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The EGSIEM combination service: final results and further plans

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The EU-funded phase of the Horizon 2020 project European Gravity Service for Improved Emergency management (EGSIEM) has been completed. We present the final combined products that were generated after three years of development and test-operations of the scientific combination service for GRACE monthly gravity fields. The combined time-series is compared to the official GRACE science data system gravity fields and validated in terms of signal and noise content in the spatial and spectral domains. We review the combination strategy on normal equation level, monitor the relative weights derived by variance component estimation on solution level and introduce the user-friendly gridded and smoothed products derived from the spherical harmonic gravity field coefficients. Finally, we discuss the future perspective of the service, which is in transition to become a combination center of the international association of geodesy (IAG) under the umbrella of the international gravity field service (IGFS).