



## **20 years EMS – how has the landscape changed over the past 20 years?**

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At a conference in 1993 the national societies of meteorologists in Europe decided to cooperate on matters which would be practical to handle on a European scale. They decided in 1997 to establish a European Meteorological Society (EMS), not as a society with individuals as members, but rather as a society of societies. In 1999 the EMS was formally established. Since then the EMS has grown and flourished, and the meteorological context in which it operates has changed.

The development of the EMS and the impact of technology on the science and applications of meteorology over the last 20 years will be described.