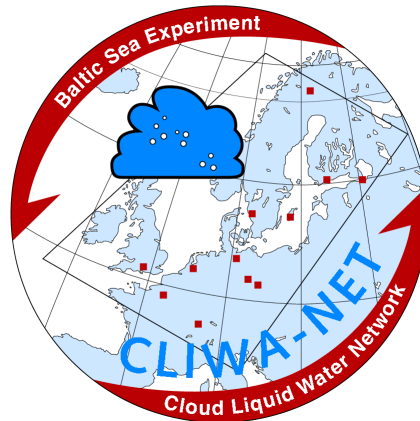


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CLIWANET Data policy

In order for CLIWA-NET to be a success it is crucial that the measurements are accessible, well documented and accurately archived. To achieve this certain rules have to be agreed upon (data policy) and a data management plan has to be developed. In this section the proposed data policy and management plans are described.

Data Policy Plan

Purpose

To establish a common set of guidelines to set expectations and establish procedures for sharing data acquired in the course of the CLIWA-NET project; these data may be acquired from CLIWA-NET efforts, or from collaborating or cooperating programs.

In this document the CLIWA-NET data policy is described. The level of detail is kept low. Only the basic rules for data exchange policy within the CLIWA-NET project and with associated projects are described. The rules as described within this document are inspired on the data policy for large research programs like the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement program (ARM).

Data acquired during the CLIWA-NET operations are valuable for early intercomparison. This leads to improved understanding of instrument performance and improvements in the observational data stream. Scientists not directly involved in the acquisition of the primary data (e.g. modellers) benefit by timely access to recently acquired data to accelerate their own research programs and can benefit the field program by feedback on data quality or improved observational strategies. Early sharing of all available data helps ensure that the full benefit from the CLIWA-NET observations is realised.

The CLIWA-NET Data Policy is based on the following rules:

- 1) "Free and open" sharing of data.
- 2) Timely (e.g., 2 months where desired) delivery of processed data to CLIWA-NET data base.
- 3) Timely (e.g. 2 months) sharing of all data among various participant.
- 4) Timely access (typically 12 months) to data by the general scientific community through the CLIWA-NET data archive.
- 5) Recognition of data sources either through co-authorship or acknowledgements as appropriate.
- 6) Confirm data policy with co-operating projects/partners through a signed "Data Policy