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V2	29/05/2017	FG, SJ	Final version, few remarks agreed upon in a dedicated telephone conference on 02/05/2017

Abstract

This document describes the final version of the ENES portal. It summarizes function, objectives and main features of the ENES portal at end of IS-ENES2. The portal was developed in the frame of IS-ENES1 and refined and optimized during IS-ENES2 to improve its usability. The portal is used as a vehicle of information and as a platform to provide support services to the European Earth's climate modelling community.

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Executive Summary

The ENES portal (<https://portal.enes.org>) was one of the central outcomes of the IS-ENES1 project. On the one hand it acted as a communication platform and a central entry point to information for the European Earth System Modelling (ESM) community; on the other hand it reflected and represented the results achieved in the IS-ENES project.

During the IS-ENES2 project the portal has been further established as the central information gateway for the European ESM community and as unique access point to the IS-ENES services. Major restructuring during the course of the project has optimized the structure as to make the access of information and services most effective.

To ensure the persistence of the ENES portal beyond the IS-ENES2 project, future updates of the content are distributed, where possible, among community members, whereas large parts of the technical infrastructure are integrated into the standard system and maintenance procedures of DKRZ.

1. Introduction

The ENES portal has a central role in integrating and serving the European community on Earth System modeling. The portal was developed in IS-ENES1 and refined and optimized during IS-ENES2. This document accompanies and documents the portal release as of the end of this second phase of the project. It summarizes function, objectives and main features of the portal and indicates the portal maintenance strategy.

2. The ENES Portal: objectives and requirements

The ENES portal was set up to gather relevant information for the European ESM community and to combine and present them in a way most efficient for the community. Furthermore the portal is the entry point to the services set up and offered by the IS-ENES projects.

Thus, the prevailing criteria underlying the design and concept of the portal are:

- *Keep it clear and simple*: The structure should quickly lead to the desired information; IS-ENES services should be clearly described and directly available.
- *Avoid duplication; minimize maintenance*: The added value of the portal lies in the collection and aggregation of information given elsewhere; own original content is mostly added to unite and coherently present collected information or should the information not available elsewhere in concise and useful presentation for the Earth system modelling community.
- *Foster community involvement*: The portal should in any case offer the community the possibility to create and maintain own content or to provide topics to be added by appointed portal editors.

According to these criteria and to the feedback received on the occasion of the midterm review, the structure of the portal was revised and further optimized in July 2015.

3. The ENES portal: structure

The portal's main structure is organized along the main aspects of Earth System Modelling: model & tools, data, and computing and hosts furthermore a section informing on community activities and initiatives. A service section proposes an integrated catalogue of IS-ENES support services thoroughly describing and providing direct access to them by pointing to corresponding pages in the model & tools and data sections. A contact form for community feedback is moreover integrated in the top navigation bar (see Figure1).

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It provides information and services to foster intricate simulations of the climate system using high performance computers as well as the distributions and dissemination of data produced by such simulations.

Welcome to the ENES Portal

This portal is part of the Infrastructure provided by the European Network for Earth System modelling. It provides Information and services on the European Earth System Models and some associated tools, on data produced by Internationally coordinated climate model experiments and on the use of high-performance computing facilities to run complex climate simulations.

It is intended to be a portal for the climate modelling community, but also for all the communities interested in using climate models results. In particular the ENES portal provides access to a specific interface dedicated to the communities working on Impacts of climate change.

The ENES portal has been developed as a prototype within the FP7 project IS-ENES, and is currently being maintained through the follow-on project IS-ENES2 (InfraStructure for ENES). The IS-ENES2 website can be found [here](#).

[Click here for an overview of the services ...](#)

NEWS

- 21/02/2017 ClimatEurope 50th webinar in a series on the Integration of Earth System Modelling with Climate Services
- Feb 10, 2017
- 15-ENES2 Final General Assembly
- Jan 25, 2017
- Call for abstract EGU 2017 session CLS.13: Research Infrastructures and CMIPs
- Jan 05, 2017
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pots on the Sphere 2017
- Apr 02, 2017 - Apr 07, 2017 — Paris (France)
- Research Data Alliance 9th Plenary Meeting
- Apr 05, 2017 - Apr 07, 2017 — Barcelona (Spain)
- ClimatEurope MaGVal 2017 - explore challenges and opportunities of climate services for your activity
- Apr 05, 2017 - Apr 07, 2017 — Valencia (Spain)

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Figure 1: The main page of the ENES portal. The top navigation bar grants access to the different sections: community, services, models & tools, data, and computing, and to the contact form. On the right hand side portlets show community news and give notice of upcoming events (details are given upon clicking).

