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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, a detailed overview of the status of contributions, expenditures and cash balance for the years 2021/2022, both the EGMP Secretariat and the Data Centre, is provided.

The current funding gap against the agreed budget for 2022 is EUR 250,243 (EUR 180,894 at the Secretariat and EUR 69,349 at the Data Centre).

Action requested from the EGM IWG

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

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 6th meeting of the EGM IWG in June 2021, which took place in online conference format (EGM IWG6), the Range States adopted the EGMP budget for 2022.

The present report provides an overview of the funding pledges made and contributions received until 31 March 2022, as well as expenditure and cash balance for the year 2021 and up to 31 March 2022 as well as projected expenditures until the end of 2022. It should be noted that the budget allocated to the EGMP Secretariat is managed by the AEWA Secretariat following the applicable UN rules and regulations, while the budget allocated to the Data Centre is managed separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University.

1. Status of contributions of EGMP Funds for 2021 as at 31 December 2021

Voluntary contributions from Range States to the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre received in 2021 are shown in Table 1.

The contributions of Range States in 2021 to the EGMP Secretariat amount to **EUR 186,285** out of the agreed budget of EUR 282,000, whilst the contributions towards the Data Centre in 2021 amount to **EUR 233,643** compared the agreed budget for the year of EUR 184,000.

All contributions from the Range States as stated 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 2021 a costed breakdown of the activities is available in the budget and costed Programme of Work (cPOW) agreed by the EGM IWG.

Table 1 also provides the indicative level of voluntary contributions per Range State for the year 2021 (highlighted in blue) that was agreed at the EGM IWG4.

Contributions paid by ten Range States in 2021 reached in total **EUR 419,928** (90% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2021). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of **EUR 46,072** remained.

Table 1. Status of contributions of EGMP funds for 2021 as at 31 December 2021

EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre					
Status of contributions for the year 2021 as at 31 December 2021 (all figures in Euro)					
Range State	Indicative Scale (***)	Secretariat	Payments	Data Centre	Payments
(Belarus)**					
Belgium	57,104 €	34,556 €		22,547 €	35,000 €
Denmark	55,787 €	33,760 €	20,787 €	22,028 €	35,000 €
(Estonia)**					
(EU)**					
Finland	51,417 €	31,115 €	10,000 €	20,302 €	41,417 €
France	43,912 €	26,573 €	40,000 €	17,338 €	
Germany***					20,000 €
Iceland	9,747 €	5,898 €		3,849 €	
(Ireland)*					10,000 €
(Latvia)**					
(Lithuania)*					
Netherlands	61,835 €	37,419 €	13,000 €	24,415 €	22,000 €
Norway	64,836 €	39,236 €	39,236 €	25,601 €	25,601 €
(Poland)*					
(Russia)*					
(Spain)*					
Sweden	68,490 €	41,447 €	63,262 €	27,043 €	
UK	52,873 €	31,996 €		20,877 €	44,625 €
(Ukraine)**					
Total	466,000 €	282,000 €	186,285 €	184,000 €	233,643 €

* 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
*** non-participating range states

2. Status of contributions of EGMP Funds for 2022 as at 31 March 2022

Voluntary contributions from Range States to the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre pledged and received in 2022 (as at 31 March 2022) are shown in Table 2.

As at 31 March 2022, the EGMP Secretariat has received **EUR 49,236** contributions from two Range States and additional **EUR 51,870** were pledged by other two Range States. The contributions received by the Data Centre in 2022 to date amount to **EUR 114,651** from five Range States.

Table 2 also provides the indicative level of voluntary contributions per Range State for the year 2022 (highlighted in blue).

Contributions paid or pledged by the Range States in 2022 reach in total **EUR 215,757** (46% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2022). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of **EUR 250,243** remains.

