

*Regional Cooperation for  
Limited Area Modeling in Central Europe*



## LACE in the last year

Yong Wang and many other LACE colleagues



# Organisational news

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– **Area Leaders:**

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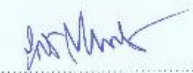
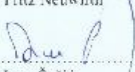
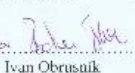

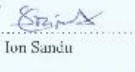
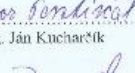
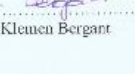
Predictability: Theresa Gorgas

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– **System Coordinator:** Oldrich Spaniel

– **Climate Project manager:** Gabriella Szepszo

– **Administration and Finance:** Andrea Sigl

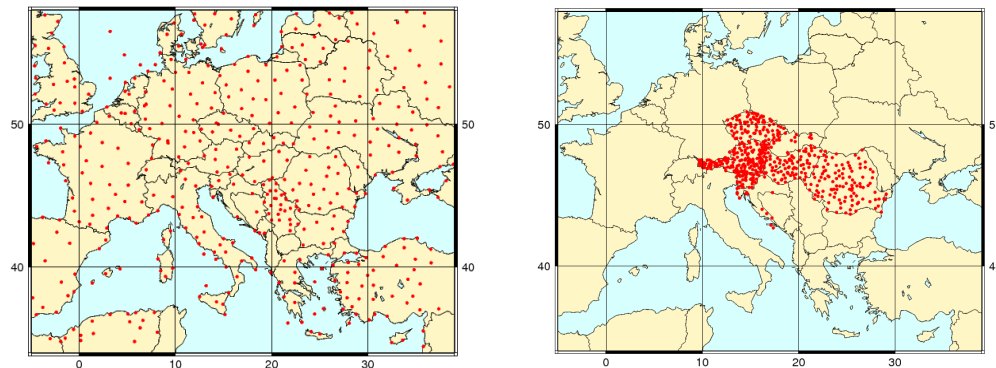
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LACE new MoU 2013---2016

# Common operations

- ▶ OPLACE: The common Observation Pre-processing for LACE DA and Verification: SYNOP, TEMP, AMDAR, AMV, Wind profilers and radiances (SEVIRI, AMSU-A/B, MHS, HIRS, IASI)

New in the last year:

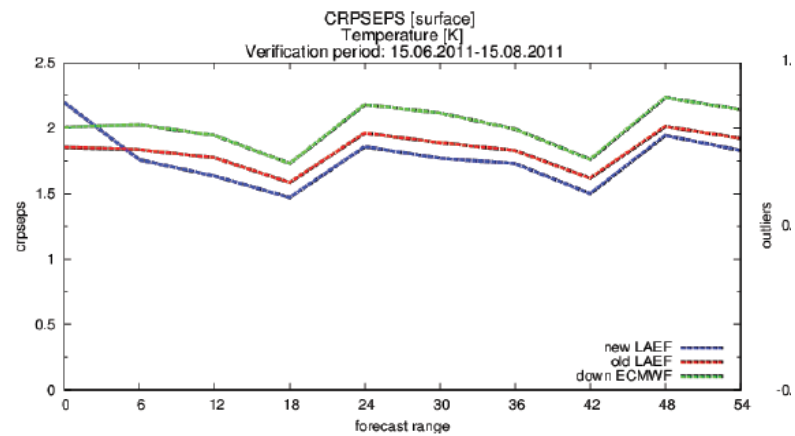
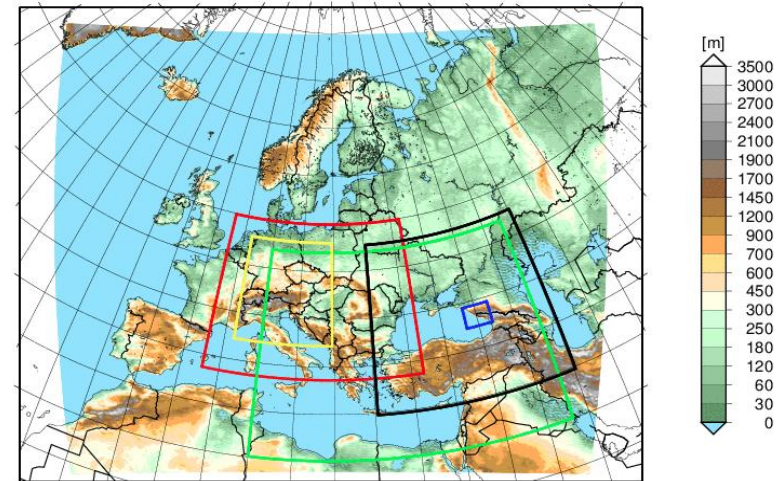


