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**Priority question for written answer P-001652/24
to the Commission
Christophe Grudler (Renew)
(6 September 2024)**

Subject: EU funding for EUMETSAT

The European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) plays an important role in meteorological and environmental monitoring in Europe and beyond. As such, it actively participates in the implementation of the EU space programme and other EU objectives, thereby serving the interests of European citizens.

Since EUMETSAT is a European international organisation, it receives funding under the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), as do the programmes run in collaboration with EUMETSAT.

In that context, could the Commission provide the following information:

1. the total amount of ongoing or future funding allocated to EUMETSAT under the 2021-2027 MFF;
2. the details of this funding, specifying for each programme or project the name, the amount allocated, the purpose of the funding and the period covered?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Vestager on behalf of the European Commission
(1 October 2024)**

The European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) is a major partner of the Commission in support of several space- and environment-related activities. Under the 2021-2027 EU budget, EUMETSAT is currently receiving EU funding for Copernicus and Destination Earth.

For Copernicus, EUMETSAT operates several Sentinel satellites and provides satellite data, products and support services, with a focus on the oceans, the atmosphere and more generally the climate. These activities are covered by a contribution agreement for a total amount of EUR 735 million ⁽¹⁾, covering the period 2021 to 2027.

For Destination Earth, EUMETSAT is one of the three implementing organisations and is responsible for the end-to-end design, implementation, testing, operation, and the overall coordination of Destination Earth's Data Lake and Data Warehouse activities.

These activities are covered by a contribution agreement for EUR 35 million covering the period December 2021 — June 2024 (Phase I ⁽²⁾) and a contribution agreement for EUR 43.4 million covering the period June 2024 — June 2026 (Phase II ⁽³⁾).

⁽¹⁾ https://www.copernicus.eu/sites/default/files/2021-06/Financing_Decision_C_2021_4316_final-Annex_2_Copernicus_Work_Programme.pdf
⁽²⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/destination-earth#1717586635820-4>
⁽³⁾ <https://destination-earth.eu/news/statement-confirmation-phase-two-destination-earth/>