

# ROB's Analysis Centre Activities to Contribute to E-GVAP

STATUS AND UPDATES - 2023

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# ROB's AC Current Status

2023

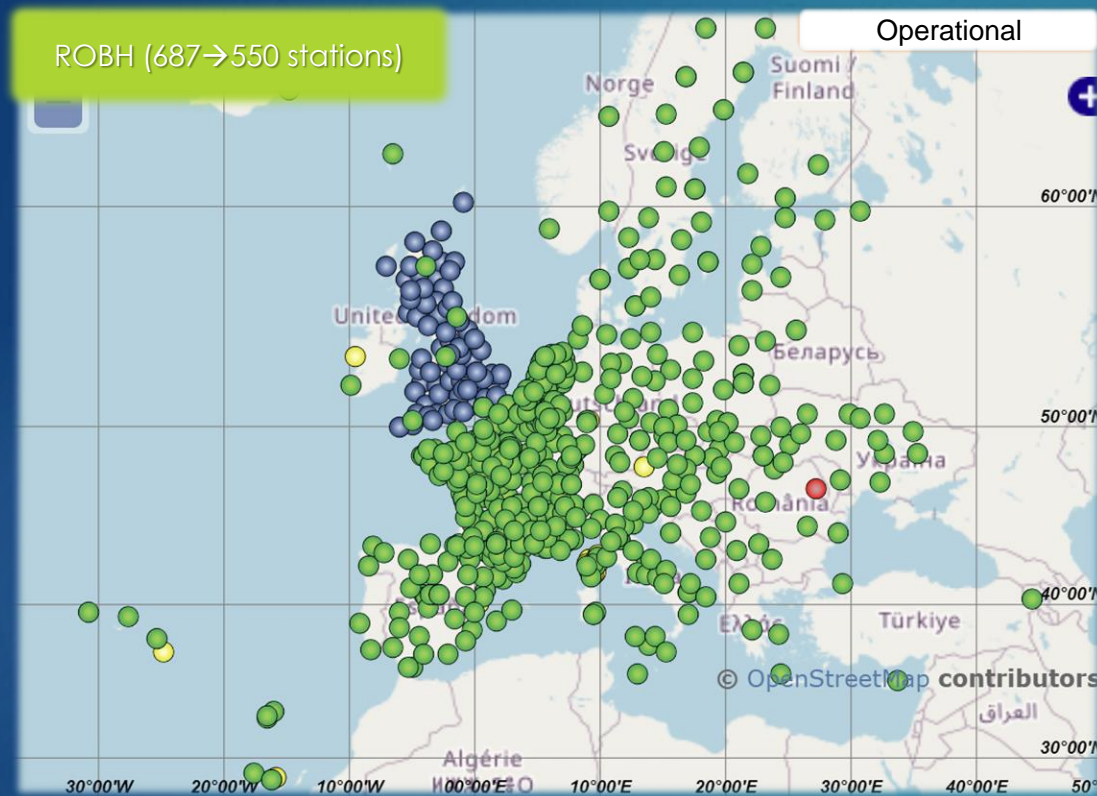
# General Processing Parameters: Status

## Maintenance + Bug fixes + RNX V3

- ▶ Bernese GNSS Software v 5.2.
- ▶ IERS standards 2010.
- ▶ Troposphere Model:  
GMF dry as a priori / Estimation of the GMF wet.
- ▶ Atmospheric Tidal Loading (ATL) applied.
- ▶ GPS + GLONASS observations.
- ▶ IGV Ultra-rapid orbits and ERPs (fall back to IGU and/or CODE possible).
- ▶ Updated **FES2014b** coefficients for the Ocean Tide Loading (OTL).
- ▶ Products in **COST-716 Format 2.2a** and **new file naming convention**.

	Status	GTS
ROBH	Operational	Yes
ROBT	Test 	No
ROBG	Operational	Yes
ROBQ	Operational	Yes

# ROBH for European NWP Models D.A.



Status: 17 November 2023 (Several stations are located outside the represented domain).

