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Introduction

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.

At the 3rd meeting of the EGM IWG in June 2018, in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands (EGM IWG3), the Range States adopted the EGMP budget for 2019, as well as a cost-sharing scenario to spread the contributions (see Annex 1 of this document), outlining indicative voluntary contributions from Range States towards the EGMP budget for 2019.

The present report provides an overview of the EGMP contributions and pledges received until 17 May 2019, as well as expenditure and cash balance for the year 2018 and up to 31 March 2019 and projected expenditures until the end of 2019. It should be noted that the budget allocated to the EGMP Data Centre is managed separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University.

Action requested from the EGM IWG

The EGM IWG is requested to take note of this document and give comments and advice as necessary to the Secretariat and the Data Centre.

1. Status of Contributions as at 17 May 2019

1.1. Contributions to the EGMP Budget

Voluntary contributions from Range States to the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre received in 2018 and in 2019 until 17 May, are shown in Table 1.

The contributions of Range States in 2018 to the EGMP Secretariat (EUR 148,233) are lower than the confirmed budget of EUR 282,000. Whilst the contributions towards the Data Centre in 2018 (EUR 215,905) lie above the agreed budget for the year (EUR 184,000). This discrepancy has been implemented to accommodate the transfer of EUR 32,100 to the EGMP Data Centre, filling the reserve fund to the agreed amount of EUR 92,000.

All contributions from the Range States in 2018 and 2019 as stated below (in Table 1) have supported the overall implementation of the activities of the EGMP in the Secretariat and the Data Centre, including staff salaries. For 2019 a costed break-down of the activities is available in the costed Programme of Work (cPOW) agreed by the EGM IWG and available as an information document to the EGM IWG4 (AEWA/EGMIWG/Inf. 4.12).

Table 1 also provides the indicative level of voluntary contributions per Range State for the year 2019 (highlighted in blue) that was agreed at the EGM IWG3.

Contributions pledged by seven Range States out of the fifteen participating Range States in 2019 in the first quarter of the year (EUR 210,381) reach only 45 % of the annual EGMP budget for 2019. To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of EUR 255,619 remains.

1.2. Contributions to Barnacle Goose and Greylag Goose Activities

Outside the EGMP budget, contributions for species-specific activities that have been received in 2017, have been carried over to 2018. The Netherlands contributed EUR 10,000 to the Barnacle Goose process and Norway EUR 30,000 to the Greylag Goose process.

Since both species have been incorporated in the EGMP since the adoption of the ISSMPs at [MOP7](#) in December 2018, the remaining funds now fall under the EGMP funds and are earmarked for the development of the Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes for the Barnacle and Greylag Geese. Norway has decided to allocate the remaining funds as co-funding for the Greylag Goose Multi-criteria Decision Analysis exercise (explained in Doc AEWA/EGMIWG/4.12). Hence, these funds are excluded from the cash balance calculations in section 3.

1.3. Contributions to EGMP Projects

Additional voluntary contributions of EUR 4,800 have been received in the EGMP Secretariat from Norway to be spent in 2018 and 2019 for print materials and give-aways for the platform.

A project on the development of an Integrated Population Model (IPM) for the Taiga Bean Goose has been circulated to the EGM IWG for consideration. Finland has expressed an interest in funding this project. In addition, a new project proposal for Improving monitoring for Taiga Bean Geese in the Eastern 1&2 Management Units was circulated to the Range States in May 2019 and expressions of interest for funding this project are invited.