The **community section** (Figure 2) offers detailed information on ENES (rationale, aims, strategy etc.), collects community announcements (on news and events), hosts a collection of newsletters), has a separate section on schools and education initiatives (see Figure 3), a comprehensive collection of community projects, organization and programmes at different geographical scale, and, last but not least, indicates guidelines as on how to participate in ENES or contribute content to the portal.

The **model & tools section** concentrates on software used by the European ESM community (see Figure 4), in particular on the 7 European models contributing to the internationally coordinated experiments CMIP5 and related shared environment tools. Information on modelling groups and related models (including CIM documentation) and on tools is presented in a standardized way (see Figure 5) as well as the IS-ENES support services provided on those all.

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European Earth System Models and their environment

Simulation results can be interpreted only in the light of the simulation software used. Models do not only represent and embody the underlying mental model, they are also tools to test and analyze new hypotheses.

Consistent information on models as to highlight their similarities and differences, as well as evaluation criteria and variables as to estimate their applicability range, are thus essential building blocks of the scientific dialog.

To describe the essential details of model, experiment and simulation leading to each resulting dataset, the **METAFOR** project developed the **Common Information Model (CIM)**, a comprehensive metadata scheme.

IS-ENES collects and provides information on the **European Earth System Models**, on the **ocean modelling platform NEMO**, and on commonly used **software tools** and offers a blend of **support services** on models and modelling tools.

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Earth System Modelling groups

develop models that include a full representation of the atmosphere circulation coupled to the oceans, sea ice and land surfaces.

[Find the European ESM groups...](#)

NEMO

NEMO is the ocean component model used in 5 of the 7 European ESMs and also used in stand-alone mode in many oceanographic studies.

[More on NEMO ...](#)

Software Tools

The simulation process requires not only models to represent the scientific processes, but also tools to post- and preprocess data and to exchange them among model components.

[Find widely used software tools ...](#)

Support services

IS-ENES offers special support for the CMIP5 ESMs, the ESM tools CDO and OASIS and the NEMO ocean model.

[more on the IS-ENES support services](#)

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Figure 4: Entry page of the models & tools section.

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HadGEM2

Met Office Hadley Centre ESM

Name: HadGEM2

Contact: João Teixeira

Homepage: www.metoffice.gov.uk

- *Component models used*

[Met Office Unified Model](#): representing the ocean atmosphere

TRIFFID: representing the dynamic global vegetation model

[diat-HadOCC: representing the ocean biology and carbonate chemistry](#)

UKCA: representing the chemistry and aerosols

- Model versions (CTM views)

HadGEM2-A : Hadley Global Environment Model 2 - Atmosphere

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HadGEM2-ES : Hadley Global Environment Model 2 - Earth System

HadGEM2-ES : Hadley Global Environment Model 2 - Earth system
HadGEM2-CC : Hadley Global Environment Model 2 - Carbon Cycle

Support Services

Level 1: Contact person and maintenance of the ESM description on this portal, using the CIM metadata format.

Level 2: Assistance for accessing and running the Met Office Hadley Centre Earth System Models.

Model Description

HadGEM2-ES is a coupled Earth System Model that was used by the Met Office Hadley Centre for the CMIP5 centennial simulations. HadGEM2 is a configuration of the Met Office Unified Model (UM) developed from UM version 6.6. HadGEM2-ES was the first Met Office Hadley Centre model to include Earth system components as standard. The Unified Model is used by a number of institutions around the world both for operational weather forecasting and for climate research. The HadGEM2-ES climate model comprises an atmospheric GCM at N96 and L38 horizontal and vertical resolution, and an ocean GCM with a 1-degree horizontal resolution (increasing

Figure 5 Example of a standardized ESM description in the model & tools section.

The **data section** (Figure 6) informs on nature and structure of the ENES data infrastructure and documents the available data and metadata (see Figure 7). Furthermore, it offers thorough (and partly unique) support services on finding, retrieving and exploring the data, *de facto* easing their access to users, and provides the interface with the *climate4impact* portal. Data providers and managers as well find useful information in the service pages of the data section.

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Data and Metadata

This section of the portal presents the ENES Model Data and related Metadata, informing on the WCRP internationally coordinated experiments leading to the different datasets, on the distributed ENES Data Infrastructure and on the corresponding IS-ENES support services, ranging from how to search and access the Data to how to get better understanding of them. We provide as well information on how to contribute to the Data Federation.

