

Letter of Understanding regarding co-operation  
**between CEPT / ECC and EUMETNET**

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Letter of Understanding made on the dd, mm, yy

***The Parties,***

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

and

the EUMETNET, the network of European Meteorological Services

having noted the need of structuring and strengthening their relationship and fostering their co-operation;

***recognising that:***

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

and that

EUMETNET is grouping European National Meteorological Services providing a framework to organise co-operative programmes between the Members in the various fields of basic meteorological activities;

***and considering that :***

- CEPT/ECC is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for the allocation of spectrum at European level in the field of radiocommunications ;
- EUMETNET has the objective to organise a co-operation of its Members to help them in providing leading expertise on weather, climate, environment and related activities, and therefore sees the continued ability to use radio frequencies as a key strategic element for the current and future activities of its Members;

- CEPT/ECC and 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. CEPT/ECC and 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.
3. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in documents exchanged between CEPT/ECC and EUMETNET and any copies thereof, remain with the originating party and extend to all media in which the information may be embodied. Any reference to these documents shall be submitted to the agreement of the originating party prior communication to other bodies.
- 4 The *CEPT/ECC* Chairperson and the EUMETNET Chairperson having lead responsibility for spectrum issues should meet periodically at their convenience, but at least once a year.
- 5 Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from EUMETNET is normally permitted at meetings of the CEPT/ECC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.
- 6 Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from CEPT/ECC is normally permitted at meetings of the EUMETNET, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups concerned with management of the frequency spectrum for radio applications.
- 7 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 .
- 8 EUMETNET may submit proposals to the relevant CEPT/ECC Body. These shall be adopted subject to the normal CEPT/ECC process for approval of new work items and outputs .
- 9 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

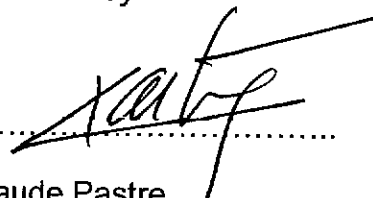
Agreement can be terminated by either Party on giving three months' written notice before the expiry date.

- 10 The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the CEPT/ECC Chairperson and the EUMETNET Chairperson.

Agreed for CEPT/ECC by

Signature  ..... Chairman CEPT/ECC  
Name: Chris van Diepenbeek  
Date: dd, mm, yy 21-10-02

Agreed for EUMETNET by

Signature:  ..... Co-ordinating Officer  
Name: Claude Pastre  
Date: dd, mm, yy. 25/09/02