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Subject: Establishment of subregional radar networks in RA VI in accordance with the decisions of the RA VI-17

Actions required: To consider and express your interest in participating in subregional radar networks and/or being a candidate as a host of Regional Data Centre for the subregional radar data networks (SEERAD and BLACKRAD)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 2021 Extraordinary World Meteorological Congress, through [Resolution 1 \(Cg-Ext\(2021\)\)](#) approved the WMO Unified Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data, which aims to strengthen the world's weather and climate services through a systematic increase in much-needed observational data and data products from across the globe. Following the approval of this Policy, and with a view to implementing [Decision 12 \(RA VI-17\)](#) on the establishment of the subregional radar networks for RA VI, I would like to invite you to consider:

- (1) Participating in the proposed subregional radar data networks such as Southeast Europe Radar Network (SEERAD) and Black Sea Radar Network (BLACKRAD) to exchange radar data;
- (2) Proposing your candidature as host of the Radar Data Centre (RDC) for SEERAD and/or BLACKRAD. The networks can be structured on a centralized approach if participating Members agree on this solution.

In the centralized approach each subregional network would operate at least one RDC to collect radar data, generate products, and distribute them for the use of Members. The RDCs would be hosted and operated by volunteer members having sufficient capability to collect and process radar data, and to generate and disseminate radar products.

To: Permanent Representatives and Hydrological Advisers of Members in the Black Sea subregion: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of North Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine (limited distribution)

Permanent Representatives and Hydrological Advisers of Members in the South-East Europe subregion: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of North Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine (limited distribution)

cc: RA VI President, RA VI Hydrology Adviser

It is envisaged that this collaboration in the networks could initially start with the Members stated as potential candidates in Decision 12 of RA VI-17, and it is anticipated that collaboration would remain open for any WMO Member.

Please send your letters of interest at your earliest convenience but preferably not later than **29 April 2022**. Should you have any related questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Regional Office for Europe by email at: roe@wmo.int.

Thank you for your collaboration and I look forward to receiving your letters of interest.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Taalas', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General