources,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the decisions taken at the 64<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> EUMETSAT Council meetings in July 2008 and July 2009 to provide free access to all data, products and services from EUMETSAT satellites to the GMES Core Services, in the expectation that access to GMES data will be free of charge, on the understanding that each user within these services will sign a licence with EUMETSAT and subject to commitment from the European Union and national authorities to fund these Core services on a sustainable basis,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that EUMETSAT Member States agreed, at the 64<sup>th</sup> Council meeting in July 2008, on the approach for implementation of GMES Sentinels 4 and 5 on EUMETSAT satellites, including a contribution by EUMETSAT to accommodate these instruments on EUMETSAT satellites, and also to the EUMETSAT involvement in GMES Sentinel 3 activities,

**EMPHASISING** that it is due to the substantial past, current and future contributions of all 30 EUMETSAT Member States (including also non-EU Member States) that EUMETSAT has the necessary infrastructure and skills that enable the European Union to use EUMETSAT as an entrusted entity for the implementation of the EU Copernicus Programme,

**RECALLING** the establishment of the GMES Sentinel-3 Third Party Programme with ESA through Council Resolution EUM/C/67/09/Res. II, adopted by the EUMETSAT Council in July 2009,

**BEARING IN MIND** that Article 2 of the EUMETSAT Convention foresees that EUMETSAT may carry out activities not in conflict with its objectives requested and funded by third parties,

**RECALLING** the establishment of the Third Party Programme on EUMETSAT Activities in Support of Copernicus in the Period 2014-2021 through Council Resolution EUM/C/81/14/Res. I, adopted by the EUMETSAT Council in October 2014 and amended by Council Resolution EUM/C/90/18/Res. I,

**RECALLING** the successful cooperation with the European Union in the implementation of the first phase of the Copernicus Programme, and the benefits accrued for European Union and EUMETSAT Member States,

**WISHING** to capitalize on this successful cooperation and on the synergies between Copernicus and EUMETSAT satellite missions, including the implementation of the Copernicus Sentinel-4 and Sentinel-5 missions as part of the EUMETSAT Meteosat Third Generation and EPS-Second Generation systems, respectively, to leverage further mutual benefits in the second phase of the EU Copernicus Programme;

**BEARING IN MIND** that the EUMETSAT Council, at its 94<sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2020, unanimously adopted the Initiating Resolution EUM/C/94/20/Res. I for a Third Party Programme on EUMETSAT Activities in Support of Copernicus in the Period 2021-2027, thereby tasking the Director-General to draw up a full programme proposal and to prepare the necessary contribution agreement with the European Union, to be agreed by Council,

**CONSIDERING** that the current and planned EUMETSAT missions and facilities will continue to support the implementation of the space component of Copernicus,

**RECALLING** that Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2021/696 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Space Programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013, (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision 541/2014/EU foresees that:

- The objectives of the Copernicus Programme are to deliver accurate and reliable Earth Observation data and information, supplied on a long-term basis, to support the implementation and monitoring of the Union and its Member States' policies in the fields of the environment, climate change, agriculture and rural development, civil protection, safety and security, as well as the digital economy;
- The Copernicus Programme has a service component, which includes an atmosphere monitoring service, a climate change monitoring service, a marine monitoring service and a land monitoring service, and a space component providing observations to these services, which are fully consistent with EUMETSAT's objectives and activities;
- The Copernicus Programme shall deliver data and information pursuing a full, free and open data policy;
- The European Commission should have the overall responsibility for the Space Programme;
- In the implementation of the Copernicus Programme, the European Commission should rely on EUMETSAT for the operation of dedicated missions in accordance with the latter's expertise and mandate.