Targeted Application: regional NWP

European Network

~550 GNSS Stations

GPS+GLO, 2 HRS arc + Stacking



ZTD-Only

15-min Sampled ZTD

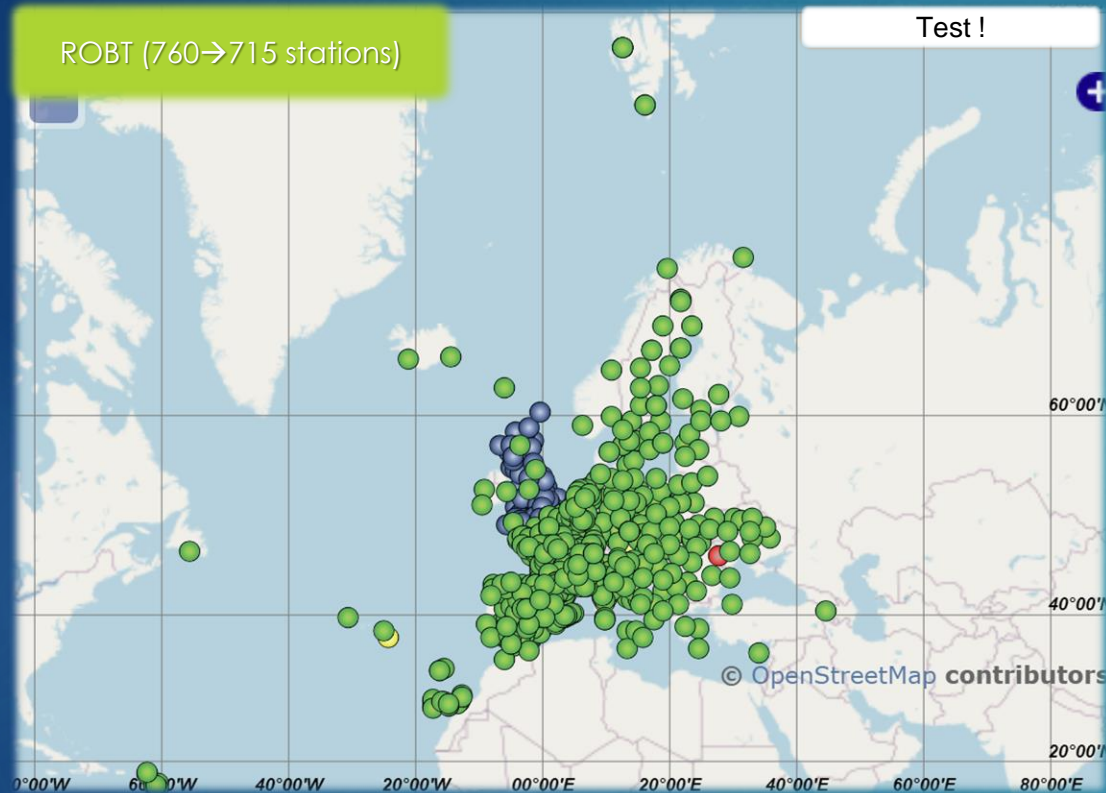
Hourly Update Cycle

Comp. ~25-30min - Latency ~ 37-45min (95% c.i.)

Uploaded to E-GVAP

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# ROBT for tuning ROBH and Test D.A. Purposes



Status: 17 November 2023 (Several stations are located outside the represented domain).

Targeted Applications:  
Global NWP D.A.