More national SYNOPs; IASI, extensive observation monitoring, switch to Meteosat-10 products, extension of windprofilers; investigation and preparation: BUFR SYNOP, national SYNOP data, LANDSAF and ASCAT products. Preparation of exchange of national radar data.

# Common operations

## ► Upgrade of ALADIN-LAEF

Ensemble size	16+1
Horizontal resolution	18km → 11km
Vertical resolution	37 → 45
Runs/day	2
Forecasts available	09:00 → 04:00
Coupling	direct → time lagged



Comparison: new—old—ECMWF

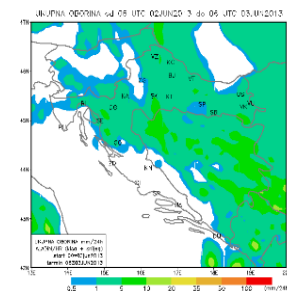
# R&D highlights in DA

Radar, GPS, IASI and SEVIRI radiances DA experiments with AROME

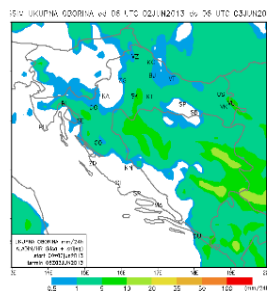
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Studies on representation of background error statistics

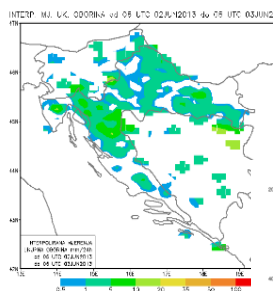
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Radar assim

