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Merge with HIRLAM

Considering the time scale of the present ALADIN and HIRLAM MoU, i.e. the end of 2015, one could identify three aspects of the current collaborations which could merit further analysis:

- The maintenance and the quality testing of the expert versions of the model code (in technical terms the cycles). Some discussions took place since the the previous management meeting in Brussels. The plan for further research are not very concrete, but a constructive exchange of ideas took also place during the last LTM meeting in Helsinki (see minutes of this meeting). This is a technical issue and is not to be discussed by the GA, but should be held at the level of the CSSI. The role of the ACNA may become instrumental in this issue, see point 7 on the agenda.

- The difference in governance structure; HIRLAM is organized according to the different scientific and technical projects and ALADIN is organized according to the national teams.

- Budgeting?

Some reflections in point 1. have started, some ideas were put forth and these activities could be supported by the GA. The second and third point exceed the executive level and should be a matter for policy. Therefore progress can only be made by tasking PAC. **The GA and the HIRLAM PM are invited to consider this.**