



## The outreach of the Eumetcal Project, the European network supporting the meteorological training in Europe

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The EUMETNET's Eumetcal programme started in 2001 as an extension of the EU FP4 meteorological computer assisted learning project titled EuroMET. The programme was continued by the second and third phases till the current fourth Eumetcal project phase started in 2013 which will continue and further develop European training cooperation in the field of meteorology until the end of 2017.

The tasks of Eumetcal have significantly evolved to what today is the European Virtual Organisation for Meteorological Training with the following objectives:

- To facilitate the creation and exchange of training resources covering the whole field of meteorology and related environmental topics.
- To provide a mechanism whereby European NMSs collaborate to enhance their training capabilities on a long term basis.
- To ensure that the training requirements of European NMSs are met in the long term.

This presentation aims to present what Eumetcal actually is, what are the mechanisms developed to pursue the project objectives and the results obtained so far, including experienced challenges. In addition the purpose is to explain the future goals of Eumetcal, also in light of the plan to expand Eumetcal activities into the domains of climate and observations, considered that the traditional target audience of Eumetcal have been trainers in meteorology and operational meteorologists.