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**EGMP FINANCE REPORT 2020/2021**

*Prepared by the EGMP Secretariat and 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 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EGM IWG in June 2020, which took place in online conference format (EGM IWG5), the Range States adopted the EGMP budget for 2021, as well as an indicative scale of voluntary contributions from Range States towards the EGMP budget for 2021.

The present report provides an overview of the funding pledges made and contributions received until 19 April 2021, as well as expenditure and cash balance for the year 2020 and up to 19 April 2021 and projected expenditures until the end of 2021. 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.

## **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.

## 1. Status of contributions of EGMP Funds for 2020 as at 31 December 2020

Voluntary contributions from Range States to the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre received in 2020 are shown in Table 1.

The contributions of Range States in 2020 to the EGMP Secretariat amount to EUR 175,298 out of the agreed budget of EUR 282,000, whilst the contributions towards the Data Centre in 2020 amount to EUR 205,828, slightly above 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 2020 a costed breakdown of the activities is available in the 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 2020 (highlighted in blue) that was agreed at the EGM IWG4.

Contributions paid by nine Range States in 2020 reached in total EUR 381,126 (81,78 % of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2020). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of EUR 84,874 remained.

**Table 1.** Status of contributions of EGMP funds for 2020 as at 31 December 2020\*

EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre											
Status of contributions for the year 2020 as at 31 Dec 2020 (all figures in Euro)											
Range State	Secretariat + Data Centre				Secretariat				Data Centre		
	Indicative Scale <sup>(3)</sup>	Pledges	Payments		Indicative Scale <sup>(3)</sup>	Pledges	Payments		Indicative Scale <sup>(3)</sup>	Pledges	Payments
(Belarus) <sup>(1)</sup>											
Belgium	57,104	-	35,000		34,556				22,547	35,000	
Denmark	55,787	-	55,788		33,760		33,760		22,028	22,028	
Estonia											
(EU) <sup>(1)</sup>											
Finland	51,417	-	26,000		31,115		10,000		20,302	16,000	
France	43,912	-	34,800		26,573				17,338	34,800	
(Germany) <sup>(2)</sup>			20,000							20,000	
Iceland	9,747	-	-		5,898				3,849		
(Latvia) <sup>(1)</sup>											
Netherlands	61,835	-	34,000		37,419		12,000		24,415	22,000	
Norway	64,836	-	64,836		39,236		64,836		25,601		
Sweden	68,490	-	54,702		41,447		54,702		27,043		
UK	52,873	-	56,000		31,996				20,877	56,000	
(Ukraine) <sup>(1)</sup>											
<b>Total</b>	<b>466,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>381,126</b>		<b>282,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,298</b>		<b>184,000</b>	<b>205,828</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> non-paying range states

<sup>(2)</sup> Germany has a reservation on the proposed budget and the scale of contribution. EUR 10,000 have been contributed each from Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein

<sup>(3)</sup> according to scale of contributions agreed at EGM IWG4

\* The contribution of France was originally directed to the Data Centre and was re-directed to the EGMP Secretariat in the final stage. France contributed EUR 40,000 to the Secretariat. However, this amount had to be transferred to the Data Centre to compensate the funding gap at that point in time. Thus, 13 % Programme Support Costs were deducted resulting in a reduced contribution of EUR 34,800 for the Data Centre which is the amount reflected in Table 1.

## 2. Status of contributions of EGMP Funds for 2021 as at 19 April 2021

Voluntary contributions from Range States to the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre pledged and received in 2021 (as at 19 April 2021) are shown in Table 2.

As at 19 April 2021, the EGMP Secretariat has not received any contributions from the Range States. Out of the agreed budget of EUR 282,000, EUR 110,918 have been **pledged** by Range States for the EGMP Secretariat and are currently being processed.

Whilst the contributions **received** by the Data Centre in 2021 amount to EUR 22,000, additional **pledges** made by the Range States amount to EUR 14,368. In total the figures add up to EUR 36,368 out of the agreed budget for the year of EUR 184,000.

Table 2 also provides the indicative level of voluntary contributions per Range State for the year 2021 (highlighted in blue) that was agreed at the EGM IWG5.

Contributions paid or pledged by the Range States in 2021 reach in total EUR 147,286 (32% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2021). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of EUR 318,714 remains.