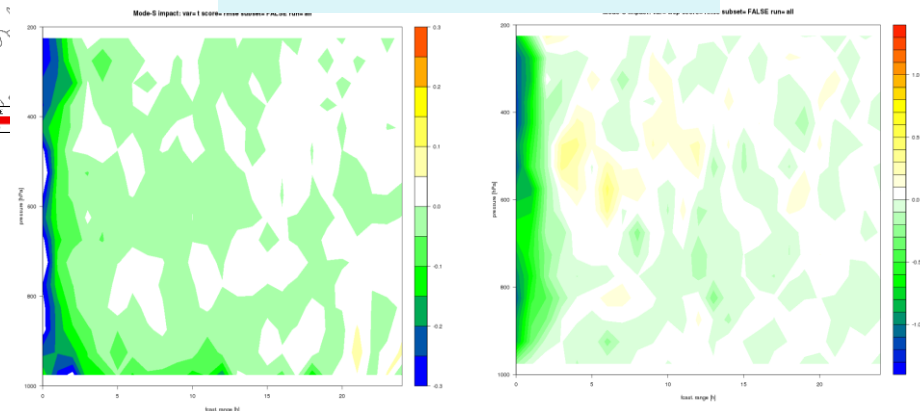


Rain gauges



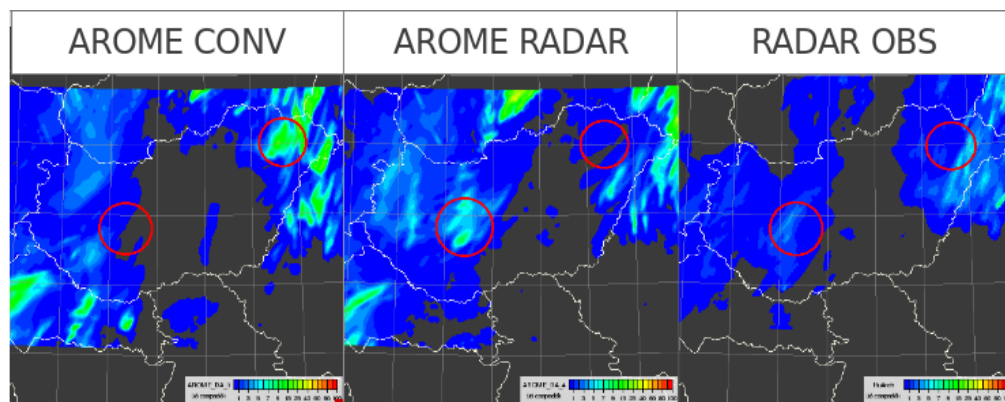
ALARO-CRO + Radar

ALARO-SLO + Mode-S

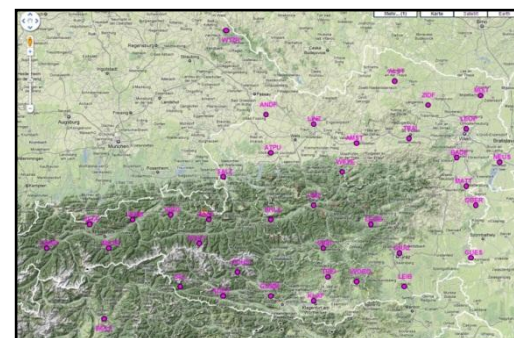


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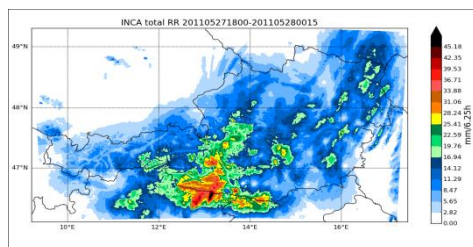
## Radar assimilation with AROME



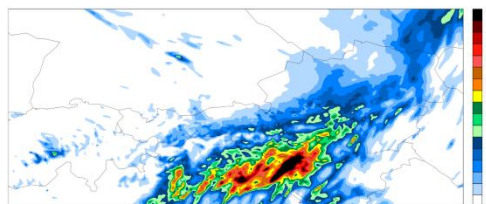
## AROME-HU + Radar



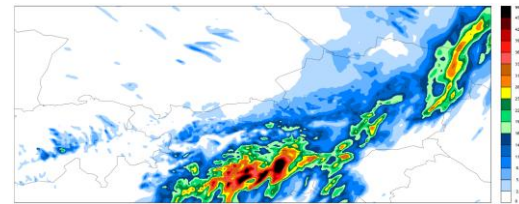
## Local GPS assimilation with AROME



Observation



AROME-AU + GPS



AROME-AU control



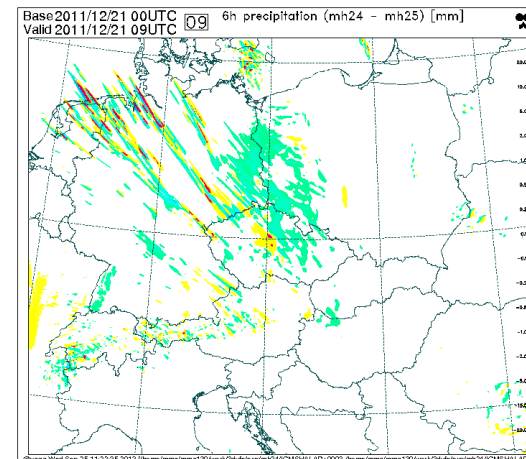
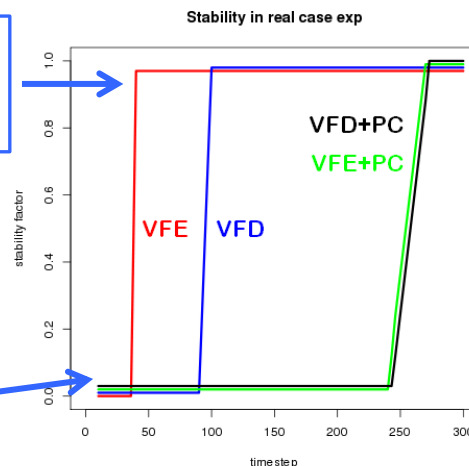
# R&D highlights in DYN