Table 1 EGMP status of contributions 2018 and 2019 (in EUR) – status as at 17 May 2019*

Secretariat and Data Centre					Secretariat				Data Centre			
Range State	payments 2018	indicative level of contributions to full budget 2019 ⁽³⁾	pledges 2019	payments 2019	payments 2018	indicative level of contributions to Secretariat budget 2019 ⁽³⁾	pledges 2019	payments 2019	payments 2018	indicative level of contributions to Data Centre budget 2019 ⁽³⁾	pledges 2019	payments 2019
(Belarus) ⁽¹⁾												
Belgium	25,000	57,104	35,000			34,556			25,000	22,547	35,000	
Denmark	40,000	55,787			40,000	33,760				22,028		
(Estonia) ⁽¹⁾												
(EU) ⁽¹⁾												
Finland	47,500	51,417	30,000		15,000	31,115	15,000		32,500	20,302	15,000	
France	40,000	43,912	40,045		30,000	26,573	26,573		10,000	17,338	13,472	
(Germany) ⁽²⁾	20,000		20,000						20,000		20,000	
Iceland		9,747				5,898				3,849		
(Latvia) ⁽¹⁾												
Netherlands	49,000	61,835	11,000			37,419			49,000	24,415	11,000	
Norway	114,764	64,836	64,836		63,233	39,236	39,236		51,531	25,601	25,601	
Sweden ⁽⁴⁾		68,490	9,500			41,447				27,043	9,500	
UK	27,874	52,873				31,996			27,874	20,877		
(Ukraine) ⁽¹⁾												
Total	364,138	466,000	210,381	0	148,233	282,000	80,809	0	215,905	184,000	129,573	0

* (1) Non-paying Range States

(2) Germany has a reservation on the proposed budget and the scale of contributions and will decide on its contributions on the basis of a cPOW. EUR 10,000 have been pledged each from Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein

(3) According to scale of contributions agreed at EGM IWG3

(4) Sweden has pledged SK 100,000 (approx. EUR 9,500)

1.4. In-kind Contributions to the EGMP

Since 2016, various Range States of the EGMP have hosted the EGM IWG meetings, as well as workshops and other meetings, thereby substantially contributing operationally and financially to the EGMP.

Within the time frame of this report, in 2018 and in the first quarter of 2019, the Province of Friesland, the Netherlands have hosted the EGM IWG3 meeting in June 2018, extending the meeting by two days to accommodate the 2nd AEWA International Management Planning Workshop for the Barnacle Goose and the Greylag Goose (NW/SW population) and meetings of the EGMP Task Forces.

Range States to the EGMP were asked to report on the in-kind contributions that have been provided towards the activities of the EGMP (letter sent on 7 February 2019). However, only a few Range States have provided figures quantifying these in-kind contributions, therefore no comparable overview could be provided in this report.

2. Budget Implementation Status

2.1. Budget

2.1.1. EGMP Budget

The EGMP budget for 2016-2018 has been set to an annual level of EUR 466,000 and confirmed at EGM IWG3 for the year 2019 for the same amount ([Doc. AEWA/EGMIWG/3.5](#) adopted at EGM IWG3 in June 2018). The budget breaks down to EUR 282,000 for the EGMP Secretariat and EUR 184,000 for the EGMP Data Centre.

2.1.2. Reserve Funds

An EGMP reserve fund has been established separately for the Secretariat and the Data Centre, as agreed by the EGM IWG at their 2nd meeting in June 2017 ([EGM IWG2 meeting report](#)), to ensure continuity of operations of the EGMP in any annual cycle before annual contributions for the actual year have arrived from the Range States. For uninterrupted and smooth operational running of the EGMP, the reserve fund has to contain sufficient funds at the end of the year, allowing operation for the first six months of the following year, as agreed by the EGM IWG at its 2nd meeting ([EGM IWG2 meeting report, para. 48](#)). At their 3rd meeting in June 2018, the EGM IWG confirmed the size of the two reserve funds for the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre ([EGM IWG3 meeting report, para 19](#)).

EGMP Secretariat Reserve

The reserve fund for the EGMP Secretariat has been set at EUR 160,000, slightly above 50% of the annual budget, due to the cost of the preparation of the EGM IWG meeting taking place in June each year. The reserve fund for the EGMP Secretariat has been stable until 2019 and had to be tapped into for the first time in the first half of 2019, whilst expecting the annual contributions of Range States.