**HAVING REGARD** to the Programme Proposal on a Third Party Programme for EUMETSAT activities in support of the implementation of the Copernicus component of the European Union's Space Programme and related Resolution, contained in document EUM/C/97/21/DOC/07 REV1,

**HAVING REGARD** to the draft Agreement between the European Union and EUMETSAT on the Implementation of the Copernicus Component of the Space Programme of the European Union contained in document EUM/C/97/21/DOC/08 REV1,

**IN CONFORMITY** with Resolution EUM/C/66/08/Res. II on the Approval of Third Party Programmes and with the Third Party Programme Procedures approved by the EUMETSAT Council in December 2008,

**AGREES:**

- I** To establish a Copernicus Third Party Programme within the framework of the EUMETSAT Convention as described in the Programme Proposal on a Third Party Programme for EUMETSAT activities in support of the implementation of the Copernicus component of the European Union's Space Programme, as referred to in the Preamble.
- II** That the Copernicus Third Party Programme shall be carried out in accordance with the Contribution Agreement between the European Union and EUMETSAT on the Implementation of the Copernicus Component of the Space Programme of the European Union referred to in the Preamble.
- III** That the maximum financial envelope of the Copernicus Third Party Programme is M€735 at current economic conditions, estimated to cover the implementation of the entrusted tasks until 31 December 2027, on the understanding that the activities to be carried out during 2028 to ensure the transition into the following Copernicus Programme will be subject to an amendment to this Resolution and the Contribution Agreement.
- IV** That the Copernicus Third Party Programme shall enter into force upon signature of the Agreement referred to in Agree II.



**RESOLUTION**  
**ON**  
**AMENDMENTS TO THE IMPLEMENTING RULES**  
**FOR METEOSAT DATA AND PRODUCTS**

**adopted at the 97<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council on 1-2 July 2021**

**RECALLING** that the consolidated Meteosat Implementing Rules were adopted by Council at its 70<sup>th</sup> meeting in June 2010 through Council Resolution EUM/C/70/10/Res. III thereafter amended by Council Resolutions EUM/C/80/14/Res. IV, EUM/C/85/16/Res. II, EUM/C/87/17/Res. II, EUM/C/89/18/Res. II, EUM/C/91/19/Res. I and by Council document EUM/C/92/19/DOC/23,

**RECALLING** the recommendations on harmonisation of the ECMWF, EUMETSAT and ECOMET data policy provisions issued by the Joint Harmonisation Group (JHG) to the EUMETSAT Council at its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting on 1-3 July 1998,

**RECALLING** that the harmonised definitions proposed by the JHG were initially adopted by the EUMETSAT Council at its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting through Council Resolution EUM/C/98/Res. IV as part of the Implementing Rules to the EUMETSAT Principles on Data Policy,

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** that the ECMWF Council and the ECOMET General Assembly also adopted the recommendations of the JHG to include the relevant harmonised definitions in their data policy provisions;

**BEARING IN MIND** the recommendation of the JHG that the Councils and General Assembly commit themselves to the principle that decisions regarding data policy should always be taken with knowledge of the impact on the other two organisations, and with the principle that decisions should always aim to increase rather than decrease harmonisation;

**CONSIDERING** the result of the joint review of the current definitions contained in the data policy provisions in the three organisations which took place in June 2013 and which were approved by Council at its 80<sup>th</sup> meeting in Resolution EUM/C/80/14/Res. IV,

**HAVING REGARD** to the amendments to definitions used in the ECMWF data policy agreed at the 96<sup>th</sup> ECMWF Council in June 2020 and at the ECOMET General Assembly in November 2020, in particular that of “Subsidiary”,

**WISHING** to continue the close cooperation between EUMETSAT, ECMWF and ECOMET and in particular to maintain the long-standing harmonisation of their data policy provisions,

**CONSIDERING** additionally the discontinuation of the production and distribution of the Low Rate SEVIRI Data, which have never been archived,

**AGREE:**

- I** to amend the Implementing Rules for Meteosat Data and Products by replacing the current definition of “Subsidiary” by the following definition:  
  
“any subsidiary of the Licensee which is directly controlled by the Licensee by means of the Licensee holding the majority of the voting rights (50% plus one vote)”;
- II** to remove references to Low Rate SEVIRI Data from the Implementing Rules for Meteosat Data and Products.

