



Climate Change

# The Copernicus Climate Change Service



## To support European adaptation and mitigation policies by:

- Providing consistent and authoritative information about climate
- Building on existing capabilities and infrastructures (nationally, in Europe and worldwide)
- Stimulating the market for climate services in Europe

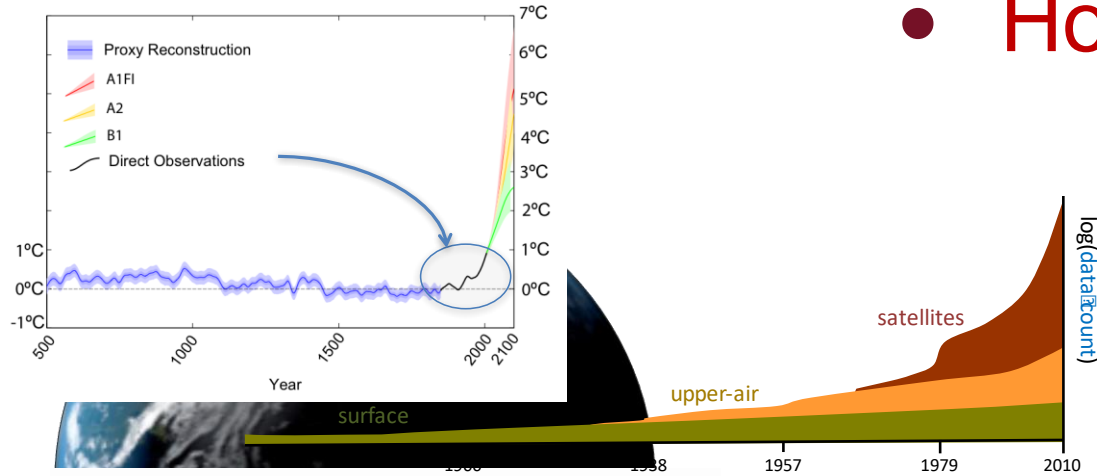




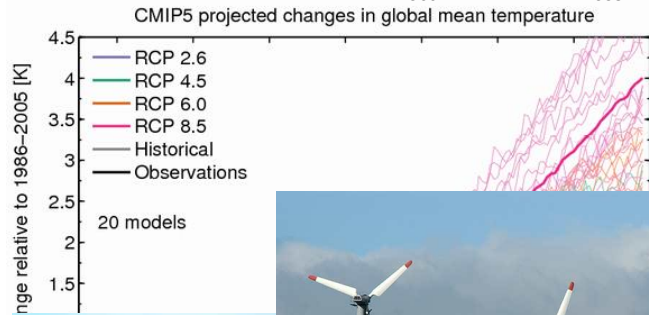
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# Climate Change Service: Solutions

Global Temperature Relative to 1800-1900 (°C)

