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The experiences of using simulator and live weather data in NOMEK Forecaster courses

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NOMEK is a course intended for operational forecasters, and the course has been developed jointly by the Nordic meteorological services. The main subjects of NOMEK has traditionally been satellite and radar meteorology, numerical weather prediction and products. The Course consists of lessons and practical sessions (real-time weather room exercises, demonstrations and case studies). EUMETSAT supports the course financially.

In NOMEK 2012 course, held at the Danish Meteorological Institute in Copenhagen, we applied the EU-METCAL Simulator for the first time in the training. We also used the ePort site (http://eumetrain.org/eport.html) for real-time weather discussion and exercises during the course.

This presentation will describe my experiences with both applications. I will use the examples from this year NOMEK course to demonstrate the effect of using simulator and real-time weather applications in forecaster training.