Mainly EPN + National Network stations

~715 GNSS Stations

GPS + GLONASS, 2 HRS arc + NEQ Stacking



ZTD-Only

15-min Sampled ZTD

1-Hour Update Cycle

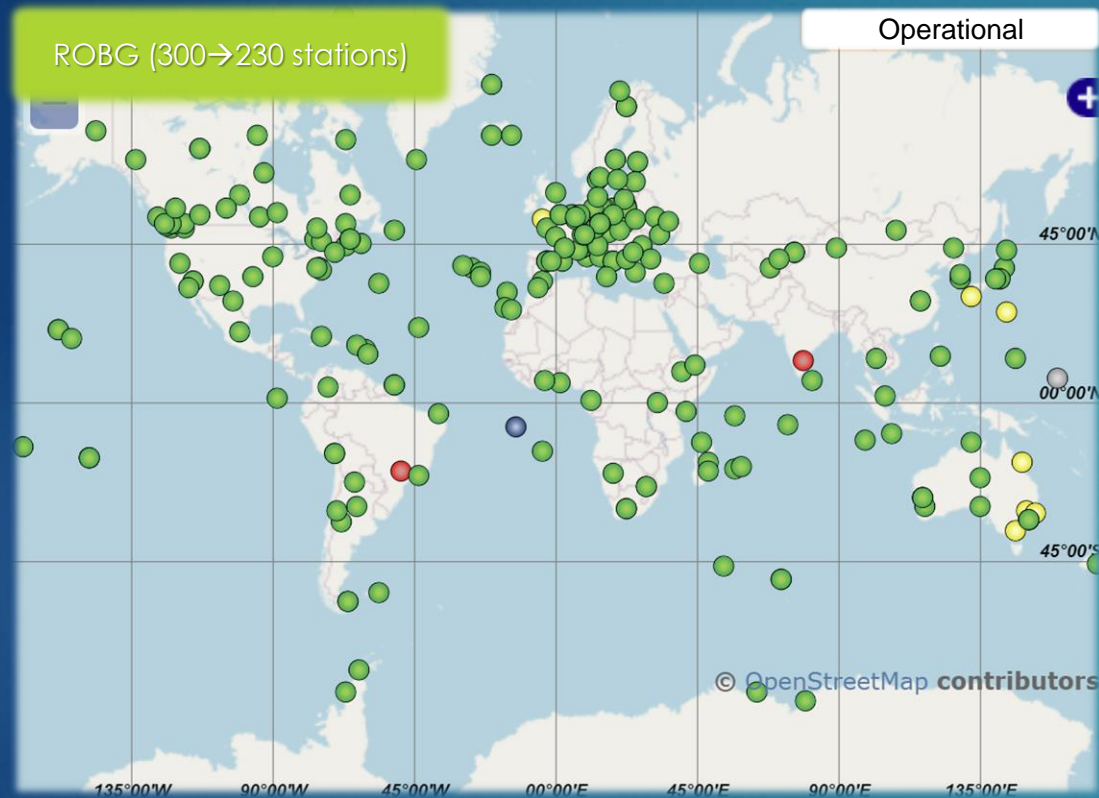
Comp. ~50 min - Latency ~ 67 min (95% C.I.)

COST Format 2.2a

Uploaded to E-GVAP (as test!!!)

# ROBG for Global NWP Models D.A.

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Status: 17 November 2023 (Several stations are located outside the represented domain).

Targeted Applications:  
Global NWP D.A.

Mainly IGS stations

~230 GNSS Stations

GPS + GLONASS, 4 HRS arc, no Stacking



ZTD-Only

15-min Sampled ZTD

1-Hour Update Cycle

Comp. ~21 min - Latency ~ 56 min (95% C.I.)

COST Format 2.2a

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# ROBQ for (NWP) Nowcasting (D.A.)



Status: 17 November 2023 (Several stations are located outside the represented domain).

Additional real-time/highrate GNSS observations from Luxembourg, north of France, Germany, Denmark can be useful.

Targeted Applications:  
rapid-update NWP and nowcasting

National Networks + EPN stations

~230 GNSS Stations

GPS + GLONASS, 4 HRS arc, no Stacking



ZTD-Only

15-min Sampled ZTD

15-Min Update Cycle

Comp. ~23 min - Latency ~ 24min (95% C.I.)

COST Format 2.2a

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Only the last 15 minutes !!!

