



SEEMET - South-Eastern Europe Training Initiative

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The South Eastern Europe MEteorological Training (SEEMET) community has been developing training courses on satellite meteorology, with the assistance of EUMETSAT and Eumetcal. The courses are addressed to weather forecasters and hydrological forecasters working in national hydro-meteorological institutes of South Eastern European countries. The courses are delivered in a traditional classroom-mode in English and, upon request of the host, simultaneous translation to local language is provided.

The training consists of Basic satellite courses, covering basics of satellite meteorology, satellite image interpretation and satellite data/products applications in operational weather forecasting, and Advanced courses that cover a certain meteorological/hydrological topic of interest. The courses alternate and are organized in different country each year.

SEEMET initiative started in 2016 and 4 courses were organized until today. The first one was an advanced course with a key topic of hydrological forecasts and warnings in Ljubljana 2016, second was a Basic satellite course in Bar, Montenegro 2017, third an advanced course on convection forecasting in Primošten, Croatia 2018 and the fourth a Basic course in Sarajevo this May.

The course is expected to improve the skills of operational meteorologists in interpretation and application of satellite images and products, leading to improved competencies in short-term weather forecasting. This course is thus expected to improve the capabilities of the NHMSs of South Eastern Europe in providing weather and warning services to national stakeholders and communities.