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# The SRNWP-EPS Project

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## **Outline**

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Presentation by Chiara Marsigli,  
Helsinki, 2012



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## **SRNWP-EPS**

**SRNWP cooperation on Limited-area Ensemble  
Prediction systems:  
preparatory phase on the time scale 2013-2015**

Part of the Forecasting Programme

The project proposal has been approved by the  
EUMETNET Assembly (May 2012)

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## Motivation

Enhancement of cooperation on LAM-EPS was recognized as a high priority goal by EUMETNET members. A 2-phase approach to tackle this task was outlined in the Forecasting Roadmap

Phase 1: preparatory phase. Make a feasibility study to formulate how capabilities for convection-permitting ensembles can be strengthened through cooperation between the European countries

The preparatory phase is needed due to the broad ranges of priorities for Members and the relatively new scientific and technical issues to handle

define the ground for cooperation to address scientific and technical issues, optimising the use of resources

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## Why a dedicated project

The actual project proposal (Phase II) will be determined by the needs of the NMs participating to the Phase I

-> all relevant interests should be represented

A good definition of scientific and technical issues to be tackled rely on the expertises involved

-> a broad range of expertises is needed!

expertise will depend on the participation to the project!

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## SRNWP-EPS - Phase 1

The phase 1 focuses on:

- Review the status of ensemble developments in the NMSs in Europe
- Prepare an analysis/overview of the plans in the NMSs in Europe and identify common issues
- Make a proposal for a research plan aiming to develop the next generation ensemble system
- Identify major technical open issues
- Prepare a shared and long-term SRNWP-EPS project proposal from 2014 onwards

enable joint planning to use resources for challenging problems

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## SRNWP-EPS - Phase 1

- Aim of the project (Phase 1): to provide a feasibility study, which may include a Project proposal where the Phase II for cooperation in Europe in the fields of LAM-EPS is presented
- **18-month project (1 January 2013 – 30 June 2014)**
- Deliverable (June 2014): Phase II project proposal for the EUMETNET Advisory Committees, where a strategy for future cooperation is designed



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## Concluding remarks

evaluation of bidding proposals has been completed  
the STAC/PFAC has recommend to the Assembly that the project proceeds  
actual project start is subject to Members committing to participate  
decision at the November Assembly

ensure (human and financial) resources to the project

## Key assumptions of AEMET response

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**They follow closely the previous proposal in 2007 and its amendment in 2011** prepared by the expert team on SRNWP on EPS.

The **Phase I pursues a feasibility study** by mid 2014 taking into account the essential requirement listed under '2.5.8 Essential requirements' of the Invitation for submission of proposals.

The **TIGGE LAM Plan** provides **guidance for identification of the major research issues** that need to be addressed in Phase II and beyond.

**AEMET** will take over the responsibility of **co-ordinating actions** among members and eventually of **preparing the foreseen deliverables**.

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### WP1

Assessment of priorities from Members and user needs

**WP1.1** Provide a comprehensive (scientific and technical) overview of presently accessible ensemble systems and know-how, with special focus on the convection-permitting ensembles

**WP1.2** Perform an analysis of the ongoing activities and plans for operational ensembles at 10-20 km grid mesh, including ECMWF

**WP1.3** Review the plans of all the involved NMSs in the field of ensemble forecasting, identifying common needs and areas where improvements can be achieved by cooperation/collaboration, also considering user needs

### WP3

Strategic planning of the actions which may be shared among participants, which may increase the possibilities of success towards the development of LAM-EPS capability in the participating NMSs

**WP3.1** Perform an analysis of the technological infrastructure needed for systems development, i.e. evaluate the data transfer needed for receiving boundary conditions, evaluate the timeliness of the different possible solutions, evaluate the required computer power to run the systems; identify possible cooperation

**WP3.2** Define the common requirements towards third partners (ECMWF, EUMETNET)

**WP3.3** Assess the financial and resource needs

### WP2

Identification of the major research issues that needs to be addressed in Phase II

### WP4

Preparation of the LAM-EPS project requirements for the second half of the new EUMETNET phase (2015-2017)

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- **A3:** Explore the scientific methodologies suitable to build a very high-resolution ensemble
- **A4:** Analyses of the available and expected future computer resources (both at the Meteorological Services and at ECMWF)
- **A5:** Establish an explicit link with TIGGE-LAM.
- **A6:** Identify the 2020 goals, the R&D road map and write the SRNWP-EPS Phase II project proposal for the Assembly.

