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Ground-based aerosol optical depth inter-comparison campaigns at EUSAAR sites in Europe

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Nine aerosol optical depth (AOD) inter-comparison campaigns were conducted in 2008 - 2011 at EUSAAR (European Super-Sites for Atmospheric Aerosol Research) sites throughout Europe. A PFR (precision filter radiometer) travelling standard from the GAW-PFR network measured at EUSAAR sites having a CIMEL AERONET sunphotometer. Concurrent AOD data at two co-incident wavelength channels (nominally 500 and 865 nm) showed exceptionally good agreement in general. A summary of these measurements as well as interesting cases of poorer agreement will be discussed.