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The National Collaboration Programme (NCP) is a dedicated scheme to support EU Member States and Copernicus Participating States, i.e., Norway, Iceland, and UK in extracting the maximum benefit from Copernicus Atmospheric Monitoring Service (CAMS) and Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) services. The NCP is an initiative of ECMWF, endorsed by the European Commission, and is based on a strong need for collaboration at national level detected over the past years.

With this initiative ECMWF supports national institutions and public administrations to improve their uptake and use of CAMS and C3S products in support of their national mandate. For CAMS NCP the focus is on air quality, pollen and dust monitoring objectives, monitoring and verification of CO2 and other GHG emissions (https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/cams-national-collaboration-programme). For C3S NCP the focus will be on climate adaptation and climate indicators for policy planning and response.

Both the programmes have the ambition to promote novel use of CAMS and C3S data through the development or the enhancement of national services, promote communication about our products and services and collect feedback from national users to improve our own services. The NCP is a key mechanism to realise these objectives as it aims to foster capacity building and co-development of services: the NCPs will support the countries in developing their own tools to respond to European and national policy needs.

As part of the national uptake action, an Atmosphere User Forum and a C3S NCP forum have been established, as two key platforms to facilitate exchange with and among Countries.

The CAMS and C3S NCPs runs until 2027 with tangible actions co-designed with national institutes in a thoroughly collaborative spirit.

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