EGMP Data Centre Reserve

For the EGMP Data Centre the reserve fund has been set to 50% of the annual budget, i.e. EUR 92,000. Due to a lower carry-over in 2016 the reserve fund stood at EUR 59,900 at the end of 2018. A higher allocation of funding to the Data Centre in 2018 has enabled funding of EUR 32,100 to be transferred to the reserve leading to a full fund of EUR 92,000 for 2019.

The importance of a full reserve fund has been confirmed, as the Secretariat and the Data Centre are in a position of having to make use of the funds in 2019 and would not have been able to operate for the first half of the year without it, since no payments have been received from Range States during the first five months of the year.

2.2. Expenditure

An overview of the budget implementation status in the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre in 2018 and the first quarter of 2019 is given in this report, thereby reporting to the Range States on the use of the funds they have provided during this period. The agreed budget, expenditures incurred, and balances are outlined below for the EGMP Secretariat (Table 2), the EGMP Data Centre (Table 3) and cumulative for both (Table 4).

It is to be noted that the remaining balance is not the cash balance available to the EGMP, but rather the gap between the agreed budget for the period and actual expenditures incurred. Further explanations relating to the details in the Tables are given in the respective narrative.

2.2.1. *EGMP Secretariat Expenditure*

In the Secretariat all funds are held in USD and all expenditures are incurred in USD throughout the year. Therefore, expenditures are given in USD as actuals and EUR figures added for information, calculated on the basis of the average exchange rate of the year 2018 and the average of the first three months of 2019 respectively. It is therefore to be noted that the remaining balance for the Secretariat (chapter 2.2.1), as well as cumulative for the EGMP (chapter 2.2.3) given in EUR are approximations.

Table 2 outlines the actual expenditures (in USD and EUR[†]) for the Secretariat for 2018 and 2019 until 31 March 2019. Three columns of projected expenditures (in USD and EUR) in 2019 have been added; showing projections from April-June, July-December and April-December 2019. The last two columns in the table show the cumulated figure for actual expenditure in Q1 and projected expenditures in Q2-4, as well as the remaining balance, i.e. the gap between expenditure and agreed budget.

Expenses in the year 2018 at the EGMP Secretariat have been kept to a minimum within operational boundaries, to accommodate the transfer of extra funds to the Data Centre to fill their reserve. In 2019 the projections calculated show that only a slightly higher level of expenditure can be expected, as compared to the expenditure in 2018. It should be noted that actual expenditure in 2019 could be higher than the projection, depending on mandates for activities given by the EGM IWG at the 4th meeting in June 2019.

The EGMP Secretariat, as part of UNEP/AEWA, is also profiting of services of operational nature falling in the sectors of IT maintenance, Communications (Joint AEWA/CMS Information Management, Communication and Awareness Unit) and staff time from the Head of Science, Implementation and Compliance Unit, which are covered under the AEWA core budget. This advantage is a direct cost saving to the EGMP core budget.

The EGMP Secretariat also receives administrative and financial support services from the Common Administrative Unit, which serves the entire CMS Family. The Common Administrative Unit is fully funded by the 13% Programme Support Costs levy, which is applicable to all Trust Funds of the CMS Family, including EGMP Secretariat funds, in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 35/217 of 17 December 1980.

Table 2 shows EUR figures in black and USD figures in blue for easier reference.

[†] Average exchange rates used: 0.846 for 2018 and 0.876 for Q1 2019

Table 2. EGMP Secretariat budget implementation status 2018/2019 (in EUR) – projected as at 31 December 2019‡

