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PROPOSED EGMP BUDGET AND COSTED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2026

Prepared by the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre

Summary:

According to Rule 31 of the Modus Operandi of the AEWA European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG) the annual running costs for the European Goose Management Platform (EGMP), including servicing the EGM IWG, is provided by the Range States to the Platform as decided by the EGM IWG.

In the present document, an estimate of the 2026 budget for the EGMP is provided, as well as an indicative scale of voluntary contributions and the proposed costed Programme of Work (cPOW) of the EGMP for 2026.

Action requested from the EGM IWG:

The EGM IWG is requested to:

- Review and approve the EGMP budget estimate for 2026 (Annex 1);
- Take note of the indicative scale of voluntary contributions (Annex 2);
- Review and approve the proposed cPOW for 2026 (Annex 3).

Introduction

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Based on the data on expenses given in the Finance Report for 2024/2025 (Doc. AEWA/EGMIWG/10.18) and using the estimated annual budgets for the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre from previous years as a basis, the Secretariat has prepared an annual EGMP budget estimate for 2026, presented as Annex 1 to this document. It should be noted that the EGM IWG Chair can approve the reallocation of funds between budget lines, as necessary.

At the 7th meeting of the EGM IWG in June 2022 which took place in Helsinki, Finland (EGM IWG7), Range States agreed on an updated indicative scale for voluntary contributions towards the annual EGMP budget based on an accepted cost-sharing formula. The scale is provided in Annex 2 of this document.

Using the 2024 costed Programme of Work (cPOW) as a basis and taking into account the EGMP budget estimate for 2026 (provided in Annex 1), a draft cPOW for 2026 has been prepared by the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre, presented in Annex 3 of this document.

Annex 1. Budget Estimate for the EGMP for 2026

The budget estimate presented in Table 1 for the EGMP Secretariat and Table 2 for the Data Centre, has been calculated on the basis of the financial report for 2024/2025 (Doc. AEWA/EGMIWG/10.18).

The annual EGMP budget includes both staffing costs and operational costs, inclusive UNEP Programme Support Cost (13 per cent) as applicable, for the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre. However, it should be noted that additional resources will need to be allocated by each participating Range State at national level (e.g. National Working Groups) for the implementation of the recommendations of the EGM IWG and the measures of the International Single Species Action and Management Plans in the remit of the EGMP.

In addition, the budget excludes cost for any additional activities which are not predicted to occur on an annual basis (e.g., development of management and action plans, projects, etc.).

Table 1. EGMP Secretariat Budget estimate for 2026 (in EUR)

EGMP Secretariat Budget for 2026 (in EUR)			
Staff Costs (incl. UMOJA costs)			
EGMP Coordinator (100%; P2)	142,000		
Programme Management Assistant (100%; G5)	80,000		
GSDM cost (Umoja)			
Subtotal	227,000		
Operating Costs			
Communication – design and printing services	5,000		
Miscellaneous (e.g. office supplies and equipment, training)	5,000		
Subtotal	10,000		
Implementing Partner Direct Costs and Consultancies			
Small Scale Funding Agreements/ Consultancies substantive work	15,000		
Communication – website and social media services	5,000		
Subtotal	20,000		
Travel			
Travel (staff, experts and funded delegates)	15,000		
Subtotal	15,000		
Contractual Services (Meetings)			
EGM IWG meeting (catering & venue, if hosted in Bonn)	10,000		
Subtotal	10,000		
Total Budget, incl. Programme Support Costs	282,000		

Table 2. EGMP Data Centre Budget estimate for 2026 (in EUR). The allocation of the staffing budget is provisional, and it is to be divided according to the workload among the positions listed, as necessary, not exceeding the total amount of 174,000 EUR.