**Table 2.** Status of contributions of EGMP funds for 2021 as at 19 April 2021

EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre										
Status of contributions for the year 2021 as at 19 Apr 2021 (all figures in Euro)										
Range State	Secretariat + Data Centre			Secretariat			Data Centre			
	Indicative Scale (***)	Pledges	Payments	Indicative Scale (***)	Pledges	Payments	Indicative Scale (***)	Pledges	Payments	
(Belarus)*										
Belgium	57,104	-	-	34,556			22,547			
Denmark	55,787	-	-	33,760			22,028			
(Estonia)*										
(EU)*										
Finland	51,417	10,000	-	31,115	10,000		20,302			
France	43,912	-	-	26,573			17,338			
(Germany)**										
Iceland	9,747	-	-	5,898			3,849			
(Latvia)*										
Netherlands	61,835		22,000	37,419			24,415			22,000
Norway	64,836	39,236	-	39,236	39,236		25,601			
Sweden	68,490	61,682	-	41,447	61,682		27,043			
UK	52,873	14,368	-	31,996			20,877	14,368		
(Ukraine)*										
<b>Total</b>	<b>466,000</b>	<b>125,286</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>110,918</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>184,000</b>	<b>14,368</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>

\* 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  
\*\*\* according to scale of contributions agreed at EGM IWG5

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

Germany has funded a 2-year project 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.

Nature Scot and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 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 covered by Ireland and the difference by Nature Scot.

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 Goose for the period 2021-2024.

On 26 January 2021, 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. As at 18 May 2021, no Range State has returned the in-kind contribution form with details back to the Secretariat. Thus, in this report no further information on in-kind contributions could be reflected.

### **4. Budget implementation status 2020 as at 31 December 2020**

The agreed annual EGMP budget for 2020 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 2020 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 gap 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 2020 (0.878).

Table 3 outlines the actual expenditures (in EUR) for the Secretariat for 2020, showing the agreed budget for 2020, the expenditures incurred and the remaining balance against the agreed budget.

Expenditures in the year 2020 at the EGMP Secretariat have been kept to a minimum within operational limits amounting to a total of EUR 206,756, which is EUR 75,244 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 2020 as at 31 December 2020

<b>EGMP Secretariat</b>			
<b>Budget implementation report for the year 2020 as at 31 Dec 2020 (all figures Euro )</b>			
<b>Budget item</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Staff costs</b>			
EGMP Coordinator (100%)	125,664	85,571	40,093
Programme Management Assistant (100%)	70,796	55,477	15,319
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>196,460</b>	<b>141,048</b>	<b>55,412</b>
<b>Operating costs</b>			
Communication	4,425	318	4,107
Travel (staff and experts)	13,274	3,173	10,101
Miscellaneous (contracts, projects, workshops)	13,274	38,582	(25,308)
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>30,973</b>	<b>42,073</b>	<b>(11,100)</b>
<b>Meetings</b>			
EGM IWG annual meeting (logistics, venue, etc.)	4,425	-	4,425
EGM IWG annual meeting travel (delegates, experts, staff)	17,699	(151)	17,850
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>22,124</b>	<b>(151)</b>	<b>22,275</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>249,558</b>	<b>182,970</b>	<b>66,588</b>
Programme support costs (13%)	32,442	23,786	8,656
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>206,756</b>	<b>75,244</b>
Average exchange rate: Jan - Dec 2020	0.878		

**Table 4.** Implementation of the EGMP Data Centre budget for 2020 as at 31 December 2020

<b>Budget implementation of EGMP Data Centre for 2020 as at 31 December 2020 (figures are in EUR)</b>			
<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Staff costs</b>			
Goose Monitoring Coordinator (100%)	96,000	81,929	14,071
Population Modelling Expert (50%)	48,000	71,422	(23,422)
Lead Compiler (22.5 %)	30,000	57,291	(27,291)
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>174,000</b>	<b>210,642</b>	<b>(36,642)</b>
<b>Operations</b>			
Travel, meetings, miscellaneous	10,000	1,278	8,722
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>8,722</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>184,000</b>	<b>211,920</b>	<b>(27,920)</b>

The budget of the EGMP Data Centre is managed separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University. Reporting on the full year 2020, the Data Centre has incurred expenses of EUR 211,920 in 2020 (Table 4), which is EUR 27,920 higher than the agreed annual budget.

The salary costs in the EGMP Data Centre require a certain flexibility depending on the workload related to the different population. As already predicted in the 2019/2020 finance report prepared for EGM IWG5 in June 2020, staff time exceeded the projected budget mainly due to the increased workload related to new

species/population monitoring coordination, reporting and database preparations. In addition, the newly established Task Forces for the two Barnacle Goose populations and for the Greylag Goose, demanded a considerable amount of staff time both for the Data Centre and for the EGMP Secretariat.

However, it should be noted that the over-expenditure in the Data Centre has been compensated by the under-expenditure in the EGMP Secretariat and remains within the overall budget allocated for the EGMP Coordination.