## 1. Works on FE (finite element) in vertical discretization of ALADIN-NH

- ▶ Design and implementation with general B-splines
- ▶ Testing of stability: 2D model tests (potential flow, non-linear flow over steep orography, density current), 3D academic adiabatic experiments over steep orography, 3D real cases in 2.2 km resolution ALARO – the stability is in all the experiments comparable to FD method
- ▶ Testing of accuracy: theoretical accuracy of vertical operators improved, the enhanced accuracy in experiments not proven
- ▶ Testing of convergence of the iterative SI solver

crash in less then  
24 hours

stable



Difference in  
cumulated  
precipitation  
for 6 hours,  
 $\Delta t=180s$ , VFD –  
VFE (both with  
PC time  
scheme)

# R&D highlights in DYN

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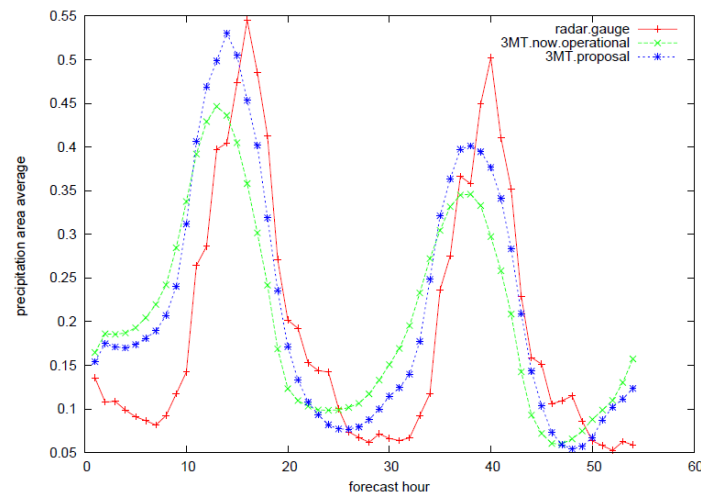
## 2. Physics-dynamics interface

- ▶ Second-order accurate time scheme based on SETTLS technique
  - ▶ Stability analysis – encouraging, stability properties limited but encouraging properties to test in the model code
  - ▶ Implemented
  - ▶ Tested in real case simulations in 4.7km resolution – when applied on moisture, significant time oscillations appear in the field of temperature mostly near the ground
  - ▶ If applied only on temperature and wind components, the stability recovered but the expected enhanced accuracy not detected
- ▶ Impact of SLHD (semi-Lagrangian horizontal diffusion) in AROME with 3DVAR
  - ▶ Comparison of SLHD on falling hydrometeors, not on wind and temperature VS. the opposite. Results achieved by applying new setting show:
    - positive impact on mean 10 m wind, wind gusts and precipitation
    - neutral impact on 2 m temperature and humidity
- ▶ Consistency with the time step choice
  - ▶ model results is sensitive to small change in  $\Delta t$



# R&D highlights in PHY

- ▶ ALARO-0
  - ▶ In use in operational applications in all LACE countries at resolutions (4-10 km), in LAEF
- ▶ ALARO-0 baseline version (December 2012)
  - ▶ introduction of latest improvements in the convection scheme 3MT;
  - ▶ 3MT behaves very consistently across the resolutions (test on 16km, 8km, 4km, 2km and 1km without and with parameterised moist deep convection.)