	2018				2019 actual at 31 March (Q1)				2019 Projection Q2-4			total projected expenditures Jan-Dec 2019 (EUR)	remaining balance (EUR)
	budget ⁽¹⁾ (EUR)	expenditure		remaining balance (EUR)	2019 budget ⁽¹⁾ (EUR)	Jan-Mar expenditure		remaining balance (EUR)	projected expenditure Apr-Dec 2019				
		(USD)	(EUR)			(USD)	(EUR)		Apr-Jun 2019	Jul-Dec 2019	Apr-Dec 2019		
Staff costs									EUR	EUR	EUR		
EGMP Coordinator (100%)	125,664	86,242	72,961	52,703	125,664	22,435	19,653	106,011	19,724	40,105	59,829	79,482	46,182
Programme Management Assistant (100%)	70,796	68,654	58,081	12,715	70,796	17,288	15,144	55,652	15,150	30,737	45,887	61,031	9,766
Sub-total	196,460	154,896	131,042	65,418	196,460	39,723	34,797	161,663	34,874	70,842	105,716	140,513	55,947
Operations													
Communications	4,425	9,975	8,439	-4,014	4,425		0	4,425	1,752	187	1,939	1,939	2,486
Travel	8,850	6,322	5,349	3,501	8,850	3,926	3,439	5,410	6,789	1,752	8,541	11,980	-3,131
Miscellaneous	17,699	2,276	1,926	15,774	17,699	393	344	17,355	12,022	2,681	14,704	15,048	2,651
Sub-total	30,973	18,574	15,713	15,260	30,973	4,319	3,783	27,190	20,563	4,620	25,183	28,967	2,007
Meetings													
EGM IWG	22,124	10,075	8,523	13,601	22,124	1,792	1,570	20,554	4,424	0	4,424	5,994	16,130
Sub-total	22,124	10,075	8,523	13,601	22,124	1,792	1,570	20,554	4,424	0	4,424	5,994	16,130
Total	249,558	183,544	155,279	94,279	249,558	45,834	40,151	209,407	59,861	75,462	135,323	175,473	74,084
Programme support costs (13%)	32,442	23,861	20,186	12,256	32,442	5,958	5,220	27,223	7,782	9,810	17,592	22,812	9,631
Grand Total	282,000	207,405	175,465	106,535	282,000	51,792	45,370	236,630	67,642	85,272	152,915	198,285	83,715

‡ Average exchange rates used: 0.846 for 2018 and 0.876 for Q1 2019

⁽¹⁾ As approved at EGM IWG

2.2.2. EGMP Data Centre Expenditure

The budget of the EGMP Data Centre is managed separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University. Details of the expenditure incurred in 2018 and in Q1 of 2019 and related balances are made available in Table 3 of this document.

Reporting on the full year 2018 and until 31 March 2019, the Data Centre has incurred expenses of EUR 163,360 in 2018 and EUR 36,000 in the first three months of 2019. As stated in the [EGMP finance report 2016-2018](#), presented to the EGM IWG3 in June 2018, salary costs in the EGMP Data Centre require a certain flexibility, whilst keeping within the overall budget allocated to salaries. In 2018 a portion of the EGMP Goose Monitoring Coordinator salary has been funded from other sources, due to activities related to the development of the ISSMPs of the Barnacle and Greylag Goose, whilst the Population Modelling Expert had an increased workload due to the development of the Integrated Population Modelling (IPM) for the Pink-footed Goose and the Lead Compiler attended a higher volume of international meetings, including the AEWA MOP7 in Durban. Therefore, the salary for the Goose Monitoring Coordinator is lower than 100% and the other two posts have incurred a higher cost due to higher work load.

Moreover, the operational expenses in the Data Centre were kept to less than half of the estimated budget due to reduced travel and the availability of other funding sources for some of the travel. These factors influencing the expenditure in 2018 brought the overall level of expenses to EUR 163,360 - less than the estimated budget of EUR 184,000. This fact, together with the higher allocation of funds to the Data Centre in 2018 (EUR 215,905 see chapter 1.1) has enabled the filling of the reserve.

The expenditure for Q1 of 2019 with EUR 36,000 is in line with the budget presented for the year. Three columns for projections for 2019 are also included in the table: April–June, July–December and April–December 2019. Estimations at this time show that with EUR 184,000 the full budget will be necessary for staff costs and operations in the Data Centre during 2019.

