

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

**presented at the 108th 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 105th 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 105th 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 105th meeting, prior to the EPS-Sterna Programme formally entering into force.

AMENDING RESOLUTION EUM/C/109/25/RES. I**ON****THE AUTHORISATION TO PROCEED WITH THE EPS-STERNA PROGRAMME****adopted at the 109th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council on 2 September 2025****The EUMETSAT Member States,**

CONSIDERING that the EUMETSAT Council, at its 105th 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 105th 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,

NOTING Resolution EUM/C/108/25/Res. I on the Authorisation to Proceed with the EPS-Sterna Programme approved by Council at its 108th on 2 July and to start programme activities with a limit of financial liability of 13.4 MEUR at 2024 economic conditions applicable until 1 October 2025, in view of the need to avoid cost and programme risks,

RECOGNISING the need to further continue the EPS-Sterna Programme activities beyond October 2025 to avoid additional costs and programme risks,

AGREE:

- I** To add “impacting the budgets 2025 and 2026” at the end of the sentence of AGREE I of Resolution EUM/C/108/25/Res. I.
- II** To replace the date of 1 October 2025 reflected in AGREE IV and V of Resolution EUM/C/108/25/Res. I by the date of 25 November 2025 and to remove the reference to a dedicated Council meeting in AGREE V.

RESOLUTION EUM/C/110/25/RES. I**ON****THE AUTHORISATION TO PROCEED WITH THE EPS-STERNA PROGRAMME**

**presented for adoption at the 110th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 24-25 November 2025**

and adopted on 9 January 2026

The EUMETSAT Member States,

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

NOTING that 29 of the 30 Member States have voted in favour of the EPS-Sterna Programme Resolution, thus achieving a programme funding level of 99.2164 %, including the yes *ad referendum* votes from Belgium and France,

NOTING that Belgium and France expect to be able to confirm their votes by the end of 2025,

NOTING that Hungary expects to be able to cast its vote by the end of 2025,

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,

NOTING Resolution EUM/C/108/25/Res. I on the Authorisation to Proceed with the EPS-Sterna Programme adopted by Council on 9 July 2025, which, in view of the need to avoid additional costs and programme risks, authorised programme activities to start with a limit of financial liability of 13.4 MEUR at 2024 economic conditions applicable until 1 October 2025, and authorised the Director-General to already sign the Cooperation Agreement with ESA on EPS-Sterna approved by Council at its 105th meeting, prior to the EPS-Sterna Programme formally entering into force,

NOTING the Amending Resolution EUM/C/109/25/Res. I on the Authorisation to Proceed with the EPS-Sterna Programme adopted by Council at its 109th meeting on 2 September 2025, which extended the duration of Resolution EUM/C/108/25/Res. I to 25 November 2025, in view of the need to avoid additional costs and programme risks,

RECOGNISING the need to continue the EPS-Sterna Programme activities beyond 25 November 2025 to avoid additional costs and programme risks,

AGREE:

- I** That the activities under the EPS-Sterna Programme can continue within the financial envelope defined in Resolution EUM/C/105/24/Res. I.
- II** That Belgium, France and Hungary will be legally obliged to contribute financially after finalisation of national approval procedures, and that their contributions will only become due 30 days after notification thereof.
- III** That an amount corresponding to the contributions from Belgium, France and Hungary remains blocked in the EPS-Sterna Programme Budgets 2025 and 2026 until the finalisation of national procedures has been notified to the Director-General.
- IV** To urge Belgium, France and Hungary to complete their respective national approval process before the end of 2025.
- V** That this Resolution will only enter into force when 90% of the programme funding has been unconditionally reached and that if, contrary to expectations, this condition is not fulfilled by the end of 2025, those Member States who have agreed unconditionally to contribute to the programme will decide on the action to be taken.

AMENDING RESOLUTION EUM/C/110/25/RES. II**ON****THE AUTHORISATION TO PROCEED WITH THE EPS-STERNA PROGRAMME****adopted at the 110th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 24-25 November 2025****The EUMETSAT Member States,**

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

NOTING that 29 of the 30 Member States have voted in favour of the EPS-Sterna Programme Resolution, thus achieving a programme funding level of 99.2164 %, including the yes *ad referendum* votes from Belgium and France,

NOTING that Belgium and France expect to be able to confirm their votes by the end of 2025,

NOTING that Hungary expects to be able to cast its vote by the end of 2025,

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,

NOTING Resolution EUM/C/108/25/Res. I on the Authorisation to Proceed with the EPS-Sterna Programme adopted by Council on 9 July 2025, which, in view of the need to avoid additional costs and programme risks, authorised programme activities to start with a limit of financial liability of 13.4 MEUR at 2024 economic conditions applicable until 1 October 2025, and authorised the Director-General to already sign the Cooperation Agreement with ESA on EPS-Sterna approved by Council at its 105th meeting, prior to the EPS-Sterna Programme formally entering into force,

NOTING the Amending Resolution EUM/C/109/25/Res. I on the Authorisation to Proceed with the EPS-Sterna Programme adopted by Council at its 109th meeting on 2 September 2025, which extended the duration of Resolution EUM/C/108/25/Res. I to 25 November 2025, in view of the need to avoid additional costs and programme risks,