ENES Model Data and Metadata
Information on the different datasets available on the ENES Data Infrastructure.
[ENES Model Data and Metadata](#)

ENES Data Infrastructure
Overview of the ENES Data Infrastructure and its relation to ESGF and other infrastructures.
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Support Services
IS-ENES offers special support in finding, retrieving and exploring data in the ENES data infrastructure as well as for data producers and managers.
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WARNING
Presently, ESGF data search results are often incomplete

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Figure 6: Entry page of the data section.

The **computing section** (Figure 8) describes the collaborations, fostered by the HPC task force, among institutions dealing with climate modeling and actors of the European HPC infrastructure; it documents the ENES benchmark suite, developed in WP10 (Figure 9), introduces the Multi-Model Multi-Member High-Resolution experiment (M4HR) conducted in WP9 and outlines Workflow tools and solutions that were discussed in the frame of dedicated IS-ENES workshops (organized in WP4). Furthermore, it links to the on-going H2020 ESIWACE project focusing on HPC applications in Weather and Climate.

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ENES and the HPC landscape

The optimal use of the available computing resources, does not only require optimized model codes and software environments, but also an optimal knowledge on political, technical and structural developments in the HPC ecosystem. Thus, collaborations and information exchange with European HPC ecosystem is indispensable.




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ESIWACE

Approaching the upcoming exascale era, close collaboration of ENES with the weather modelling community take place in the European Centre of Excellence in Simulation of Weather and Climate in Europe (ESIWACE) which address today's and tomorrow's computing and e-Infrastructure challenges with respect to scalability and operability of earth system models at a global cloud resolving scale.

[find more information on the ESIWACE website](#)

HPC Task Force

To foster efficient solutions for the increasing needs of computing power, ENES and its HPC-task force follow and inform on the developments in the HPC ecosystem; collaborations with the European HPC-infrastructure and with ICT companies are supported.

[more information on the HPC Task Force ...](#)

Benchmarks

A suite of applications benchmarks of varying complexity ranging from simple kernels to coupled Earth System Models (ESMs) is currently being assembled within IS-ENES2 project.

[more information on benchmarks ...](#)

M4HR experiment

The Multi-Model Multi-Member High-Resolution experiment of the IS-ENES2 project is evaluating the efficiency by which European HPC systems are used in climate research.

[more information on the M4HR experiment ...](#)

Workflows

ENES fosters the development of workflow solutions by organizing workshops and motivating information exchange on available tools and best practice.

[more information on workflow solutions and tools ...](#)

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Figure 2: Entry page of the computing section.

The **service section** offers overview and direct access to the IS-ENES support services by linking to the support services described within the models & tools and data sections (see Figure 10).

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IS-ENES services in the ENES portal

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IS-ENES, the infrastructure project of ENES, provides support services accessible through the ENES portal for Models, Tools, Data, and Metadata, targeting different user communities.

Support services on the meta-scheduling tool CycL and on the I/O server XIOS are provided by the Centre of Excellence in Simulation of Weather and Climate in Europe ESIWACE, also contributing to the support services on NEMO and OASIS.

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Figure 4: Entry page to the service section.

4. The ENES portal in the future

To maintain the ENES portal beyond the IS-ENES2 project, regular updates of the content as well as of the technical infrastructure have to be guaranteed. For the content, the frequency of and effort involved in these updates depend on the type of content and on its integration in the general information flow in the community; for the technical infrastructure, they depend on the nature of the intervention and on its integration into an existing update procedure.

4.1 Contents

Concerning the contents, there is some commitment in the modeling community to contribute to regular updates of the descriptions of models and modeling groups; main updates of the computing section are planned to go along with the work of the ESiWACE¹ project; main information related to the data service will mostly remain valid for CMIP6; regular publication of community news and events could be taken care of by the ENES scientific officer. Thus, a good part of the portal content could maintain the current level of quality. Information in other sections will be reformulated so as to stay consistent and require lower maintenance in the absence of common resources. A system to attribute a date-stamp to any content or at least to the information likely to undergo short-term changes is being finalized.

4.2 Technical aspects

In order to minimize the effort of technical maintenance, large parts of the technical infrastructure of the ENES portal are integrated in the existing systems and update procedures of DKRZ. In view of the foreseen evolution of the portal into a somehow less dynamical structure of affordable maintenance in a period where funding is limited, it might be useful to restrict to a minimum, if not completely avoid, the creation of IS-ENES customized content hosting structures, i.e. transforming existing special *IS-ENES contenttypes*, (such as the case of the “Modeling Groups” or “Projects” pages) into standard *Plone contenttypes* (as Plone *Pages* and *Collections*).

¹ <https://www.esiwace.eu/>