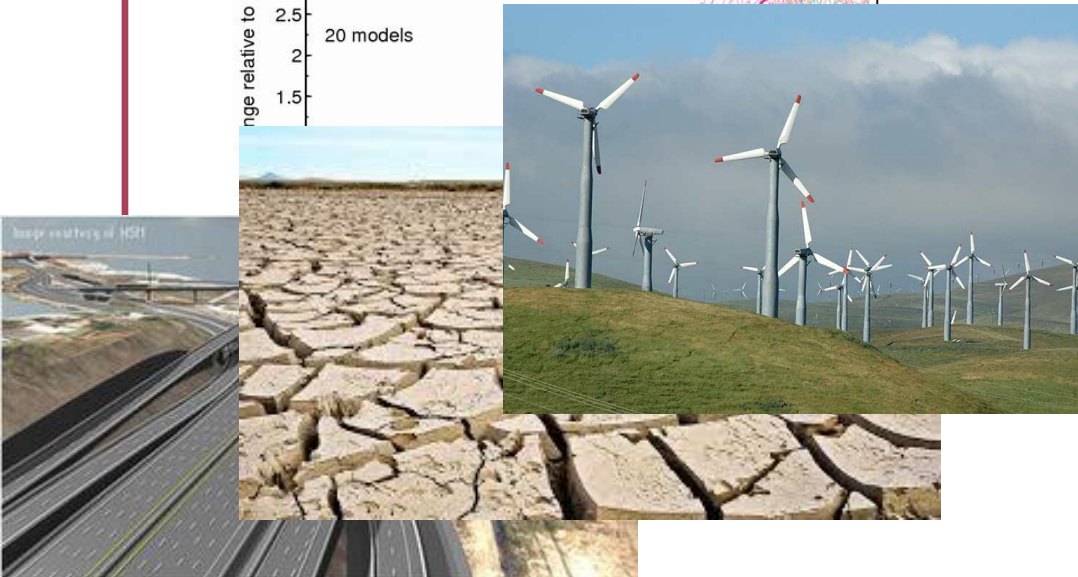


- How is the climate changing?



- How will it change in future?

- How will it impact society?