Table 2. Status of contributions of EGMP funds for 2022 as at 31 March 2022

EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre Status of contributions for the year 2022 as at 31 March 2022 (all figures in Euro)							
Range State	Indicative Scale (***)	Secretariat	Payments	Pledges	Data Centre	Payments	Pledges
(Belarus)**							
Belgium	57,104 €	34,556 €			22,547 €		
Denmark	55,787 €	33,760 €			22,028 €		
(Estonia)**							
(EU)**							
Finland	51,417 €	31,115 €	10,000 €		20,302 €	25,700 €	
France	43,912 €	26,573 €			17,338 €		
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(Ireland)****							
(Latvia)**							
(Lithuania)*							
Netherlands	61,835 €	37,419 €		11,000 €	24,415 €	22,000 €	
Norway	64,836 €	39,236 €	39,236 €		25,601 €	25,601 €	
(Poland)*							
(Russia)*							
(Spain)*							
Sweden	68,490 €	41,447 €		40,870 €	27,043 €	26,450 €	
UK	52,873 €	31,996 €			20,877 €	14,900 €	
(Ukraine)**							
Total	466,000 €	282,000 €	49,236 €	51,870 €	184,000 €	114,651 €	0 €
<p>* non-paying range states</p> <p>** 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</p> <p>*** non-participating range states</p> <p>****Ireland is a new participating range state</p>							

3. Voluntary contributions for specific EGMP Projects and in-kind contributions outside of the agreed EGMP budget

Germany has funded a 2-year project starting in 2020 (EUR 43,392) to collect information requested in Box 1 of the ISSMPs for the Barnacle Goose and the Greylag Goose, to be included in the Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes.

NatureScot and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in Ireland, funded the development of an integrated population model (IPM) for the purpose of better understanding the population dynamics of the Greenland-breeding population of the Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) and in order to inform the management of offtake for the population. The budget for the model was £30,000; EUR 10,000 was covered by Ireland and the difference by NatureScot.

Jægernes Naturfond in Denmark funded the development of a flyway-wide decision model for use in investigating population-management strategies for Greylag Geese in 2022 (EUR 48,000).

Moreover, the Dutch provinces, together with the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality are in discussions with the Dutch Research Consortium about continuing and funding their work for the Barnacle and Greylag Geese for the period 2021-2024.

On 17 February 2022, the AEWA Secretariat sent out a letter to the EGMP Range States regarding the reporting of in-kind contributions that have been provided by the Range States towards the EGMP process.

Information on the in-kind contributions have been reported by Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. Details can be found in Annex 1 to this document.

4. Budget implementation status 2021 as at 31 December 2021

The agreed annual EGMP budget for 2021 was EUR 466,000. The budget breaks down to EUR 282,000 for the EGMP Secretariat and EUR 184,000 for the EGMP Data Centre.

The 2021 agreed budget, expenditures incurred, and balances are outlined below for the EGMP Secretariat (Table 3) and the EGMP Data Centre (Table 4).

It is to be noted that the remaining balance shown in the tables is not the actual cash balance available to the EGMP, but rather the difference between the agreed budget for the period and actual expenditures incurred.

In the Secretariat all funds are held in USD and all expenditures are incurred in USD throughout the year. Therefore, expenditures in EUR figures are calculated on the basis of the average exchange rate of the year 2021 (0.842).

Table 3 outlines the actual expenditures (in EUR) for the Secretariat for 2021, showing the agreed budget for 2021, the expenditures incurred and the remaining balance against the agreed budget.

Although the position of Programme Management Assistant (PMA) remains vacant, the Secretariat has employed a consultant in 2021 to provide support for EGMP Secretariat work. The costs are charged against the budget line of the PMA.

Expenditures in the year 2021 at the EGMP Secretariat have been kept to a minimum within operational limits amounting to a total of **EUR 138,450**, which is **EUR 143,550** less than the agreed annual budget.

The EGMP Secretariat receives administrative and financial support services from the Common Administrative and Finance Management Unit, which serves the entire CMS Family. The Common Administrative and Finance Management 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.

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 by the AEWA core budget. This advantage is a direct cost saving to the EGMP core budget.