## Impact on diurnal cycle

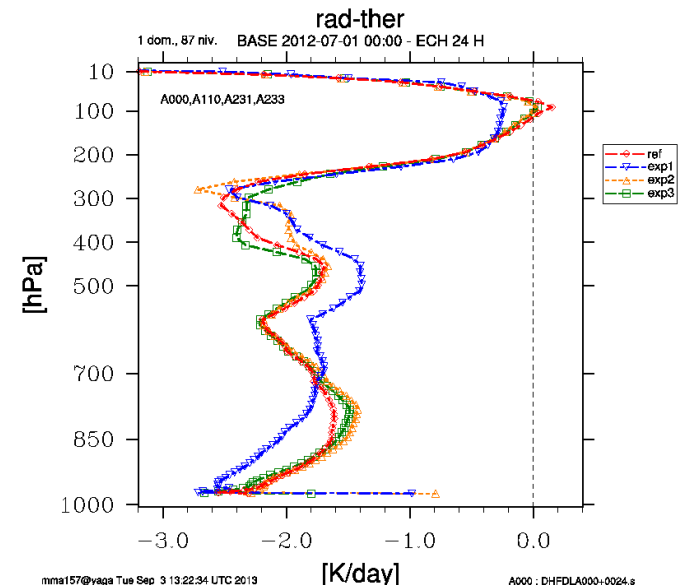
average of mean hourly precipitation over the area (11 realizations, 4.7 km)

# R&D highlights in PHY

## ALARO-I development (10km – 1km)

- ▶ Works on turbulence TOUCANS scheme
  - ▶ Extensive testing and tuning of various options
  - ▶ Searching for an optimal set-up for operational use
  - ▶ Developing new prognostic features e.g., turbulent total energy (TTE), mixing length, shallow convection cloudiness (SCC)
- ▶ Works on radiation scheme
  - ▶ Improvement, upgrade and reformulation of gaseous transmissions statistical model, cloud simulation model etc.
  - ▶ validation in 3D model

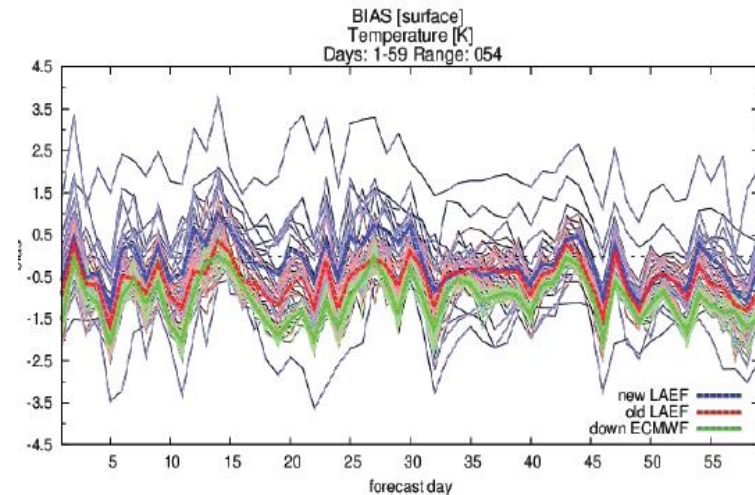
TOUCANS, improved radiation and unsaturated Downdraft scheme will be integrated in ALARO-I



# R&D highlights in EPS

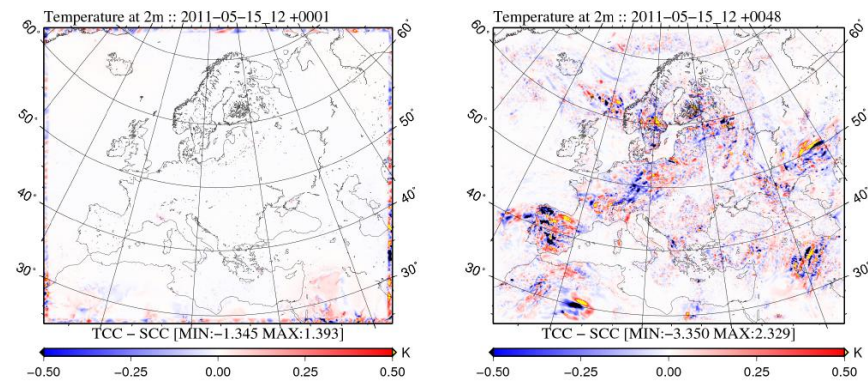
## ALADIN-LAEF

- Higher horizontal/vertical resolution
- Ensemble surface assimilation
- Optimising multi-physics scheme
- Verification against deterministic forecasts
- Study on uncertainty due to initial coupling



