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Dear Dr. Juan Garces de Marcilla,

Subject: Letter of support for the ExtremeEarth proposal

We are pleased to endorse the Extreme Earth flagship programme proposal on behalf of the Copernicus team at EEA, and by extension on behalf of the colleagues of our agency dealing with Climate Change information and mitigation.

By providing information on climate change in Europe, the EEA supports the implementation of legislation on climate mitigation in Europe, the evaluation of EU policies and the development of long-term strategies to mitigate climate change. EEA information — data, indicators, assessments and projections — focuses on greenhouse gas emissions trends, projections, and policies and measures in Europe.

Hence a better understanding, including the ability to predict frequency of extreme events and intensity thereof is of paramount importance to the EEA as part of our tasks in support to the Climate change related policies the European Commission is putting into place. In that context, the EEA works closely together with DG Climate Action, DG Joint Research Centre, and Eurostat, as well as with experts from its European Topic Centres on Air and Climate Change Mitigation (ETC/ACM) and with its country network (Eionet).



Moreover, it is our understanding that beyond climate change *sensu stricto*, the outcome of Extreme Earth will improve our knowledge in domains as broad as water management, health or sustainable resource management, domains for which the provision of scientifically sound information and knowledge in support of Community policies is also part of EEA's core tasks. Therefore we are happy to endorse the Extreme Earth Flagship initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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Hans Dufourmont
Project manager Copernicus land services

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Chris Steenmans
Head of Programme

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