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# Main Developments in 2023

*Back-end works → not directly seen by E-GVAP*

- ▶ Purchase and installation of a new dataflow and database server.
- ▶ Migration of most of the databases and repositories to the new server.
- ▶ Installation and testing of the new Bernese Software v.5.4 (BSW54).
- ▶ Start upgrading our AC's processing software suite to new BSW54 and new OS:
  - ▶ Post-processing analysis is almost ready, and currently in testing phase.
- ▶ Provided several benchmark datasets for tomography fusion strategy testing (IAG WG 4.3.6: Sensing small-scale structures in the lower atmosphere with tomographic principles).



# European Plate Observing System (EPOS)

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- ▶ EPOS is an **European research infrastructure**.
- ▶ EPOS aims at ensuring **sustainable** and universal **use** and **re-use** of multidisciplinary **solid Earth science data and products** fostering state-of-the-art research and innovation.
- ▶ Brings together Earth scientists, national research infrastructure, ICT experts, decision makers...

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# EUMETNET-EPOS

## Memorandum of Understanding

- ▶ Both parties recognized the **potential mutual interests** in collaborating. (Forum, exchange of IT solution knowledge, innovation on FAIR data management, open data and interoperability, adoption of common standards to share open data products, communication strategies, training initiatives...).
- ▶ **MoU signed** on December, 2022.
- ▶ Next step: **set up workplan for 2024-2025** as foreseen by MoU:
  - ▶ This may include **E-GVAP-EPOS collaboration** (first focus : GNSS TCS, then other TCS).
  - ▶ So, ideas for this workplan are welcome...

# Plans

FOR 2024+...

# Main Developments and plans for 2024+

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➤ Plans for 2024+

- ▶ Investigate the purchase of a new HPC server (to run the hourly, sub-hourly and global analysis operationally).
- ▶ **Continue upgrading** our AC's processing software suite to new BSW54 and new OS:
  - ▶ Turn the Post-processing analysis operationally + will start undergoing next development cycle.
  - ▶ Upgrade our hourly, sub-hourly and global GNSS data analysis.
- ▶ Provide ZTD/GRD/STD dataset(s) for NWP impact studies.
- ▶ **Longer-term** plans: investigate the production of horizontal **gradients** and **slant delays** in hourly analysis + real-time production?

# Nomenclature of the ROB solutions

ROB has 5 processing systems and provides solutions from 4 of them to E-GVAP:

<b>ROBH</b>	<p><i>Input:</i> Hourly RINEX files</p> <p><i>Update cycle:</i> Hourly</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> European NWP data assimilation</p>	<p><b>Operational</b></p> <p>~ 550 stations</p> <p>Proc. time: 25-30 min.</p>	<p>BSW 5.2</p> <p>GPS+GLO</p>
<b>ROBQ</b>	<p><i>Input:</i> Real-time GNSS observations (NTRIP)</p> <p><i>Update cycle:</i> Sub-hourly – every 15 Minutes</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> Nowcasting + rapid-cycle NWP data assimilation</p>	<p><b>Operational</b></p> <p>~ 230 stations</p> <p>Proc. time: ~ 23 min.</p>	<p>BSW 5.2</p> <p>GPS+GLO</p>
<b>ROBT</b>	<p><i>Input:</i> Hourly RINEX files</p> <p><i>Update cycle:</i> Hourly</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> Tests + prepare next ROBH</p>	<p><b>Tests (for R&amp;D)</b></p> <p>~ 715 stations</p> <p>Proc. time: ~ 50 min.</p>	<p>BSW 5.2</p> <p>GPS+GLO</p>
<b>ROBG</b>	<p><i>Input:</i> Hourly RINEX files</p> <p><i>Update cycle:</i> Hourly</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> Global NWP data assimilation</p>	<p><b>Operational</b></p> <p>~ 230 stations</p> <p>Proc. time: ~ 21 min.</p>	<p>BSW 5.2</p> <p>GPS+GLO</p>
<b>ROBP</b>	<p><i>Input:</i> Daily RINEX files</p> <p><i>Update cycle:</i> Daily (latency of 6 days)</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> CRD + validation + prepare for re-analysis</p>	<p><b>Internal only</b></p> <p>~ 1338 stations</p> <p>Proc. time: 16-20 hours</p>	<p>BSW 5.2</p> <p>GPS+GLO</p>