The operational assimilation of about 100 AIRS channels and 7 SSM/I channels is foreseen for early 2007. This will be done in the context of the new GEM-meso forecast model with horizontal resolution of 35 km and 58 vertical levels. In addition the background and observation errors statistics were revised following a Monte Carlo approach instead of the NMC method. Other aspects include the use of RTTOV-8, an improved vertical interpolator, and automated bias correction. Assimilation cycles in 3D-FGAT mode and later full 4D-var mode are planned. The presentation will focus on main results of the combined package and some results on the separate impact of the various components.