EGMP Data Centre Budget for 2026 (in EUR)						
Object of expenditures						
Staff Costs						
Goose Monitoring Coordinator (65%)	67,200					
Population Modelling Experts (40%)	48,000					
Lead Compiler (15%)	58,800					
Subtota	174,000					
Operating costs						
Travel, meetings, miscellaneous	10,000					
Subtota	10,000					
Total Budge	et 184,000					

Annex 2. Indicative Scale of Voluntary Contributions towards the EGMP annual budget

The indicative scale of voluntary contributions was initially agreed by the EGM IWG at EGM IWG4 in June 2019, in Perth, Scotland, UK. The scale was calculated based on 50% UN scale of assessment / 50% number of populations per country and with a 15% cap.

With new Range States joining the EGMP, i.e. Ireland in 2022, and taking into account the latest UN scale of assessment, the indicative scale of voluntary contributions was recalculated and adopted at EGM IWG7 (see Table 3).

Table 3. EGMP indicative scale of voluntary contribution based on 50% UN scale of assessment / 50% number of populations per country with 15% cap, applying the latest UN scale of assessment as of 2022 (in EUR). Only the full contribution per country is shown in this table. The AEWA Secretariat will distribute the contributions between the Secretariat and the Data Centre according to the agreed budget.

	50% by population / 50% by UN scale 15%		
	cap- 10 states		
Range State	Full contribution		
(Belarus)**			
Belgium	53.644 €		
Denmark	53.056 €		
(Estonia)**			
(EU)**			
Finland	48.497 €		
France	43.580 €		
Germany***			
Iceland	9.836 €		
Ireland	23.345 €		
Latvia**			
(Lithuania)*			
Netherlands	60.839 €		
Norway	57.279 €		
(Poland)*			
(Russia)*			
(Spain)*			
Sweden	63.715 €		
UK	52.209 €		
(Ukraine)**			
Total	466.000 €		
* non-member range states			
** non-paying range states			

^{***} Germany has a reservation on the proposed budget and the scale of contribution and will decide on its contributions on the basis of a cPOW

