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Second User Forum for the Baltic Sea Weather Radar project

BALTRAD +

The project-team is taking its three-year experience to a new level with a radar networking system and radar-based information in support of society's needs. The project team is eager to attract new users and to foster the interaction with existing users of the BALTRAD system. The Second User Forum will be held in Norrköping, Sweden.

Weather forecasts that warn of hazardous conditions, e.g. snow storms or floods, help save lives and property. Accurate and timely forecasts also help optimize activities for several sectors of the economy. Weather radar systems are capable of monitoring rain, snow, hail, and wind over large geographical areas with high resolution in both time and space. Several weather radar systems can be networked to cover countries, regions, and even continents.

The BALTRAD partnership has delivered the world's first international weather radar network supporting the latest generation of advanced radar technology and now continues in the extension project BALTRAD+. The project team consists of partners in Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Belarus, Germany, Denmark and Norway.

The result of the initial project BALTRAD was a software providing real-time high-quality data with demonstrated value for end-users. This software has been produced according to open source principles, and is available for everybody at <http://git.baltrad.eu/>.

The second User Forum in Norrköping will focus on technical training, especially on aspects related to installing, configuring and running BALTRAD+ software. Code development, testing and bug/issue management will also be addressed. The second day will concentrate on interaction with end users, including feedback of their needs and determining how the BALTRAD partnership can meet those.

The Baltrad User Forum is an open event. The registration form, agenda and outcomes of the BALTRAD workshop as well as further information on BALTRAD and BALTRAD+ will be available on www.baltrad.eu.

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