## **5. Budget implementation status 2021 as at 19 April 2021**

The agreed annual EGMP budget for 2021 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 2021 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 four months of 2021 (0.831).

Table 5 outlines the actual expenditures (in EUR) for the Secretariat as at 19 April 2021, showing the agreed budget for 2021, the expenditures incurred from 01 January- 19 April 2021, the projected expenditures for 20 April-31 December 2021, the total estimated expenditure for 2021 and the estimated remaining balance against the agreed budget.

Although the position of Programme Management Assistant (PMA) remains vacant, the Secretariat is currently employing an individual contractor in 2021 to provide support for EGM IWG6 organisation and some follow up work. The costs are charged against the budget line of the PMA.

Considering the actual expenditures of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (1 Jan-19 Apr 2021) and the projected expenditures for the rest of the year (20 April – 31 Dec 2021), the total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Secretariat totals approximately EUR 175,609 for 2021, which is nearly EUR 106,391 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 2021 budget for the EGMP Data Centre (in EUR), the total estimated expenditures for the full year of 2021 and the estimated remaining balance against the budget. The total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Data Centre totals approximately EUR 184,000 for 2021. The slight increase of EUR 8,000 in the projected salary costs is compensated by the savings in the travel budget. Thus, the overall predicted expenditure still remains within the agreed budget for the EGMP Data Centre of EUR 184,000.

**Table 5.** Status of implementation of the EGMP Secretariat budget for 2021 as at 19 April 2021 with projection until 31 December 2021

<b>EGMP Secretariat</b>					
<b>Budget implementation status for the year 2021 as at 19 April 2021 with projections until 31 December 2021 (all figures Euro)</b>					
Budget item	Budget	Expenditure			Estimated balance
		Actual expenditure 1 Jan - 19 Apr	Projected expenditure 20 Apr - 31 Dec	Total estimated expenditure	
<b>Staff costs</b>					
EGMP Coordinator (100% ; P2)	107,965	21,393	64,180	85,573	22,391
Programme Management Assistant (100%; G5)	70,796	66	19,944	20,010	50,787
Consultants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>178,761</b>	<b>21,459</b>	<b>84,124</b>	<b>105,583</b>	<b>73,178</b>
<b>Operations</b>					
Communication	4,425	(9)	4,433	4,425	-
Miscellaneous (e.g. office supplies and equipment, training)	4,425	108	4,316	4,425	-
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>8,850</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>8,850</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Implementing Partner Direct Costs</b>					
SSFAs	30,973	-	30,973	30,973	-
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>30,973</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,973</b>	<b>30,973</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Travel</b>					
Travel (staff, experts and funded delegates)	26,549	-	10,000	10,000	16,549
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>26,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>16,549</b>
<b>Contractual Services (Meetings)</b>					
EGM IWG meeting (catering, venue if hosted in Bonn)	4,425	-	-	-	4,425
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,425</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>249,558</b>	<b>21,559</b>	<b>133,847</b>	<b>155,406</b>	<b>94,152</b>
Programme support costs (13%)	32,442	2,803	17,400	20,203	12,240
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>24,361</b>	<b>151,247</b>	<b>175,609</b>	<b>106,391</b>

**Table 6.** Status of implementation of the EGMP Data Centre budget for 2021 as at 19 April 2021 with projection until 31 December 2021

<b>Budget implementation status of EGMP Data Centre for 2021 as at 19 April 2021 with projection until 31 December 2021 (figures are in Euro)</b>				
Budget item	Budget	Actual expenditures Jan-Apr	Total estimated expenditure for 2021	Estimated remaining balance
<b>Staff costs</b>				
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)
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>174,000</b>	<b>60,667</b>	<b>182,000</b>	<b>(8,000)</b>
<b>Operations</b>				
Travel, meetings, miscellaneous	10,000	667	2,000	8,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>
		0		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>184,000</b>	<b>61,333</b>	<b>184,000</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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 2020, (2) contributions received in the period until 19 April 2021, (3) the expenditure of the EGMP for 2020, (4) the expenditure until 19 April 2021, as well as (5) the projected expenditures for the rest of the year 2021, including the status of the reserve in the end of 2019, 2020 and 2021.