Table 3. Implementation of the EGMP Secretariat budget for 2021 as at 31 December 2021

EGMP Secretariat				
Budget implementation report for the year 2021 as at 31 December 2021 (all figures in Euro, unless stated otherwise)				
Budget item	Budget	Expenditure		Balance
		USD	EUR	
Staff costs		USD	EUR	
EGMP Coordinator (100% ; P2)	107,965	116,408	98,016	9,949
Programme Management Assistant (100%; G5)	70,796	28,542	24,033	46,764
Sub-total	178,761	144,951	122,048	56,713
Operating Costs				
Communication	4,425	(12)	(10)	4,435
Miscellaneous (e.g. office supplies and equipment, training)	4,425	574	483	3,942
Sub-total	8,850	562	473	8,376
Implementing Partner Direct Costs				
SSFAs	30,973	-	-	30,973
Sub-total	30,973	-	-	30,973
Travel				
Travel (staff, experts and funded delegates)	26,549	-	-	26,549
Sub-total	26,549	-	-	26,549
Contractual Services (Meetings)				
EGM IWG meeting (catering, venue if hosted in Bonn)	4,425	-	-	4,425
Sub-total	4,425	-	-	4,425
Total	249,558	145,513	122,522	127,036
Programme support costs (13%)	32,442	18,917	15,928	16,515
Grand Total	282,000	164,429	138,450	143,550

Table 4. Implementation of the EGMP Data Centre budget for 2021 as at 31 December 2021

Budget implementation of EGMP Data Centre for 2021 as at 31 December 2021 (all figures in Euro)			
Budget Item	Budget	Expenditure	Balance
Staff costs			
Goose Monitoring Coordinator (100%)	96,000	85,920	10,080
Population Modelling Expert (50%)	48,000	70,185	22,185
Lead Compiler (22.5 %)	30,000	23,711	6,289
Sub-total	174,000	179,816	5,816
Operations			
Travel, meetings, miscellaneous	10,000	86	9,914
Sub-total	10,000	86	9,914
Grand Total	184,000	179,902	4,098

The budget of the EGMP Data Centre is managed separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University. Reporting on the full year 2021, the Data Centre has incurred expenses of **EUR 179,902** in 2021 (Table 4), which is slightly under than the agreed annual budget.

Due to partial sick leave of a staff member in the Data Centre, as well as the replacement of the Monitoring Coordinator, time was reallocated among the Data Centre staff. However, the overall staff costs were only slightly higher than budgeted.

However, it should be noted that the slight over-expenditure in the Data Centre on staff costs, has been compensated by the under-expenditure on the travel budget line, as no travel occurred in 2021 due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic. Thus, the budget expenditure remains slightly below the overall budget allocated for the EGMP Data Centre.

5. Budget implementation status 2022 as at 31 March 2022

The agreed annual EGMP budget for 2022 is EUR 466,000. The budget breaks down to EUR 282,000 for the EGMP Secretariat and EUR 184,000 for the EGMP Data Centre.

The agreed budget, expenditures incurred, and balances for the first quarter of 2022 and the projected expenditure for the rest of the year are outlined below for the EGMP Secretariat (Table 5) and the EGMP Data Centre (Table 6).

In the Secretariat all funds are held in USD and all expenditures are incurred in USD throughout the year. Therefore, expenditures in EUR figures are calculated on the basis of the average exchange rate of the first three months of 2022 (0.891).

Table 5 outlines the actual expenditures (in EUR) for the Secretariat as at 31 March 2022, showing the agreed budget for 2022, the expenditures incurred from 01 January-31 March 2022, the projected expenditures for 01 April-31 December 2022, the total estimated expenditure for 2022 and the estimated remaining balance against the agreed budget.

Although the position of Programme Management Assistant (PMA) remains vacant, the Secretariat has employed a consultant since 2021 to provide support for EGMP Secretariat work. The costs are charged against the budget line of the PMA.

Considering the actual expenditures of the 1st quarter (1 Jan-31 Mar 2022) and the projected expenditures for the rest of the year (01 April – 31 Dec 2022), the total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Secretariat totals approximately **EUR 199,026** for 2022, which is **EUR 82,975** less than the agreed annual budget (EUR 282,000).

The budget of the EGMP Data Centre is managed and reported separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University.

