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OPLACE processing of E-GVAP data

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- E-GVAP (EUMETNET GNSS Water Vapour Programme)
  - provides GNSS signal delay & WV measurements for operational meteorology
  - RC LACE inquiry about an interest to get OPLACE processed ZTD data:
    - 4 LACE Members (also E-GVAP Members) HU, CR, SI, SK interested in
    - 3 LACE Members (not E-GVAP Members) AT, CZ, RO not yet
- E-GVAP data policy
  - access granted to all EUMETNET members, independently of being E-GVAP mem.
  - for E-GVAP it is important to demonstrate use and usefulness of products and feedback should be provided when new institute start to use the data
  - RC LACE got access & is allowed to share data via OPLACE
- hourly ZTD data
  - quality of ZTD increases with time
  - 3 classes or dissemination status flags for NRT:
    - Operational (stable, reliable & of good quality) available via GTS in BUFR
    - Demonstration (intermediate between operational and test) via FTP in ASCII
    - Test (from new centre or trying alternative processing strategy) via FTP in ASCII

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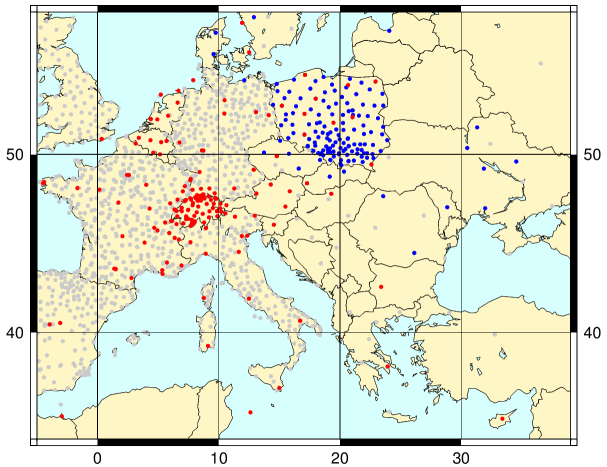
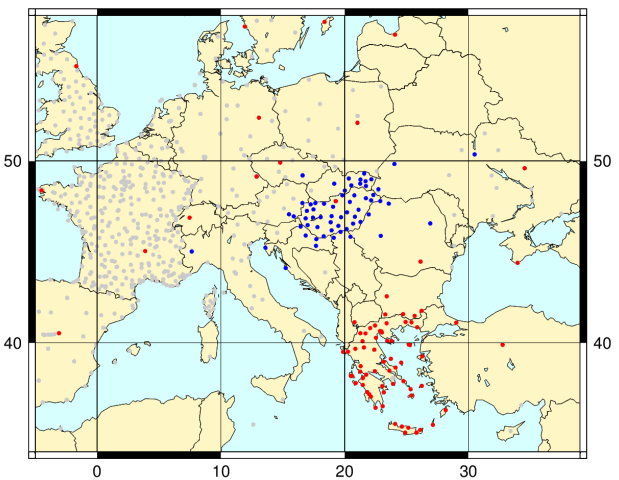
E-GVAP data

- **operational data**
  - around 20 networks
  - network usually covers given country & some extra data from other countries
  - limited data over LACE countries
  - available via GTS in BUFR format
  - or via FTP in ASCII format



- **test data**
  - around 10 networks
  - available only via FTP in ASCII
  - one file per network



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- **Question 1: BUFR vs OBSOUL format ?**
  - :-(AWK-based conversion of all networks to OBSOUL takes rather long (10min)
  - :-) BUFR can be processed by BATOR directly (minimal processing & minimal bugs)
  - Meteo France use GNSS data in BUFR format
- **Question 2: one output file per network or a single file for all networks ?**
  - :-) file per network gives flexibility to users to get only needed data
  - :-(many (30) small files to process & download
- Proposal for OPLACE: **BUFR format & single file**
  - get operational data from GTS already in BUFR
  - get test data via FTP & (temporarily convert to OBSOUL) & convert to BUFR
  - merge all (operational + test) into **single output file**
- **Question 3: duplication handling ?**
  - :-(given location can be available from several networks (or processing algorithm)
  - unique specification using: stationID=station_name+network_name
- **Question 4: how frequent OPLACE updates ?**
  - quality of ZTD increases with time