



Eumetcal Programme

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Eumetcal is a EUMETNET (Network of European Meteorological Institutions) funded Meteorological Training Program. The presentation at EMS conference will consist of two parts: a summary of the programme achievements so far and an outlook to the next programme phase.

Eumetcal phase III will finish end of 2012. In this programme phase we have started offering and supporting courses for the meteorological staff for our 28 member NMS. In the first part of the presentation we will outline the achievements so far, and in particular describe our experiences in arranging training courses in blended format for the member institutions.

The second part of the presentation will take a look into future: one of the EUMETNET high level goals in Forecasting strategy 2013-2020 is to support the members in ensuring that they always have highly skilled forecasters through shared training and shared best practice. Eumetcal as a specialized training programme wishes to assist EUMETNET in achieving this challenging goal.

The key areas of Eumetcal from 2013 onwards will consist of continued trainer and training support for the member states, provision of courses and modules for advanced training compliant with the WMO Competency standards and skills for increasing the interoperability of forecasters. We also will continue cooperating with other training institutions for increasing our training capacity, for improving the visibility of EUMETNET, for reviewing our training strategies and for increasing the opportunities for additional funding through collaborative projects. The new programme phase ideally would not only cover the forecasting and forecaster needs, but more generally also support other capacity areas of EUMETNET. We believe that the well established trainer network, our training programme experiences and the cooperation with other training institutions will help us in achieving these goals.