Table 6 outlines the 2022 budget for the EGMP Data Centre (in EUR), the actual expenditures until 30 April 2022 and the total estimated expenditures for the full year of 2022 as well as the estimated remaining balance against the budget. The total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Data Centre totals **EUR 184,000** for 2022, i.e. the full amount of the agreed budget.

Table 5. Status of implementation of the EGMP Secretariat budget for 2022 as at 31 March 2022 with projection until 31 December 2022

EGMP Secretariat							
Budget implementation status for the year 2022 as at 31 March 2022 with projections until 31 December 2022 (all figures in Euro, unless stated otherwise)							
Budget item	Budget	Expenditure				Estimated balance	
		Actual expenditure 1 Jan - 31 Mar		Projected expenditure 01 Apr - 31 Dec	Total estimated expenditure		
		USD	EUR				
Staff costs							
EGMP Coordinator (100% ; P2)	125,664	25,809	23,073	69,220	92,293	33,370	
Programme Management Assistant (100%; G5)	70,796	83	74	30,664	30,738	40,058	
Sub-total	196,460	25,892	23,147	99,884	123,031	73,429	
Operating Costs							
Communication	4,425	493	441	3,984	4,425	-	
Miscellaneous (e.g. office supplies and equipment, training)	4,425	-	-	4,425	4,425	-	
Sub-total	8,850	493	441	8,409	8,850	-	
Implementing Partner Direct Costs							
SSFAs	13,274	-	-	13,274	13,274	-	
Sub-total	13,274	-	-	13,274	13,274	-	
Travel							
Travel (staff, experts and funded delegates)	26,549	-	-	26,549	26,549	-	
Sub-total	26,549	-	-	26,549	26,549	-	
Contractual Services (Meetings)							
EGM IWG meeting (catering, venue if hosted in Bonn)	4,425	-	-	4,425	4,425	-	
Sub-total	4,425	-	-	4,425	4,425	-	
Total	249,558	26,385	23,588	152,541	176,129	73,429	
Programme support costs (13%)	32,442	3,430	3,066	19,830	22,897	9,546	
Grand Total	282,000	29,815	26,654	172,371	199,026	82,975	

Table 6. Status of implementation of the EGMP Data Centre budget for 2022 as at 30 April 2022 with projection until 31 December 2022

Budget implementation status of EGMP Data Centre for 2022 as at 30 April 2022 with projection until 31 December 2022 (all figures in Euro)				
Budget item	Budget	Actual expenditures Jan-Apr	Total estimated expenditure for 2022	Estimated remaining balance
Staff costs				
Goose Monitoring Coordinator (100%)	96,000	32,000	96,000	0
Population Modelling Expert (50%)	48,000	16,000	48,000	0
Lead Compiler (22.5 %)	30,000	12,667	38,000	-8,000
Sub-total	174,000	60,667	182,000	-8,000
Operations				
Travel, meetings, miscellaneous	10,000	667	2,000	8,000
Sub-total	10,000	667	2,000	8,000
		0		
Grand Total	184,000	61,333	184,000	0

6. Overall Cash Balance including reserve

Overall Status of the EGMP Budget for the Secretariat and the Data Centre

Tables 7 and 8 below, respectively for the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre, show cumulatively (1) the overall contributions received in 2021, (2) contributions received in the period until 31 March 2022, (3) the expenditure of the EGMP for 2021, (4) the expenditure until 31 March 2022 for the Secretariat, as well as (5) the projected expenditures for the rest of the year 2022, including the projected status of the reserve in the end of 2022.

Reserve fund

An EGMP “reserve fund” has been set up for the Secretariat and the Data Centre, as agreed by the EGM IWG, 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.

The reserve fund for the EGMP Secretariat has been set at EUR 160,000 (slightly above 50% of the annual budget). For the EGMP Data Centre the reserve fund has been set to 50% of the annual budget, i.e. EUR 92,000. The reserve funds of the Secretariat and the Data Centre were maintained at the set amount both at the end of 2020 and the end of 2021.