**RESOLUTION**  
**ESTABLISHING A THIRD PARTY PROGRAMME**  
**ON EUMETSAT ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE**  
**DESTINATION EARTH INITIATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**  
**IN THE PERIOD 2021-2027**

**adopted at the 98<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council on 2 November 2021**

**The EUMETSAT Council,**

**RECALLING** that the primary objective of EUMETSAT is to establish, maintain and exploit European systems of operational meteorological satellites, taking into account as far as possible the recommendations of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and that a further objective of EUMETSAT is to contribute to the operational monitoring of the climate and the detection of global climatic changes,

**RECALLING** that the EUMETSAT Strategy “Horizon 2030” approved at the 97<sup>th</sup> Council meeting in July 2021 foresees to use a proportionate share of EUMETSAT’s overall resources to support EU programmes that provide benefits to both its Member States and the EU,

**RECALLING** that in the context of the updated EUMETSAT strategy “Horizon 2030”, Council agreed that a new strategic objective is to “establish and exploit a federative European Weather Cloud infrastructure in partnership with ECMWF and European National Meteorological and Hydrological Services”, and that this new strategic objective places EUMETSAT at the centre of the digital strategy of its Member States, through its own big data services, through the European Weather Cloud and its contribution to Copernicus, which Destination Earth will support,

**EMPHASISING** that it is due to the substantial past, current and future contributions of all 30 EUMETSAT Member States (including also non-EU Member States) that EUMETSAT has the necessary infrastructure and skills that enable the European Union to use EUMETSAT as an entrusted entity for the implementation of the Destination Earth Programme,

**BEARING IN MIND** that Article 2.9 of the EUMETSAT Convention foresees that EUMETSAT may carry out activities not in conflict with its objectives requested and funded by third parties,

**RECALLING** the successful cooperation with the European Union in the implementation of the first and second phases of the EU Copernicus Programme, and the benefits accrued for EU and EUMETSAT Member States,

**NOTING** that the objective of the European Commission Destination Earth initiative is to deploy highly accurate thematic digital replicas of the Earth to monitor and simulate natural and human activities as well as their interactions, to develop and test scenarios that would enable more sustainable developments and support corresponding European policies,

**NOTING** the expectation that Destination Earth will unlock the potential of observation, digital modelling and simulation of the Earth's physical components and related phenomena such as climate change and extremes events from global to local scale to support the green transition, including the implementation of the Green Deal, to help manage environmental degradation and disasters and to develop effective mitigation strategies,

**BEARING IN MIND** that the EUMETSAT Council, at its 96<sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2021, unanimously adopted the Initiating Resolution EUM/C/96/21/Res. I for a Third Party Programme on EUMETSAT Activities in Support of Destination Earth in the Period 2021-2027, thereby tasking the Director-General to draw up a full programme proposal and to prepare the necessary agreements with the European Union, ESA and ECMWF, to be agreed by Council,

**RECALLING** Regulation (EU) 2021/694 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 establishing the Digital Europe Programme and repealing Decision (EU) 2015/2240,

**HAVING REGARD** to the Programme Proposal for a Third Party Programme on EUMETSAT Activities in support of the implementation of the European Union's Destination Earth Initiative and related Resolution, contained in document EUM/C/98/21/DOC/01,

**HAVING REGARD** to the draft Agreement between the European Union and EUMETSAT on the Implementation of the Destination Earth Initiative under the Digital Europe Programme of the European Union contained in document EUM/C/98/21/DOC/02,

**IN CONFORMITY** with Resolution EUM/C/66/08/Res. II on the Approval of Third Party Programmes and with the Third Party Programme Procedures approved by the EUMETSAT Council in December 2008,

**AGREES:**

- I** To establish a Third Party Programme within the framework of the EUMETSAT Convention, as described in the Programme Proposal on a Third Party Programme for EUMETSAT activities in support of the implementation of the European Union's Destination Earth Initiative referred to in the Preamble.
- II** That the Destination Earth Third Party Programme shall be carried out in accordance with the Contribution Agreement between the European Union and EUMETSAT on the Implementation of the Destination Earth Initiative under the Digital Europe Programme of the European Union referred to in the Preamble.
- III** That the maximum financial envelope for Phase I of the Destination Earth Third Party Programme is M€35 at current economic conditions.
- IV** That the financial envelopes for each subsequent phase of the Destination Earth Third Party Programme shall be approved by Council by way of an amendment to this Resolution and to the Contribution Agreement referred to in Agree II in due time.
- V** That the Destination Earth Third Party Programme shall enter into force upon signature of the Agreement referred to in Agree II.

**REQUESTS** the Director General:

- I** To continue to explore possibilities to enable participation of all EUMETSAT Member States in Phase I as well as to renegotiate the participation of all Member States for the following phase(s).
- II** To request Council approval and prepare programme proposals for all subsequent programme phases of DestinE.