#### 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 2019 and the end of 2020.

**Table 7.** Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Secretariat as at 31 December 2021

Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Secretariat as at 31 December 2021 (in USD and equivalent EUROS)		
	<u>USD</u>	<u>EUR</u>
<b>Opening cash balance as at 01 January 2020</b>	<b>255,933</b>	<b>70,276</b>
<b>Reserve brought forward from 2019</b>		<b>160,000</b>
Contributions received in 2020 (table 1)	199,656	175,298
Expenditure incurred in 2020 (table 3)	-235,485	-206,756
<b>Opening cash balance as at 01 January 2021</b>	<b>220,104</b>	<b>38,818</b>
<b>Reserve brought forward from 2020</b>		<b>160,000</b>
Contributions received till 19 Apr 2021 (table 2)	-	-
Expenditure incurred till 19 Apr 2021 (table 5)	-29,316	-24,361
<b>Estimated cash balance as at 19 April 2021</b>	<b>190,788</b>	<b>174,457</b>
Adjustment for foreign exchange rate change		-15,912
<b>Adjusted estimated cash balance as at 19 April 2021</b>	<b>190,788</b>	<b>158,545</b>
Contributions pledged as at 19 Apr 2021	133,475	110,918
Projected expenditure ( 20 Apr 2021 - 31 Dec 2021)	-182,007	-151,247
<b>Estimated cash balance as at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Estimated Reserve as at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>142,257</b>	<b>118,215</b>
Exchange rate applied for the year 2020:	0.878	
Exchange rate applied for the year 2021 :	0.831	



**Table 8.** Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Data Centre as at 31 December 2021

<b>Status of estimated cash balance of the EGMP Data Centre as at 31 Dec 2021 (figures are in Euro)</b>	
<b>Opening cash balance as at 1 January 2020</b>	<b>7,811</b>
<b>Reserve brought forward from 2019</b>	<b>92,000</b>
Contributions received in 2020 (table 1)	205,828
Expenditure incurred in 2020 (table 4)	211,920
<b>Opening cash balance as at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>1,719</b>
<b>Reserve brought forward from 2020</b>	<b>92,000</b>
Contributions received till 19 Apr 2021 (table 2)	22,000
Expenditure incurred till 19 April 2021 (table 6)	61,333
<b>Estimated cash balance as at 19 April 2021</b>	<b>54,386</b>
Contributions pledged as at 19 April 2021 (table 2)	14,368
Projected expenditure 20 April-Dec 31 2021	122,667
<b>Estimated cash balance as at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Estimated Reserve as at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>(53,913)</b>

## 7. Conclusions

### Status of Contributions

Contributions paid by nine Range States in 2020 reach in total EUR 381,126 (81,78 % of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2020). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of EUR 84,874 remained.

In 2021, five Range States pledged or paid in total EUR 147,286 (32% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2021). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of EUR 318,714 remains.

### Budget implementation

#### 2020

Expenditures in the year 2020 at the EGMP Secretariat have been kept to a minimum within operational limits amounting to a total of EUR 206,756, which is EUR 75,244 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 end 31 July 2021 resulting in a remaining balance on this budget line amounting to EUR 15,319.

At the Data Centre the annual expenditures in 2020 amounted to EUR 211,920, which is higher by EUR 27,920 in comparison to the agreed budget. This over-expenditure was mainly caused by the additional workload related to the Barnacle Goose and Greylag Goose processes.

2021

Considering the actual expenditures until 19 April 2021 and the projected expenditures for the rest of the year (20 April – 31 December 2021), the total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Secretariat totals approximately EUR 175,608 for 2021, which is EUR 106,392 less than the agreed annual budget.

At the Data Centre it is expected that the total expenditures in 2021 will reach EUR 184,000 as per the agreed budget for 2021.

Contributions paid or pledged by the Range States in 2021 reach in total EUR 147,286 (32% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2021). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of EUR 318,714 remains.

#### Cash Balance

The current funding gap for 2021 is EUR 187,698 (EUR 41,785 at the Secretariat and EUR 145,913 at the Data Centre). This is taking into account the already incurred and projected expenditures until the end of the year for the EGMP (EUR 359,608) and the contributions already received (EUR 22,000) and pledged (EUR 125,286)

It is to be noted, that the projected expenditures until the end of the year have been calculated on the basis of the current reduced costs due to the pandemic and the vacancy at the EGMP Secretariat and do not reflect the mid- and long-term need for funds to the level of the estimated budget. If the **standing pledges** of **EUR 125,286** do not materialise and the **current** funding gap of **EUR 187,698** for 2021 cannot be filled, the EGMP operations will cease after December 2021 or earlier.

Due to the 2019 financial situation, the position of the EGMP Programme Management Assistant could not be extended beyond July 2019 and still remains vacant. This position eventually needs to be filled in order to restore routine operations of the EGMP Secretariat, however, the budget prospect for 2021 does not yet allow this. The situation will be re-evaluated again following EGM IWG6 in view of a possible recruitment.

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.