NOTING Resolution EUM/C/110/25/Res. I on the Authorisation to Proceed with the EPS-Sterna Programme adopted by Council at its 110th meeting on 25 November 2025, which authorises programme activities to continue within the financial envelope defined in Resolution EUM/C/105/25/Res. I once 90 % of the programme funding has been unconditionally reached,

RECOGNISING the need to continue the EPS-Sterna Programme activities beyond 25 November 2025 and until 90% of the programme funding has been unconditionally reached to avoid additional costs and programme risks,

AGREE:

- I** To further amend Resolution EUM/C/108/25/Res. I on the Authorisation to Proceed with the EPS-Sterna Programme, approved by Council at its 108th meeting on 2 July 2025 and amended by Resolution EUM/C/109/25/Res. I, by:
- removing Greece and Lithuania from AGREE II, III, IV and V;
 - replacing “urge” by “encourage” in AGREE IV;
 - replacing the date of 25 November 2025 in AGREE IV and V by “end of 2025”;
 - adding “at an extraordinary Council meeting in February/March 2026” at the end of the sentence of AGREE V;
 - adding a new AGREE VII as follows: “To authorise the Director-General to use the available funds from the EPS-Sterna Budget 2025 that have already been called up”;
 - adding a new AGREE VIII as follows: “That this Resolution will remain in force until either Resolution EUM/C/105/24/Res. I or Resolution EUM/C/110/25/Res. I has entered into force, or the funds under the limit of liability defined in AGREE I above have been exhausted, whichever event occurs first.”

RESOLUTION EUM/C/110/25/RES. III**ON****THE DESTINATION EARTH THIRD PARTY PROGRAMME
IN THE PERIOD 2021-2028****adopted at the 110th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 24-25 November 2025****The EUMETSAT Council,**

HAVING REGARD to the legal framework on EUMETSAT's participation in the European Union's Destination Earth initiative established by the 98th Council in November 2021 and superseded by the 104th Council in November 2023 through the unanimous adoption of Resolution EUM/C/104/23/Res. III on the Destination Earth Third Party Programme in the Period 2021-2027, as well as the unanimous approval of the Third Party Programme Proposal (EUM/C/104/23/DOC/15) and related Amended and Restated Contribution Agreement (EUM/C/104/23/DOC/16 Rev 1),

NOTING that the DestinE Third Party Programme package adopted by the 104th Council focused primarily on the implementation of Phase I and Phase II of the Destination Earth initiative and now needs to be updated in order to incorporate Phase III activities and related EU funding,

REEMPHASISING 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,

HAVING REGARD to the updated 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/110/25/DOC/24,

HAVING REGARD to the draft Second Amended and Restated 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 contained in document EUM/C/110/25/DOC/25,

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 amend the Third Party Programme established under Resolution EUM/C/104/23/Res. III, as described in the updated Programme Proposal (reference EUM/C/110/25/DOC/24).
- II** That the Destination Earth Third Party Programme shall be carried out in accordance with the Second Amended and Restated 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 (reference EUM/C/110/25/DOC/25).
- III** That the financial envelope for the Destination Earth Third Party Programme is M€148 at current economic conditions, estimated to cover the implementation of the baseline entrusted tasks and potential optional activities as defined in the Technical Annex of the aforementioned Contribution Agreement until 14 June 2028.
- IV** That the Director-General shall seek Council's approval of changes to the legal framework of this Third Party Programme, as described in section 7.2 of the updated Programme Proposal.
- V** That the updated Destination Earth Third Party Programme shall enter into force upon signature of the aforementioned Contribution Agreement.

REQUESTS the Director-General:

- I** To continue to explore possibilities to enable the participation of all EUMETSAT Member States in the EUMETSAT activities on DestinE.
- II** To maintain a close and timely dialogue with the European Commission on the future of DestinE beyond the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027, including the tasks likely to be entrusted to EUMETSAT and the associated level of funding, and to keep Member States informed accordingly.

RESOLUTION EUM/C/110/25/RES. IV**ON****THE RECATEGORISATION OF IASI AND IASI-NG LEVEL 1 DATA AS “CORE”****adopted at the 110th Meeting of the EUMETSAT Council
on 24-25 November 2025****The EUMETSAT Member States,**

HAVING REGARD to the EUMETSAT Data Policy, which defines the policy applicable to data from instruments flying on, *inter alia*, EUMETSAT’s Meteosat and Metop satellites,

HAVING REGARD to Council Resolution EUM/C/102/22/Res. IV on the Categorisation of EUMETSAT Data and Products from the Meteosat and Metop Satellite Series,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the guiding principles agreed by Council on evolutions of the EUMETSAT Data Policy in 2017 (EUM/C/88/17/DOC/10),

HAVING REGARD to the EUMETSAT Strategy “Destination 2030” (EUM/C/97/21/DOC/03), which specifically addresses the future of the EUMETSAT Data Policy,

HAVING REGARD to the WMO Unified Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data (Cg-Ext(2021)),

WISHING to broaden further the scope of data and products provided free of charge to users in line with the Oslo Declaration, with due regard to the ongoing development of data services,

UNDERLINING the wish of Member States to promote continuity and harmonisation of the EUMETSAT Data Policy across generations of satellites,

AGREE:

- I** To recategorise Level 1 data from EUMETSAT’s IASI and IASI-NG instruments flying on the Metop series as “Core”.