### DELIVERABLES

- **D1:** A document presenting a comprehensive review of the present status of SRNWP-EPS
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Observers to the EUMETNET SRNWP-EPS Activity

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4	LEGMC	Latvia	Mr Andris Viksna
5	IMP	Portugal	Nuno Moreira
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- Kick-off meeting on 18 February 2013
- Questionnaire on
  - Action A1 (State of the art of EPS in Member states and in Consortia)
  - Action A2 (Plans related to ensemble forecasting in Member states)
  - Action A4 (expected future computing resources available)
- Workshop on Phy-EPS, (18-20 June 2013)
- Meeting of the Activity representatives on 20-21 June 2013

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Workshop on PHY-EPS, Madrid 18-20 June 2013

Presentations, questions and conclusions:

**<http://srnwp-eps.aemet.es>**

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# Questions posed to the Workshop

- Are current stochastic schemes perturbing the right spatial and temporal scales? Which experiments (computational or experimental/observational) would help the development of the spatio-temporal characteristics?
- Do our models represent physical processes correctly or are there fundamental flaws (e.g. modelling turbulent kinetic energy behind an obstacle as wave "drag")? Also: when introducing stochasticity around (in principle) well established deterministic solutions, are we still creating something that another 'optimal' model would be able to reproduce or are we violating too much some principles for it to be conceptually possible?
- Are there untouchables, e.g. perturbing orography, gravity constant or other fundamentally known functions?
- Should there be stochasticity in the deterministic model/outside the ensemble forecasting context?
- Should uncertainty representations be developed alongside the physical parameterizations (i.e. by parameterizations experts) or added a posterior by the ensemble development community. What are the consequences for consistency and performance?
- How can we develop stochastic physical parameterizations in the presence of compensating model errors/heavily tuned models?
- **Which priority project would/should we choose as community at this point in time?**

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## Priority Action Recommended by the Workshop on PHY-EPS

- **Plan an action** following the suggestion of the physics group
- **It could be scientific experiments** in the framework of the second phase of the SRNWP-EPS Project
- **Experiments** should be planned with a **common aim and view**, but then specialised **according to the available modelling systems**.
- **Clever evaluation tools** are needed, not (only) standard verification.
- **Results** could be **presented and discussed** in a successive **workshop**.

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# Agenda

- 1.- Working arrangements and documentation**
- 2.- Information from Institutes and C-SRNWP Consortia about state of EPS in their organizations (Action A1), future plans (Action A2) and computing capacity available (Action A4).**
- 3.- Explore the scientific methodologies suitable to build very high resolution ensemble (Action A3).**
- 4.- Identify 2020 Goals, the R&D road map, and items of the Phase II project proposal (Action 6) to be entered in the Deliverables**
- 5.- Look consensus on**
  - i) Role of the SRNWP ET-EPS.
  - ii) Involvement of the NMS.
  - iii) How coordination will actually take place?
  - iv) Who will decide the targets of Phase II and how?
- 6.- Distribution of tasks among a few working groups expected to be set up during the meeting.**
- 7.- Any other business:**
  - Establish an explicit link with TIGGE-LAM.
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## Outstanding conclusions and recommendations (I)

Like it currently happens with DA and EPS, it was proposed that **SRNWP EPS** would eventually **be a test bed for understanding Physics**. This should be pursued as an intermediate step towards an operational European EPS system instead of skipping it and going directly to an operational European EPS for 2020.

Several participants of the Activity argued that the **elements of the Project** in preparation **should all have a scientific component**, and **be oriented to run ensemble experiments** (more experiments as more NMS participate) to see the importance of the different methods in the production of EPSs and how the study of the physics could obtain a benefit of them.

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## Outstanding conclusions and recommendations (II)

During the meeting four **topics** have been chosen to be part of the Project in preparation (Phase II):

- i) *Interaction of EPS with data assimilation in the convection-permitting scale.*
- ii) *Modelling and data assimilation of ground surface properties.*
- iii) *Accounting for model uncertainties and how EPS could help understanding model sensitivities*
- iv) *Use and interpretation of probabilistic products.*

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Four Working Groups established with the following **persons involved** :

**WG1:** Inger Lise-Frogner (leading), Pau Escriba, Lucio Torrisi, Jelena Bojarova, Trond Iversen, Jonathan Flowerdew

**WG2:** Theresa Gorgas (leading), Mihaly Szucs, Yong Wang.

**WG3:** Alex Dickmyn Leading, Chiara Marsigli, Warren Tennant, Alfons Callado.

**WG4:** Dick Blaabuwer (leading), Henrik Feddersen, Mats Johansson, Juan Simarro, Chiara Marsigli

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## Outstanding conclusions and recommendations (IV)

The four WG's should **describe their topic concisely** (1-2 pages) **without many details** and understandable for STAC. A template should be used for the description.  
Starting point should be the standard EUMETNET project form, i.e. no funding except for the responsible member (Project manager).

