



Letter of Understanding regarding cooperation between the ECC and the EUMETNET

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The Parties,

the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) of the Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (CEPT),

and

GIE EUMETNET, the network of European Meteorological Services

having noted the strengthening of their relationship under the previous LoU have decided to continue their cooperation and the fostering of mutual understanding and exchange of information;

recognising that:

ECC is an organisation of governmental bodies, hence with limited possibilities to enter binding agreements with other organisations;

and that

GIE EUMETNET is an Economic Interest Grouping established under Belgian Law to provide a framework to organise co-operative programmes between its Members in the various fields of basic meteorological activities, environmental management and climate monitoring, as well as to cooperate collectively with 3rd parties such as ECC.

and considering that :

- ECC is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for the allocation of spectrum at European level in the field of radiocommunications;
- GIE EUMETNET, recognising the key nature of radio-spectrum for meteorology activities, has the objective to organise co-operation among its Members for ensuring and sustaining availability and protection of radio frequencies as a strategic infrastructure requirement underpinning existing and future activities of its Members;
- ECC and GIE EUMETNET have a common interest and objective in ensuring the most efficient use and management of the Frequency Spectrum for all Radio applications;

agree to co-operate as follows:

- 1. ECC and GIE EUMETNET agree to exchange information and seek, to the maximum extent possible, a common European approach concerning radio matters. The two parties may exchange as they may agree, free of charge, any information on programmes of work in areas of mutual interest.
- 2. Copies of relevant working documents from either Party shall be made available to the other Party on request. The dissemination by one Party of the documents received from the other party will be limited to the members of the relevant part of the receiving Party, and solely for the purpose of the activities relating to the Party's work programme unless otherwise agreed between the Parties.
- 3. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in documents exchanged between ECC and GIE EUMETNET and any copies thereof, remain with the originating party and extend to all media in which the information may be embodied. If either Party wishes to communicate to a 3rd party any information provided to it by the other Party, then this communication should be agreed between the Parties prior to releasing the information to the 3rd party.
- 4. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from GIE EUMETNET is normally permitted at meetings of the ECC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.
- 5. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from ECC is normally permitted at meetings of GIE EUMETNET concerned with management of the frequency spectrum for radio applications.
- 6. Observers shall, to the extent permitted by the relevant Party's organisational statutes and rules, be entitled to participate fully in discussions on relevant work items, and may submit written contributions, but shall not be party in the decision making process.
- 7. GIE EUMETNET may submit proposals to the relevant ECC Body. These shall be adopted subject to the normal ECC process for approval of new work items and outputs.
- 8. This Agreement shall last for three years and may be renewed by mutual consent. On its expiry, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for further one-year periods unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. The Agreement can be terminated by either Party on giving three months' written notice before the expiry date.
- 9 The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the ECC Chairperson and the GIE EUMETNET Frequency Manager.

Agreed for ECC by

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Name: Thomas Ewers

Date: /8.9.11

Agreed for GIE EUMETNET by

Signature: Executive Director

Name: Steve Noyes

Date: 25 MARCH 204