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The 2nd Draft Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the EANET (2021-2025)



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INTRODUCTION

- **To enhance transparency and effectiveness in implementing the activities to achieve the objectives**, starting from 2006, **EANET decided to develop its five-year plan**, the Medium Term Plans (MTP). In 2021, the EANET will begin the implementation of its fourth MTP for the period 2021 to 2025.
- Along with this MTP, more **detailed arrangements and specific/individual activities and budget will be defined in the annual work programme and budget for each year**, which will be determined by the annual IG Session, taking the SAC considerations from the scientific and technical viewpoints into account.

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Areas for expanding activities of EANET

The current discussions among Participating Countries about necessities and interests for expanding the scope of EANET activities **from acid deposition to a wide range of air pollution issues** are relevant and in line with recent new circumstances. However, the current discussions do not precisely define or converge on the areas of the scope to expand, or specific activities to be implemented for such areas.

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FRAMEWORK ACTIVITIES

1. Objectives of the MTP (2021-2025)

Objective 1: **Monitoring** of air quality and acid deposition including related chemical substances such as **ozone and PM** with quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC)

Objective 2 : Promotion of **data utilization and dissemination**

Objective 3: Promotion of **capacity building**

Objective 4: Enhancement of **outreach activities**

Objective 5: Enhancement of **cooperation and collaboration**

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2. Activities (1)

- **Core Activities:** Core activities consist of activities that **all Participating Countries consider indispensable, priority, and essential for achieving EANET objectives, and beneficial for all Participating Countries** directly and indirectly. Typical examples of core activities include monitoring, development of technical manuals and guidelines, implementation of quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) activities.
- **Detailed Core Activities are presented in Annex 1.**

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2. Activities (2)

- **Project Activities:** **Project Activities consist of projects to be financed through the Project Fund, a new financial arrangement dedicated to Project Activity in this MTP.** Each project must be supported financially or through in-kind contributions by the interested Participating Countries and/or partner organizations through their ear-marked financial contributions and/or in-kind contributions.
- **Detailed Project Activities are not shown in this MTP. Project Activities will be presented in the Work Programme and Budget in each year.**

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3. Financial Arrangement (1)

- **Core Budget:** Utilized for the implementation of core activities. The source of the Core Budget would **come from the annual voluntary financial contribution from the Participating Countries**. The amount of financial contribution from each Participating Country to the Core Budget will **be based on the calculation of the latest UN scale voluntary assessment**.
- **Draft Core Budget (in 2021-2025) is presented in Annex 2 of this MTP.**
- **Estimated Voluntary Financial Contribution of Participating Countries to Secretariat and NC Core Budget in 2021 is presented in Work Programme and Budget in 2021. (EANET/WGS2/8).**

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3. Financial Arrangement (2)

- **Project Fund:** Fund dedicated to implementing individual projects categorized as Project Activities. **Source of the Project Fund would come from the additional financial contributions of the Participating Countries, such as additional voluntary contributions, in-kind contributions of the Participating Countries and other entities, allowing activities to be linked to the Project fund.**
- **Guidelines on Project Fund will be stipulated next year in 2021.** Therefore Project Activities in 2021 will be decided in the document of Work Programme and Budget in 2021 (EANET/WGS2/8).

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EVALUATION

Evaluation Plan

- The MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) will be reviewed twice by the IG in 2023 and 2026. There will be a mid-term review, “**Mid-Term Report on the Implementation of the MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)**” in 2023 and a final review, “**Final Report on the Implementation of the MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)**” in the first half of 2026.

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[Core Activities]

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Annex 1: Draft Core Activities of the MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) (by referring to *1st Draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)* and *results of Matrix Survey of Categorization of Activities for Future Development of the MTP (2021-2025) for the EANET*)

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The activities selected as **Core Activities** indicate activities that include all three of the following:

- ◆ **“D (Not necessary)” is not included** in the priority responses from participating countries.
- ◆ **Average priority score is 3.5 or more** (A: High Priority = 4, B: Middle Priority = 3, C: Low Priority = 2, D: No Priority = 1).
- ◆ **80% or more** of the participating countries chose the **core budget**.
- ◆ **Based on the criteria above selected 17 draft activities shown below are all “Existing (= not new) activities”** submitted to the Working Group Meeting in June 2020 (Current version).

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Draft Core Activities of the MTP (2021-2025) are the following:

Objective 1: Monitoring of air quality and acid deposition including related chemical substances such as **ozone and PM** with quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC)

- (1) **Monitoring of acid deposition (acidifying species and related chemical substances such as ozone and PM) including an increase of EANET monitoring sites, etc.**
- (2) **Development/revision of (technical) guidelines, technical manuals.**
- (3) **Development/update of strategy papers for guidance on the future direction of the monitoring.**
- (4) **Implementation of quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) activities.**
- (5) **Routine compilation, verification, evaluation, storage and provision of data and maintenance of database.**

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Objective 2: Promotion of data dissemination and utilization

- (6) Conduct annual assessment of the state of acid deposition using trend analysis, numerical models.
- (7) Development of Periodic Report on the State of Acid Deposition in East Asia (PR SAD, regional assessment report published every 5 years).
- (8) Regular updating of the website.
- (9) Upgrading of the data management system in the NC to enable easy access by approved users.

Objective 3: Promotion of capacity building

No Core activities in Objective 3.

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Objective 4: Enhancement of outreach activities

- (10) Promotion of public awareness on acid deposition including other priority chemical species, etc.

Objective 5: Enhancement of cooperation and collaboration

- (11) Arrangements for the EANET Sessions agreed to by the IG.
- (12) Consideration on future development of the EANET.
- (13) Review of the arrangements of the EANET Secretariat and the NC.
- (14) Revision of Guidelines on Administrative and Financial Management for the Secretariat and the NC.
- (15) Review of the MTP (2016-2020), revision of the MTP (2021-2025) if necessary, and development of the next MTP for the EANET (2026-2030).
- (16) Sharing a common understanding on atmospheric environment issues among the scientific community such as the APCAP Science Panel.

Others: Administrative works

- (17) Administrative works.

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Annex 2: Draft Estimated Workload and Cost Necessary for Secretariat and Network Center in 2021-2025

1. “Estimated Workload and Cost Necessary of the Core Activities for Secretariat and Network Center” will be reviewed annually and finalized in the Work Programme and Budget of the EANET approved by the IG in the previous year.
2. Draft Estimated Workload and Cost Necessary of each activity for Secretariat and Network Center (in 2021-2025) are the same as the Current version submitted to the Working Group Meeting in June 2020.

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Draft Summary Table of Budget of the Secretariat in 2021-2025

Workload and Cost	Workload (Man-months)					Cost (in 1,000 USD)					Average Workload /year	Average Budget /year (in 1,000 USD)
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Core Budget	35.5	31.5	35.5	35.5	35.5	553.9	506.7	536.0	550.0	540.0	34.7	537.3
Core Budget + 13% Program Support Cost						625.9	572.6	605.7	621.5	610.2		607.2

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**Draft Summary Table of Budget of the Network Center
in 2021-2025**

Workload and Cost	Workload (Man-months)					Cost (in 1,000 USD)					Average Workload /year	Average Budget /year (in 1,000 USD)
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Core Budget	64.0	57.0	56.0	64.0	68.0	592.0	515.0	494.0	542.0	601.0	61.8	548.8

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Actions Required

Working Group Meeting Session 2 is invited to review 2nd Draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) and may wish to consider, discuss, provide guidance, and make recommendations to IG22 for its review, guidance and approval as appropriate.

Thank you for your kind attention!!

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