<b>topic</b>	<name of the topic, 1 out of 4 defined>
<b>purpose</b>	<describe in one or two sentences why this topic is important to be included>
<b>objectives</b>	<give the objectives of this topic>
<b>deliverables</b>	<describe the “physical” outcomes/results of this topic>
<b>description</b>	<describe the topic concisely, without many scientific details, aiming at convincing STAC members about its importance>
<b>resources</b>	<describe what is needed to perform this topic in terms of manpower (fte's), money; keep in mind that resources should be found within the participating members; add, as a separate scenario, what could be done if more (external) budget would be available>
<b>time</b>	<assess the time, turnaround, would be needed to perform the topic>

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## Outstanding conclusions and recommendations (V)

Dick and Gergely will consult the Secretariat about **possible additional funding** and how the Activity could **benefit from the SESAR WP11.2 deployment plans.**

Bartolomé will explore the **chance that some of the NMS that are not participating in Phase I could eventually be involved in Phase II.**

A **workshop or a meeting to deal with progress achieved on scientific aspects** related to EPS topics should be considered. This event should take place well **before June 2014.**

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- A3: Explore the scientific methodologies suitable to build a very high-resolution ensemble
- A4: Analyse the needs of the Meteo
- A5: Establish a work plan for Phase II
- A6: Identify the needs of the Phase II

They **progress well** according to the received answers to the Questionnaire.

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## A2: Describe the plans of the EUMETNET Members related to ensemble forecasting

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Both deliveries can be initiated from the answers to the questionnaires, but **the vision is still incomplete and more information on users is needed**. It is expected that the set up group 4 deals with it.

- D2: A document describing all the relevant scientific, technical and possible operational-related issues. It should include a R&D roadmap towards an operational convective-

## D4: A document describing the plans of the Meteorological Services

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**A3: Explore the scientific methodologies suitable to build a very high-resolution ensemble**

and in the following areas:

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## ET-EPS contribution for Action A3

### Explore the scientific methodologies suitable to build a very high-resolution ensemble

This document is intended to provide a framework for the exploration of the scientific methodologies to build very high-resolution ensemble systems, resolving the convection-permitting scale phenomena.

The main open issues for scientific research are outlined and briefly described, with the aim of providing a basis for planning the future work in the field which may be organised at the EUMETNET level,

and benefits of exchanges of e.g. information, results, code, methodologies, among the European Meteorological Institutions.

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**Deliverable D2** (referring to the document describing all the relevant scientific, technical and possible operations-related issues) is **limited to include the results of exploring the scientific methodologies.**

The other aspects of D2, i.e. the relevant technical and possible related operational issues should be entered only if eventually the STAC and PFAC consider they should be included related to the further goal of the implementation of a Europe wide EPS.

It will be **made clear** to STAC and PFAC that preparing a full road map to an **operational convection permitting LAMEPS system** by 2020 would **need substantial resources for experimentation and implementation** as the meeting discussions had stressed. If budget allows they could still be considered Phase II objectives.

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**A4:** Analyses of the available and expected future computer resources both at the Meteorological Services and at ECMWF

- A2: Describe the plans of the LAMEPS members related to ensemble forecasting
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- A4: Analyse the needs of the Met. Services
- A5: Establish the project structure
- A6: Identify the resources required for the Phase I

**Some information is already available** from the Questionnaire, but still **more information needs to be gathered** either from ECMWF and other NMS

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### A5: Establish an explicit link with TIGGE-LAM.

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- A6: Identify the operational requirements for Phase II products

They are **postponed** until the October Antalya meeting

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**A6:** Identify the 2020 goals, the R&D road map and write the SRNWP-EPS Phase II project proposal for the Assembly

- A2: Describe the plans of the EUMETNET Members related to ensemble forecasting

**Need consideration** by the STAC and PFAC and perhaps by the Assembly in their Autumn meetings. There was an insistent view of the representatives in the meeting that it had to be made clear to STAC and PFAC that to undertake such tasks **needs substantial resources for experimentation as the discussions stressed.**

- D2: A document describing all the relevant scientific, technical and possible operational-related issues. It should include a R&D roadmap towards an operational convective-permitting LAMEPS system

**D7:** The detailed SRNWP-EPS project plan with the vision of what the resulting operational system should look like.

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- Meeting of the SRNWP ETEPS
  - Express a view on the SRNWP-EPS Activity
  - Boundary condition activity
  - TIGGE-LAM
  - A3 report
- Meeting of the WG leaders and participants to deal with WG activity progress

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## Next steps

(Last 2013 Quarter, early 2014)

- Look for the STAC and PFAC outputs
- Sketch the Phase II project proposal and look for consensus
- Preliminary evaluation of Costs
- Report to the Forecasting Programme, to the meeting of EUMETNET Managers and to the EUMETNET Secretariat
- Organize 2nd meeting of Activity representatives

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