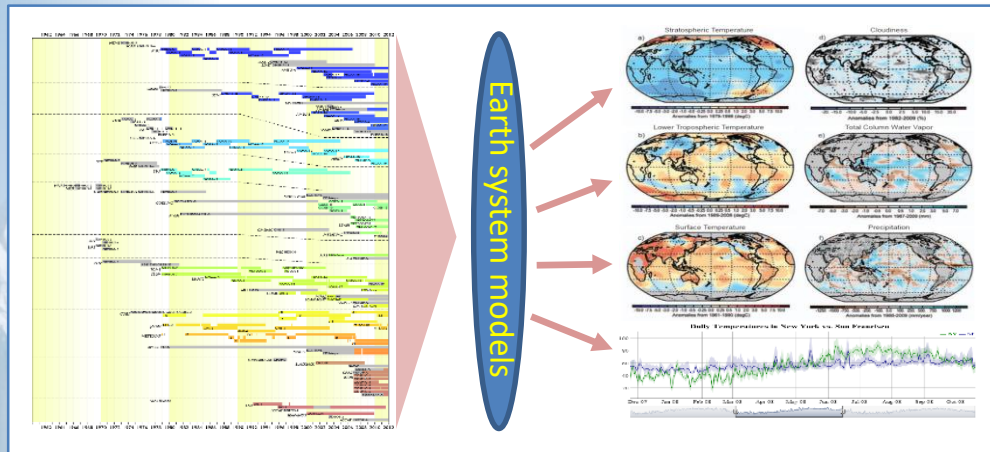






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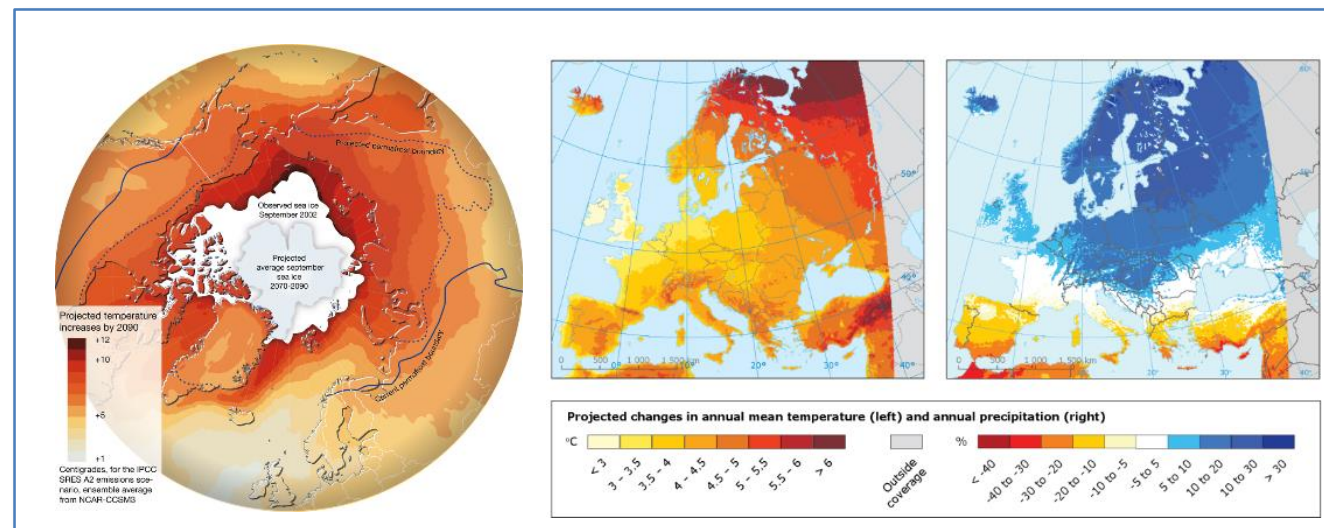
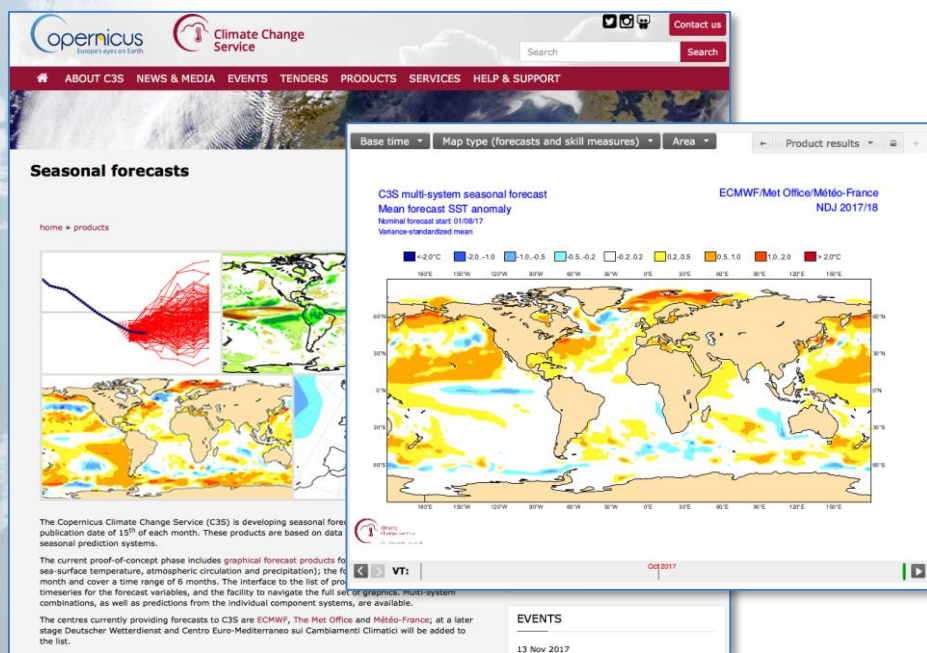
# Access to past, present and future climate information