Table 3. EGMP Data Centre budget implementation status 2018/2019 (in EUR) - projected as at 31 December 2019

	2018			2019 as at 31 March (Q1)			2019 projection Q2-4			total expenditure Jan-Dec incl. projection (EUR)	remaining balance (EUR)
	budget ⁽¹⁾ (EUR)	expenditure (EUR)	remaining balance (EUR)	budget ⁽¹⁾ (EUR)	expenditure (EUR)	remaining balance (EUR)	projected expenditure Apr-Jun (EUR)	projected expenditure Jul-Dec (EUR)	projected expenditure Apr-Dec (EUR)		
Staff costs											
EGMP Goose Monitoring Coordinator (100%)	96,000	70,686	25,314	96,000	16,000	80,000	27,000	53,000	80,000	96,000	0
EGMP Population Modelling Expert (50%)	48,000	60,037	-12,037	48,000	12,000	36,000	12,000	24,000	36,000	48,000	0
EGMP Lead Compiler (15% in 2018 and 22.5% in 2019)	20,000	24,521	-4,521	30,000	5,000	25,000	8,300	16,700	25,000	30,000	0
Sub-total	164,000	155,244	8,756	174,000	33,000	141,000	47,300	93,700	141,000	174,000	0
Operations											
EGMP Data Centre operational budget	20,000	8,116	11,884	10,000	3,000	7,000	2,500	4,500	7,000	10,000	0
Sub-total	20,000	8,116	11,884	10,000	3,000	7,000	2,500	4,500	7,000	10,000	0
Total	184,000	163,360	20,640	184,000	36,000	148,000	49,800	98,200	148,000	184,000	0

⁽¹⁾ As approved at EGM IWG

2.2.3. Overall Expenditure

The overall expenditure of the EGMP for 2018 and the first quarter of 2019 is shown cumulative in Table 4 below.

It is demonstrated that due to diligent use of funds, mainly savings in the staff costs, both the Secretariat and the Data Centre have been able to operate slightly below the estimated budget for 2018. Following the format of Table 2 and 3 for the Secretariat and the Data Centre, Table 4 also outlines budget, expenditure and remaining balance for 2018, as well as the same data for Q1 in 2019 and projections for the rest of the year plus remaining balance for the whole year. With diligent spending the expenditure for 2019 might be able to be kept below the estimated budget, in the case that no further cost-intensive mandates are added to the work of the EGMP during EGM IWG4.

Table 4. Overall EGMP budget implementation status 2018/2019 (in EUR)[§] - projected as at 31 December 2019

	2018			2019 as at 31 March (Q1)			2019 actual Q1 and projection Q2-4			2019 balance	
	budget ⁽¹⁾ (EUR)	expenditure (EUR)	remaining balance (EUR)	budget ⁽¹⁾ (EUR)	expenditure until 31 Mar (EUR)	remaining balance (EUR)	projected expenditure Apr-Jun (EUR)	projected expenditure Jul-Dec (EUR)	projected expenditure Apr-Dec (EUR)	total expenditure Jan-Dec incl. projection (EUR)	remaining balance (EUR)
Grand Total⁽²⁾	466,000	338,825	127,175	466,000	81,370	384,630	117,442	183,472	300,915	382,285	83,715

3. Cash Balance including reserve funds

3.1. Projected as at 31 December 2019

Expenses of the EGMP in 2018 have been carefully managed to achieve at least a small carry-over (EUR 36,501 generated in the Secretariat and the Data Centre) with funding not reaching full level of the estimated and agreed budget (see section 1 Contributions). EGMP operations in 2018, were only possible due to the carry-over from previous years and minimised expenditures.

Table 5 below shows the cash balance status of the EGMP for 2018 and 2019 (actual expenditure for Q1 and projections for Q2-4) by looking at the payments received from Range States versus the actual expenditures.

