

# PROCEDURE FOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

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## **Policy**

The policy of the Centre is to seek external funding subject to the following conditions:

- The project goals must be closely aligned to the Centre's core mission.
- The Centre must make all efforts to maximise cost-recovery.
- The total budget contribution of all projects must be less than a prescribed upper limit set at present at 15% of the ECMWF total budget.

## **Approval procedure**

- The Director-General approves externally funded projects up to £1,000,000, applied to the whole funding period of a project.
- The Council approves externally funded projects over £1,000,000, by a simple majority vote; the Council delegates this approval to the President of the Council for cases when the decision cannot wait until the next Council session.
- The Director-General informs all Member States immediately after signature of a contract.

The Director-General reports regularly on all projects, concluded and in preparation.