

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COUNCIL SUBGROUP ON DATA SERVICES STRATEGY

Finalised at the 1st session of the Subgroup on 6 March 2019

Introduction

At its 93rd session in December 2018, the Council decided to set up a Council Subgroup providing high-level strategic input to the new data services strategy.

Draft function and duties

In accordance with the above Council decision and subsequent discussions with EUMETSAT and Member States proposing a pilot “European Weather Cloud” offering cloud services to deliver forecast data, noting that this will offer new opportunities for ECMWF’s future data services strategy, the Subgroup is invited to advise the Council on a data service strategy. The Subgroup will specifically aim to:

- Establish the principles of a future licensing policy, in particular in the context of the PSI
- Outline how provision of data, data services (including terms and conditions) would apply to ECMWF, Member and Co-operating States and users
- Analyse how the suggested data services strategy and licensing policy would affect the commercial revenues and suggest measures to ensure the sustainability of ECMWF’s objectives
- Suggest a staged implementation approach

Composition

The Subgroup will include a few Directors of NMHSs, the Chairs of the ACDP and PAC, and can draw on the advice of subject matter experts.