



The benefit of organizing courses together.

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Eumetcal is a co-operative training and educational programme primarily funded by EUMETNET, a "grouping of 29 European National Meteorological Services that provides a framework to organize co-operative programmes in the various fields of basic meteorological activities". Eumetcal has 28 member states and 4 co-operation partners outside Europe. The programme is currently in its Phase III (2007-2012). Phase IV will cover 2013-2017.

Eumetcal's purpose is organization of courses as well as production of new and sharing of existing computer assisted learning (CAL) materials in the field of meteorology. Sharing and development of training material between members is aimed at reducing costs and effort for training through cooperation.

In addition to provision of educational materials and courses targeted to forecasters and other end users, also Eumetcal's activities is assisting and supporting training processes in its member National Meteorological Services and in other meteorological organisations. An example is training the trainers - educating them in design, implementation, tools and management of training activities and application in their own organisations. The main event for 2012 has been the Eumetcal Workshop (held in Exeter in March) which gathered 55 participants representing 21 nationalities. The focus of this workshop was to gather trainers and this year's topics were: competences, designing learning activities and online skills.

The presentation gives an overview of Eumetcal's current activities and future plans for the rest of 2012 and for Phase IV. Organizing and putting resources together through a Eumetcal course can be the solution to address a small but valuable topic that can be shared in the whole community.