Table 7. Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Secretariat as at 31 December 2022

Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Secretariat as at 31 December 2022 (in USD and equivalent EUROS)		
	<u>USD</u>	<u>EUR</u>
Opening cash balance as at 01 January 2021	220,104	38,818
Reserve brought forward from 2020		160,000
Contributions received in 2021 (table 1)	219,625	186,285
Expenditure incurred in 2021 (table 3)	-164,429	-138,450
Opening cash balance as at 01 January 2022	275,300	86,654
Reserve brought forward from 2021		160,000
Contributions received till 31 Mar 2022 (table 2)	53,928	49,236
Expenditure incurred till 31 March 2022 (table 4)	-29,815	-26,654
Estimated cash balance as at 31 March 2022	299,413	269,235
Adjustment for foreign exchange rate change		-1,561
Adjusted estimated cash balance as at 31 March 2022	299,413	267,675
Contributions pledged as at 31 March 2022 (table 2)	58,020	51,870
Projected expenditure (01 Apr 2022 - 31 Dec 2022) (table	-192,809	-172,371
Estimated cash balance as at 31 December 2022		-
Estimated Reserve as at 31 December 2022	164,624	147,174
<i>Exchange rate applied for the year 2021:</i>		<i>0.842</i>
<i>Exchange rate applied for the year 2022 :</i>		<i>0.894</i>

Table 8. Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Data Centre as at 31 December 2022

Status of estimated cash balance of the EGMP Data Centre as at 31 December 2022 (all figures in Euro)	
Opening cash balance as at 1 January 2021	1,719
Reserve brought forward from 2020	92,000
Contributions received in 2021 (table 1)	233,643
Expenditure incurred in 2021 (table 4)	179,902
Estimated cash balance as at 1 January 2022	55,460
Reserve brought forward from 2021	92,000
Contributions received as at 31 March 2022 (table 2)	114,651
Projected expenditure as at Dec 31 2022 (table 6)	184,000
Estimated cash balance as at 31 December 2022	0
Estimated Reserve as at 31 December 2022	78,111

7. Conclusions

Status of Contributions

Contributions paid by ten Range States in 2021 reach in total **EUR 419,928** (90 % of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2021). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of **EUR 46,072 remained**.

Contributions paid or pledged by the Range States in 2022 reach in total **EUR 215,757** (46% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2022). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of **EUR 250,243** remains.

Budget implementation

2021

Expenditures in the year 2021 at the EGMP Secretariat have been kept to a minimum within operational limits amounting to a total of **EUR 138,450**, which is **EUR 143,550** less than the agreed budget. Most savings have been generated due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, leading to cost savings in travel and meetings. Savings have also been generated in the budget line of the EGMP Coordinator and the Programme Management Assistant (PMA). While the PMA position still remained vacant throughout the entire year, the Secretariat had to hire a consultant to support the EGMP Coordinator till 31 January 2022.

At the Data Centre the annual expenditures in 2021 amounted to **EUR 179,902**, which is slightly lower by **EUR 4,098** in comparison to the agreed budget. Savings are mainly generated in travel and meeting costs.

2022

Considering the actual expenditures until 31 March 2022 and the projected expenditures for the rest of the year (01 April – 31 December 2022), the total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Secretariat totals approximately **EUR 199,026** for 2022, which is **EUR 82,974** less than the agreed annual budget.

At the Data Centre it is expected that the total expenditures in 2022 will reach **EUR 184,000** as per the agreed budget for 2022.

Cash Balance

The current funding gap against the agreed budget for 2022 is **EUR 250,243** (**EUR 180,894** at the Secretariat and **EUR 69,349** at the Data Centre).

The EGMP Programme Management Assistant will be filled as of June 2022, thus generating regular costs on the PMA budget line.

If no further contributions are received in addition to the ones already cashed and pledged, the Secretariat and the Data Centre will finish the calendar year with no carry-over cash balance to the next year and will also register reduced reserve funds, respectively **EUR 147,174** in the Secretariat (**EUR 12,826** less than the set 160,000 EUR amount) and **EUR 78,111** in the Data Centre (**EUR 13,880** less than the set EUR 92,000 amount).

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 – In-kind contributions received by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat

***Information to be added ***