## AROME-EPS

- EDA
- stochastic physics SPPT
- Coupling strategies



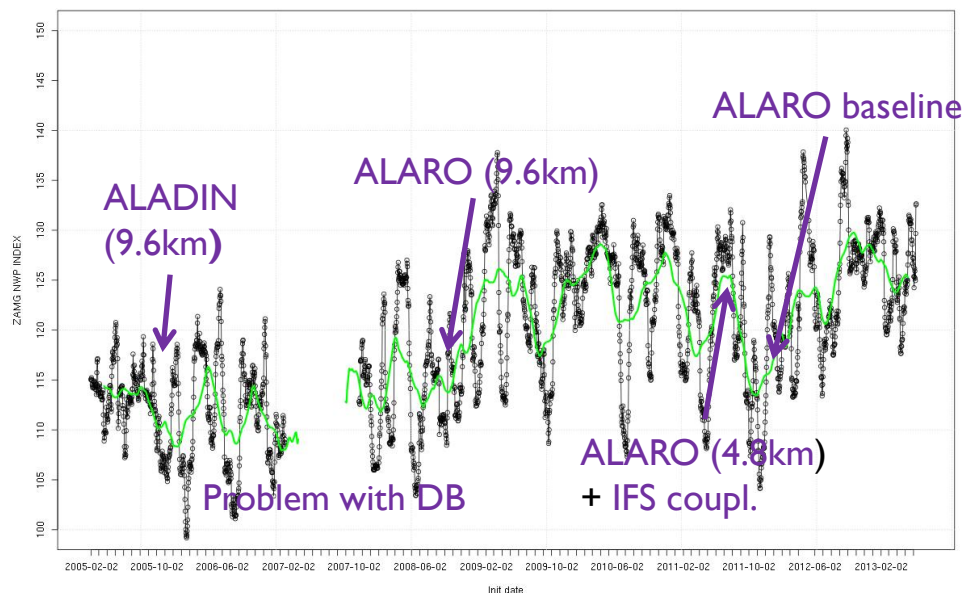
**Fig 2:** The difference between TCC and SCC experiments for Temperature at 2m after 1<sup>st</sup> hour of integration (left) and after 48 hours, i.e. valid for 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2011, 12 UTC (right).

# Verification

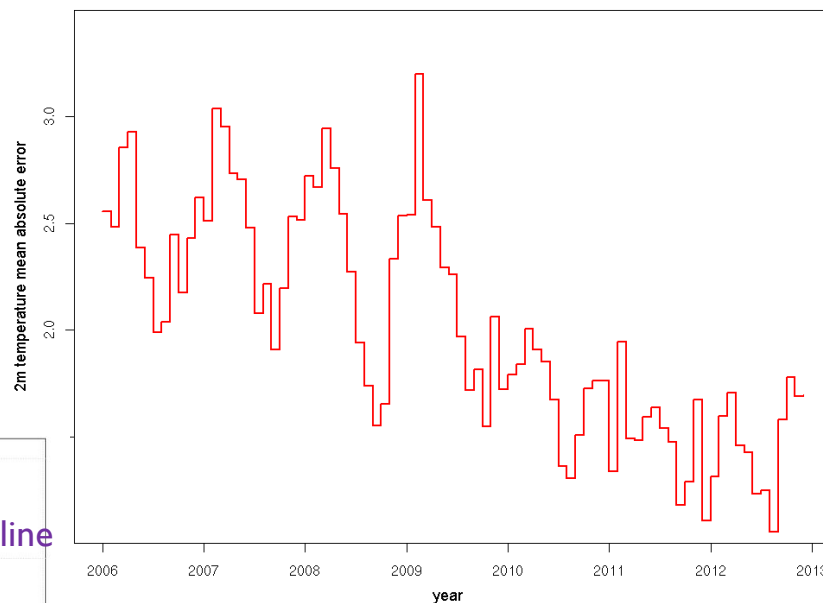
Work towards to long term verification in each LACE country

## Austria

ZAMG NWP INDEX (2005-02-01 - 2013-07-01)



Mean absolute error of 2m temperature forecast (+12h)



## Slovenia

# For the next future

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- focusing on AROME/ALARO at 1 -- 2.5km scale
- designing LACE future model systems
- further developing LACE DA and LAEF
- introducing LACE verification
- preparing LACE climate modelling
- exchanging national observations in real time

Thanks!