The EGMP reserve is stated in a separate column. As mentioned above in section 1.2, remaining funds for the Barnacle Goose (BG) and Greylag Goose (GG) are stated separately in 2018. The BG funds (ca. EUR 10,000)** have been added to the carry-over of 2018 into the EGMP budget for 2019, whilst the GG funds (ca. EUR 23,708)** have been allocated towards the development of an MCDA (see section 1.2), hence they are not reflected in the carry-over from 2018.

At the end of 2018 the adjusted end cash balance in the Secretariat stood at EUR 40,503(including EUR 33,708 BG & GG funds) and in the Data Centre at EUR 19,706 – cumulative the cash balance was EUR 60,209 – with

⁽¹⁾ As approved by the EGM IWG

⁽²⁾ Including 13% PSC in the Secretariat

⁽³⁾ The average exchange rate Jan-Mar 2019 (0.876) was used for projections in the Secretariat for 2019

** The funds are held in USD in the AEW Secretariat and EUR figures are subject to exchange rate

a full reserve in both units. A total of EUR 36,501 was carried into the 2019 EGMP budget, including the BG funds and keeping the GG funds (EUR 23,708) separate.

As at 17 May 2019, no payments have been received in the Secretariat and the Data Centre (see Table 1). In 2019 the established reserve is being used to finance expenditures on salaries and operational expenses of the EGMP in the Secretariat and the Data Centre during the first months of the year.

Consequently, considering the carry-over from 2018, including the reserve for both the Secretariat and Data Centre and a projected total expenditure of EUR 382,285 for the entire year, the EGMP will remain with a funding deficit of EUR **-93,784** and the reserve will be totally depleted, by the end of 2019. Thus, without a full reserve, there will not be enough funds available to operate in Q1 of 2020.

It is to be noted that the expenditure in the Secretariat in 2019 EUR is calculated based on the average exchange rate for the respective time frame and therefore is an approximation, conclusively the cash balance is also an approximation. For the projected expenditure in the Secretariat in EUR an average exchange rate of 0.876 for Q1 of 2019 was used. The figures of the Secretariat are also dependent on exchange rate fluctuations and serve only to show the projected approximate impact of projected expenditures on the cash balance of the EGMP until the end of the year.

Table 5. EGMP cash balance status 2018/2019 (in EUR) – projected as at 31 December 2019^{††}

	2018								
	carry-over (2017) (EUR)	reserve 1 Jan 2018 (EUR)	payments received in 2018(EUR)	expenditure (EUR)	end cash balance (EUR)(I)		transfer to reserve	adjusted end cash balance	reserve as at 31 December 2018
					BG and GG cash balance	Remaining cash balance			
Secretariat	67,735	160,000	148,233	175,465	33,708	6,795	0	40,503	160,000
Data Centre	-739	59,900	215,905	163,360		51,806	-32100	19,706	92,000
EGMP total	66,996	219,900	364,138	338,825	33,708	58,601	-32,100	60,209	252,000

	2019 actual Q1 and projection Q2-4				
	carry-over (2018) incl. BG funds (EUR)	reserve 31 Dec 2018 (EUR)	payments received till 17 May 2019 (EUR)	projected expenditure Jan-Dec (EUR)	projected cash balance (EUR)
Secretariat	16,795	160,000	0	198,285	(21,489)
Data Centre	19,706	92,000	0	184,000	(72,294)
EGMP total	36,501	252,000	0	382,285	-93,784

3.2. Projections considering the pledges made - as at 17 May 2019

The level of pledges for contributions in 2019 received in the first quarter of the year reaches EUR 210,381, which is only 45 % of the annual EGMP budget for 2019.

Assuming that the full amount of the pledges that have been made so far by the EGMP Range States for 2019 will be paid to the Secretariat and to the Data Centre respectively, the cash balance at the end of 2019 will be at zero for both the Secretariat and for the Data Centre (see Table 6 below). In addition, the reserves will remain depleted, totalling to EUR 116,597 (EUR 59,319 for the Secretariat; EUR 57,278 for the Data Centre). To replenish the reserve and carry on work in 2020 further **EUR 135,403** are necessary in 2019.

