

**RESOLUTION EUM/C/108/25/RES. I****ON****THE AUTHORISATION TO PROCEED WITH THE EPS-STERNA PROGRAMME**

**presented at the 108<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council on 1-2 July 2025  
and adopted on 9 July 2025**

**The EUMETSAT Member States,**

**CONSIDERING** that the EUMETSAT Council, at its 105<sup>th</sup> meeting on 27 June 2024, agreed on the contents of the programme proposal for the EPS-Sterna Programme as contained in document EUM/C/105/24/DOC/16,

**CONSIDERING** that the EUMETSAT Council, at its 105<sup>th</sup> meeting, agreed to open the voting of Resolution EUM/C/105/24/Res.I on the EPS-Sterna Programme,

**NOTING** that, although 25 of the 30 Member States have voted in favour of the EPS-Sterna Programme Resolution unconditionally, thus achieving a programme funding level of 81.6916 %, the votes of Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary and Lithuania are still to be confirmed,

**NOTING** that, due to the mandatory nature of the programme, the EPS-Sterna Programme Resolution will only formally enter into force upon approval by all Member States,

**ANTICIPATING** that the above Delegations expect to be able to confirm their votes within a short period of time,

**RECOGNISING** the need to start the full EPS-Sterna Programme activities from 2 July 2025 to avoid additional costs and programme risks,

**AGREE:**

- I** That the activities under the EPS-Sterna Programme can start as of 2 July 2025 within a limit of liability of 13.4 MEUR at 2024 economic conditions.
- II** That Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary and Lithuania will be legally obliged to contribute financially to the EPS-Sterna Programme only after finalisation of national approval procedures, and that their contributions will only become due 30 days after notification thereof.
- III** That in the EPS-Sterna Programme Budget 2025 an amount corresponding to the contributions from Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary and Lithuania remains blocked until the finalisation of national procedures has been notified to the Director-General.

- IV** To urge Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary and Lithuania to complete their respective national approval process as soon as possible, and at the latest by 1 October 2025.
- V** That if, contrary to expectations, Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary and Lithuania would not be in a position to confirm finalisation of national approval procedures by 1 October 2025 at the latest, those Member States who have agreed unconditionally to contribute to the programme will decide on the action to be taken at a dedicated Council meeting.
- VI** To authorise the Director-General to already sign the Cooperation Agreement with ESA on EPS-Sterna approved by Council at its 105<sup>th</sup> meeting, prior to the EPS-Sterna Programme formally entering into force.