SRNWP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes
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The discussion was triggered by the powerpoint presentation of Andras Horanyi, where the main expectations from SRNWP, the last year advances and some open issues were summarised. Hereafter the main points of discussion are summarised briefly.

Expert Teams (ET): The Expert Teams were teamed (one core member and maximum two additional members from each LAM Consortia) at the beginning of the year and then later on their respective workplans were created. The Advisory Committee ("heads" of Consortia) had some proposal for the improvement of the plans. The updated plans are not yet ready for all Expert Teams. After the meeting the missing plans should be updated and then all of them will be put on the SRNWP website. It was agreed that the list of ET topics is fine at that stage, the nominated members are also all right (keeping in mind that there is always a possibility to modify the list of researchers in the ETs, if needed). It was also accepted that for those ETs, where an independent SRNWP Programme is accepted deputy chairperson would be desirable to elect in order to ensure an objective "control" on the related programme (this is at the moment the case for the "system" ET and the Interoperability Programme).

Planned workshops: Based on the ET workplans and additional information a first list of future workshop is compiled. The list should be consolidated after the meeting (with the help of the ET chairpersons, heads of Consortia and SRNWP contact points) and then put on the SRNWP webpage.

Verification Programme: EUMETNET Council issued a "call for responsible member" late spring and the original deadline for the applications was end of August. At that time there was no application and the deadline was extended until the end of October. It was found very important to find candidate(s) for the Programme, therefore all Partners are encouraged to seriously consider to submit a bid for the Programme.

EPS issues: Some discussion took place regarding SRNWP PEPS and the former SRNWP EUREPS proposal. It was felt that the PEPS products are still not yet fully used, however there is a strong interest from the users to use and capitalise on PEPS outputs. This raises issues about operational application and data policy. This latter one is especially problematic, because at the moment the PEPS products cannot be really used commercially if the operational introduction is declared (due to ECOMET rules). This issue should be clarified with the possible help of the "data policy" EUMETNET working group, which should be contacted by Andras Horanyi. As far as EUREPS is concerned it was felt that and updated proposal would be desirable for the beginning of next year (maybe without asking to finance a consultant position at ECMWF). An excellent occasion to discuss the "new" EUREPS proposal would be the EPS meeting organised for TIGGE-LAM in January (Bologna).

Links with other EUMETNET Programmes: There are several links between SRNWP and other EUMETNET Programmes. One of the most important one is the one with EUCOS and OPERA. As far as EUCOS is concerned improved relationship is essential and more tight cooperation is needed (for instance about the observation impact studies conducted by

EUCOS or about the evaluation of the Data Targeting System). Regarding OPERA the progress should be monitored how the NWP requirements are fulfilled for the establishment of the radar data hub (Andras Horanyi will contact OPERA Programme Manager Iwan Holleman on that issue). More links should be also built with EUMETCAL and EUMETREP Programmes for instance.

Relation with the academia: It was underlined that it would be desirable to build more contacts with academia and university experts. The first steps should be realised on national level, i.e. each partner should contact their local university/academia experts and give feedback about the possible cooperation possibilities. This step should be stimulated by the SRNWP coordinator.

SRNWP contracts and invoices: The SRNWP contracts and invoices were issued early summer and most of the countries signed the contract and proceeded with the payments. There are some “missing” countries, which are contacted directly in order to clarify the situation.

Additional issues: Several participants claimed that unfortunately some “interesting” part of the EUMETNET webpage is password protected. The coordinator will inquire about the possibilities to open more parts of the EUMETNET webpage public.