Furthermore, this projected cash balance is based on the conservative figure of projected expenditures, already representing a reduction of EUR 83,715 compared to the estimated budget for 2019.

Details on the calculation with current pledges are given in Table 6 below.

^{††} The average exchange rate Jan-Mar 2019 (0.876) was used for projections in the Secretariat for 2019

Table 6. EGMP cash balance projections considering the pledges for 2019 (in EUR)

	2019 actual Q1 and projection Q2-4						
	carry-over (2018) incl. BG funds (EUR)	payments received (EUR)	reserve 31 Dec 2018 (EUR)	pledges made as at 17 May 2019 (EUR)	projected expenditure Jan-Dec (EUR)	projected cash balance (EUR)	reserve 31 Dec 2019 (EUR)
Secretariat	16,795	0	160,000	80,809	198,285	0	59,319
Data Centre	19,706	0	92,000	129,573	184,000	0	57,278
EGMP total	36,501	0	252,000	210,381	382,285	0	116,597

4. Conclusion

The EGMP has been able to operate in 2018 for the first full year with a complete team on board in the Secretariat and the Data Centre and a full set of activities, achieving results even with contributions from the Range States not reaching the full amount of the estimated annual EGMP budget of EUR 466,000. This was also made possible due to a large carry-over from previous years used to fill funding gaps in 2018, legacy from the large initial contribution from Norway. In 2019 the EGMP cannot profit from such large carry-over anymore.

The reserve funds have proven to be of utmost importance for both operational units as it enabled the EGMP to operate in the first two quarters of 2019 in the absence of any contributions received yet from the Range State for the year. However, the reserve funds of both the Secretariat and the Data Centre will need to be replenished before the end of 2019 to ensure operations in 2020.

The current funding gap, taking into account the projected expenditures for the EGMP as outlined in this document, is **EUR 135,403**. It is to be noted, that the projected expenditures have been calculated at an absolute minimum of operations until the end of the year and do not reflect the mid- and long-term need for funds to the level of the estimated budget. If the **minimum** funding gap of **EUR 135,403** for 2019 cannot be filled, staff time in the Secretariat from July onwards will be drastically reduced and the implementation of activities against the costed Programme of Work can no longer be guaranteed. Due to the current financial situation, the position of the EGMP Programme Management Assistant could only be extended and guaranteed until the end of July 2019. Similarly, the extension of the contract of the EGMP Coordinator will depend on the availability of funds for 2019. Projects funded by Range States outside the EGMP core budget will also be affected, since they are dependent on EGMP staff for coordination and expertise.

The EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre will endeavour to make all efforts to generate savings where feasible and realistic. However, voluntary contributions of Range States to the EGMP will need to meet the level of the estimated budget to ensure delivery of the mandated actions as detailed in the cPOW.

Annex 1

Indicative, voluntary scale of contributions for the EGMP 2019⁷

Scenario 5			
50% by population / 50% by UN scale 15% cap, 9 states			
Range State	Secretariat	Data Centre	full budget
(Belarus)**			
Belgium	34,556	22,547	57,104
Denmark	33,760	22,028	55,787
(Estonia)**			
(EU)**			
Finland	31,115	20,302	51,417
France	26,573	17,338	43,912
(Germany)***			
Iceland	5,898	3,849	9,747
(Ireland)*			
(Latvia)**			
(Lithuania)*			
Netherlands	37,419	24,415	61,835
Norway	39,236	25,601	64,836
(Poland)*			
(Russia)*			
(Spain)*			
Sweden	41,447	27,043	68,490
UK	31,996	20,877	52,873
(Ukraine)**			
Total	282,000	184,000	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 costed programme of work

⁷ As agreed by the EGM IWG at its 3rd meeting 20-21 June 2018