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EURAMET accounts on the expenditure incurred in the implementation of the entrusted tasks

The European Partnership on Metrology was established in 2021 by at twenty-three participating countries and the European Union, utilising Article 185 of the European Treaty. EURAMET - the European Association of National Metrology Institutes - is the body responsible for the implementation of EMPIR.

The decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the participation of the Union in the European Partnership on Metrology jointly undertaken by several Member States (COM(2021)0089 – C9-0083/2021 – 2021/0049(COD)) was adopted in November 2021. The legislation was published in the Official Journal at the end of November 2021 and entered into force on 1 December 2021. EURAMET received on 29th November 2022 14.6 M€ EU funds for European Partnership on Metrology to cover the prefinances for Call 2021.

In December 2020, EURAMET expected the implementation costs of the programme to become eligible from January 2021 to allow preparation of the Stage 1 calls, approved an implementation budget for the year, and agreed a contract with NPL for the services of the MSU related to implementing European Partnership on Metrology from January 2021.

In the summer of 2021, EURAMET learned that the costs of implementing the programme could only be regarded as eligible after the publication of the Decision in the OJ. Up to the end of 2021 it was not clear from what date the costs implementing the programme can be regarded as eligible. In 2022 EURAMET learned with the signature of the FFPA (31st March 2022 and its amendment signed on 20th September 2022) that the costs can be retro perspective be seen as eligible from the 1st December 2021.

These funds are held by EURAMET and then paid to the Grant Beneficiaries in accordance with the Grant Agreements. Full details are given in Part B. None of the funds are used for implementation activities which are all paid for by the national cash contributions.

The costs shown in the Financial Statements for both the MSU and Braunschweig offices in the implementation of the Partnership, for 2022 are (all values are in €):

	[€]
Staff Time (inc o/h)	936 439
Staff T&S	40 186
Review conference	300 000
Research Council	0
HICB external costs	0
Promotion & Call adverts	6 000
Legal & Consultancy	4 750
Bank Charges	100
Other	13 000
VAT on MSU invoices	243 787
Total costs	1 544 262

These figures are provisional pending audits. The audited Financial Statements will be supplied before the 30th April 2023.