

Météo-France activities towards education and youth spheres

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Among its different missions, Météo-France, as a national meteorological service, has to contribute in general to education in meteorology.

Using Météo-France Internet site is an important way used to achieve this objective: a devoted comprehensive section entitled “Understanding meteorological science” is operational, including pictures, data and sometimes animation of significant phenomena, a glossary of several hundreds of meteorological terms, and various thematic tools and resources at disposal of teachers and/or pupils. Some focus is also given to climate change issues, according to a widely shared wish among the users.

Many other activities are conducted together with the French Ministry of Education consisting in effective support at a large scale to teachers through the provision of guidance material. Météo-France is particularly involved in the so-called “Science at school” national system, aimed at promoting and spreading initiatives in science and techniques within secondary education system so as to eventually foster scientific callings. Concretely, schools are supplied with meteorological devices and have data collection activities on a continuous basis. Maintenance issues and data exchange processes are also tackled after appropriate training, and additional meteorological resources or products are delivered by Météo-France.