

# **European Partnership on Metrology Decision (EU) 2021/2084**

## **FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2021/METROLOGY/01**

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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 the European Partnership on Metrology .

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 23.65 M€ EU funds for the European Partnership on Metrology for Call 2022 as a first instalment payment and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of call 2021 on 15.09.2023 6,5 M €EU funds for European Partnership on Metrology

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 The National Physical Laboratory Management Ltd. for the services of the Management Support Unit 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 Official Journal. 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 Financial Framework Partnership Agreement (31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and its amendment signed on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022) that the costs can be retro perspective be seen as eligible from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Management Support Unit and Braunschweig offices in the implementation of the Partnership, for 2023 are (all values are in €):

|   | [€]          |
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| Staff Time (including overheads)                                | 1 428 217,09 |
| Staff Travel and Subsistence                                    | 35 451,08    |
| Review conference   | 203 956,14   |
| Research Council  | 0,00         |
| External costs of the Human and Institutional Capacity Building | 0,00         |
| Promotion & Call adverts  | 0,00         |
| Legal & Consultancy   | 0,00         |
| Bank Charges  | 614,32       |
| Other   | 18 134,46    |
| Value Added Tax on Management Support Unit invoices             | 250 000,00   |
| Total costs   | 1 936 373,09 |

These figures are provisional pending audits. The audited Financial Statements will be supplied before the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.