

NORS: Demonstration Network Of ground-based Remote Sensing Observations in support of the GMES Atmospheric Service

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NORS:

•EU FP7 project

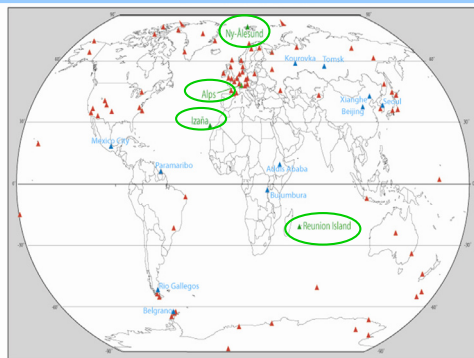
•Start: Nov. 1, 2011

•Duration: 33 months

•Objective:

- To perform the required research and developments for optimizing the NDACC data for the purpose of supporting the quality assessments of the future GMES Atmospheric Service (GAS ↔ MACC-II)
- To develop and implement a Web-based Validation Server of the MACC-II (GAS) products using the NORS data products

NDACC: Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change; NORS pilot stations Stations under development



▲ Operational NDACC stations
▲ NDACC stations selected as pilot stations in NORS
▲ Stations to be developed in NORS to potentially become NDACC stations

NORS data products:

target NORS data products

- tropospheric and stratospheric ozone columns and vertical profiles up to 70 km altitude;
- tropospheric and stratospheric NO₂ columns and profiles;
- lower tropospheric profiles of NO₂, HCHO, aerosol extinction;
- tropospheric and stratospheric columns of CO
- tropospheric and stratospheric columns of CH₄

4 NDACC techniques + in-situ surface monitoring:

- Lidar, MicroWave, FTIR, UV-VIS DOAS
- + in-situ surface monitoring

Partner	Participant organisation name / Short name in the proposal	Country
1	Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy / BIRA-IASB	BE
2	Eidgenoessische Materialpruefungs- und Forschungsanstalt	CH
3	Instituto Nacional de Tecnica Aeroespacial	ES
4	Universitaet Bern	CH
5	Karlsruher Institut fuer Technologie	DE
6	Centre National de La Recherche Scientifique	FR
7	Universitaet Bremen	DE
8	Université de Liège	BE
9	Max Planck Gesellschaft zur Foerderung der Wissenschaften	DE
10	Ruprecht-Karls-Universitaet Heidelberg	DE
11	Science and Technology B.V.	NL

Current progress:

- NORS data will be HDF formatted, according to GEOMS guidelines (<http://avdc.nasa.gsfc.gov/GEOMS>)
- Rapid data delivery system is set up:
All NORS data are submitted within 1 month after acquisition to 'NRT' section of NDACC database (<ftp://ftp.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/ndacc/NRT/>)
- Data access is public
- The User Requirements for the NORS Validation Server (NVS) have been captured in the User Requirements Document
 - NVS will serve default users by generating automatically daily validation reports
 - NVS will serve other users in interactive mode
 - NVS will address the MACC-II products corresponding to the NORS target products, from the different MACC model outputs
- The Design Document of the Validation Server has been delivered
- NORS partners work closely together with the MACC-II consortium, and in particular with the MACC-II VAL project
- NORS results and public deliverables are available on the NORS Webpage: <http://nors.aeronomie.be>
- To start soon:
 - Data User documentation
 - NDACC – TCCON (mid-IR versus near-IR) Cross-calibration of CO
 - better characterisation of NORS data uncertainties

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