Draft EGMP Costed Programme of Work for 2026

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Activity	Activities	Priority	Timeframe	Total Budget (€) Secretariat	AEWA Secretariat	Data Centre	Additional funding
No.	Activities	ranking*	Timename	& Data Centre	Budget (€)	Budget (€)	needs
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	Overall EGMP coordination and programme management						
	Provide overall coordination of the EGMP Undestriate administrative and financial management of the EGMP	core	rolling rolling				
	Undertake administrative and financial management of the EGMP Coordinate the work of the International Modelling Consortium	core	rolling				
	Coordinate monitoring networks, databases and workflow with data holders and NGR	core	rolling				
5	Undertake fundraising activities (project proposals, identify and approach potential donors)	core	rolling				
	Maintain the rolling costed Programme of Work for 2026	core	rolling				
	Develop and revise a draft costed Programme of Work for 2027	core	spring/autumn				
	Represent the EGMP at relevant meetings, conferences and workshops Staff travel on official business	core	rolling	20.000	10.000	10.000	
	Consultancies and SSFAs	core	rolling	15.000	15.000	-	
	Other operational costs e.g. procurement, office supplies, office equipment, telephone, etc.	core	rolling	4.000	4.000	-	
	Sub-total			39.000	29.000	10.000	
В	FCMD Marking and Wadshare	1					
	EGMP Meetings and Workshops Organise and support the EGMP International Goose Modelling Consortium Meetings	core	spring				
	Organise and support the EGMP Task Force Meetings	core	rolling				
3	** Organise the 11th Meeting of the European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG11)	core	June	10.000	10.000		
4	Travel funded experts and delegates to EGMP related meetings (travel, visa, DSA, etc.)	core	rolling	5.000	5.000		
5	Prepare meeting documents for EGM IWG11	core	rolling		<u> </u>		
6	*** Organise other meetings and workshops as necessary	medium	as required				
	Coordinate activities for EGMP 10 th anniversary Sub-total	high	Jan-June 2026	15.000	15.000		
				15.000	13.000		
С	International Single Species Action and Management Plans under the EGMP						
	Taiga Bean Goose ISSAP						
2	Coordinate monitoring networks, databases and workflow with data holders and NGR for Taiga Bean Goose	core	rolling	+			
3	Produce Population Status and Assessment Report for Taiga Bean Goose Coordinate and support the work of the Taiga Bean Goose Task Force	core	Jan-May rolling				
	Pink-footed Goose ISSMP	core	Tolling				
6	Coordinate monitoring networks, databases and workflow with data holders and NGR for Pink-footed Goose	core	rolling				
7	Produce Population Status and Assessment Report for Pink-footed Goose	core	Jan-June				
8	Coordinate PFG AFMP process	high	Jan-June 2026				
9	Coordinate and support the work of the Pink-footed Goose Task Force	core	rolling				
	Barnacle Goose ISSMP Russian/Germany and Netherlands population (in collaboration with Sovon, the Netherlands)						
10	Coordinate the Implementation of Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes for the Barnacle Goose	core	rolling				
11	Coordinate monitoring networks, databases and workflow with data holders and NGR for Barnacle Goose	core	rolling				
12	Produce Population Status and Assessment Report for Barnacle Goose	core	Jan-April				
13	Coordinate and support the work of the Russia Barnacle Goose Task Forces	core	rolling				
	Greenland/Scotland and Ireland population (in collaboration with NatureScot, UK)						
14 15	Coordinate the Implementation of Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes for the Barnacle Goose	core	rolling				
16	Coordinate monitoring networks, databases and workflow with data holders and NGR for Barnacle Goose Produce Population Status and Assessment Report for Barnacle Goose	core	rolling Jan-April				
17	Coordinate and support the work of the Greenland Barnacle Goose Task Force	core	rolling				
	Greylag Goose ISSMP						
18	Coordinate the implementation of Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the Greylag Goose	core	rolling				
19	Coordinate monitoring networks, databases and workflow with data holders and NGR for Greylag Goose	core	rolling				
20	Produce Population Status and Assessment Report for Greylag Goose	core	Jan-April				
21	Coordinate and support the work of the Greylag Goose Task Force Crosscutting	core	rolling				
22	Coordinate and support the work of the Agriculture Goose Task Force	core	rolling				
23	Coordinate and support the work of the Flight Safety Task Force	core	rolling				
	Sub-total						
	Communications and information management Produce, maintain and update website and social media content	high	rolling	5.000	5.000		
2	Produce, maintain and update website and social media content Maintain EGMP workspaces (sharepoint)	high core	rolling rolling	5.000	5.000		
3	Maintain EGMP Contact Database	core	rolling	+			
4	Maintain EGMP Database	core	rolling				
5	Maintain EGMP GitLab	core	rolling				
6	Organise EGMP webinars	medium	rolling				
7	Develop and produce publications and information materials (design, printing)	medium	rolling	5.000	5.000		
	Sub-total			10.000	10.000		
E	Further management and administrative processes according to UN rules						
1	Provide staff management, including regular team meetings	core	rolling				
2	Trainings, staff meetings, stand-in and other tasks within the AEWA Secretariat	core	rolling	1.000	1.000		
	Sub-total			1.000	1.000		
F	Staff Costs						
	AEWA Secretariat staff costs (incl. UMOJA costs)	core		227.000	227.000		
	Data Centre staff costs	core	†	174.000	227.000	174.000	
	Sub-total			401.000	222.000	174.000	
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	Grand Total			466.000	282.000	184.000	
		1		including programme support costs	including programme support	including overheads	
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^{*} Priorities: Core = included in agreed EGMP Budget ; High-Low = additional funding needed

^{**} Budget to host the meeting in Bonn, in case no host can be identified

*** Activities and projects not included in the EGMP core budget, for which additional funding is needed