Observations and climate reanalyses

Seasonal forecast data and products

Climate model simulations



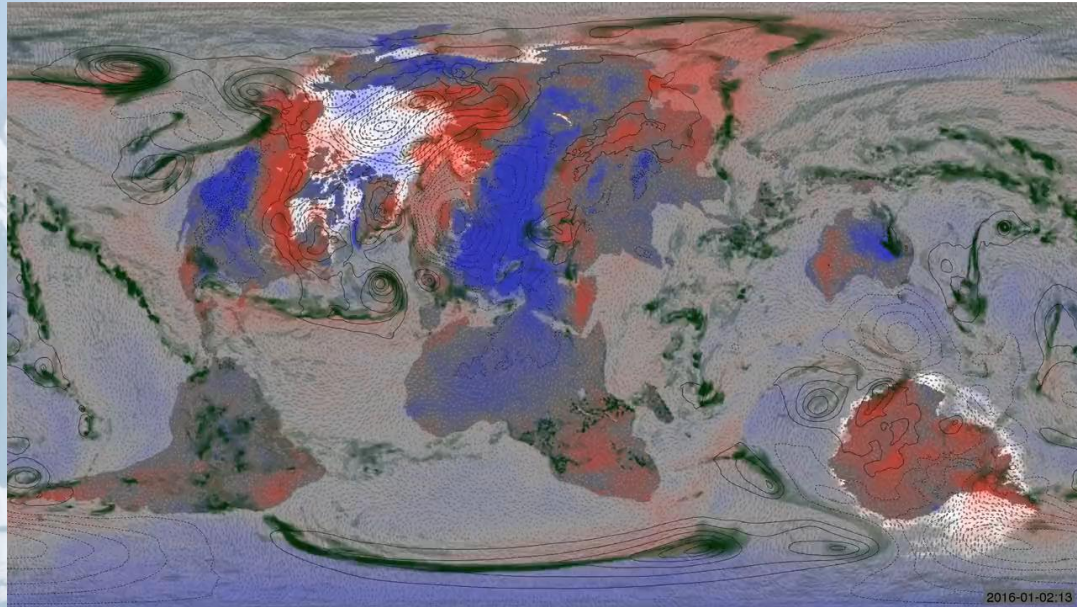




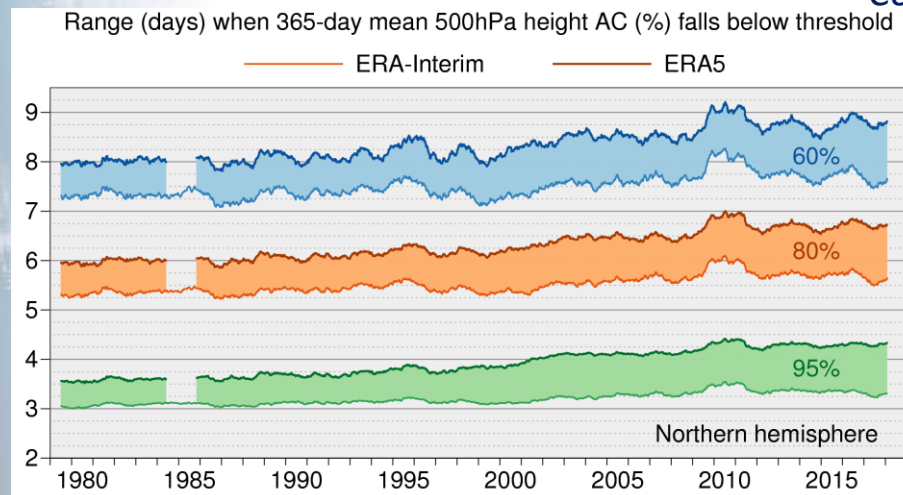
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# C3S: Reanalysis based Essential Climate Variables (30km global ERA5)

## Hourly data and increased number of parameters



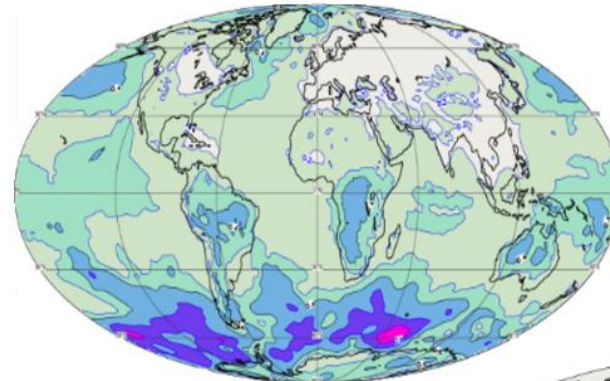
Courtesy: Philip Brohan



## Uncertainty estimate

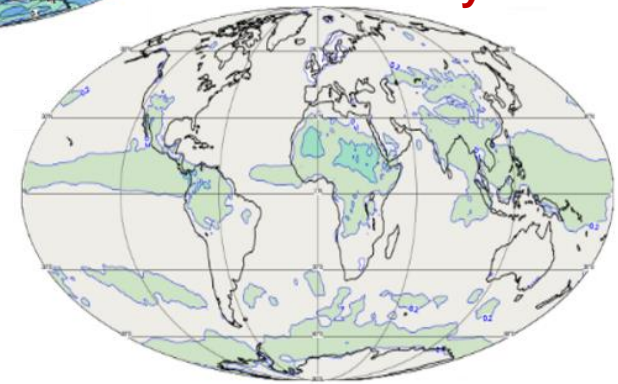
Spread in Surface Pressure (hPa)

0-0.1 0.1-0.2 0.2-0.3 0.3-0.4 0.4-0.6 0.6-0.8 0.8-1



January 1979

July 2014



## Reflects variations in:

- ingested observing system
- flow-dependent sensitivity

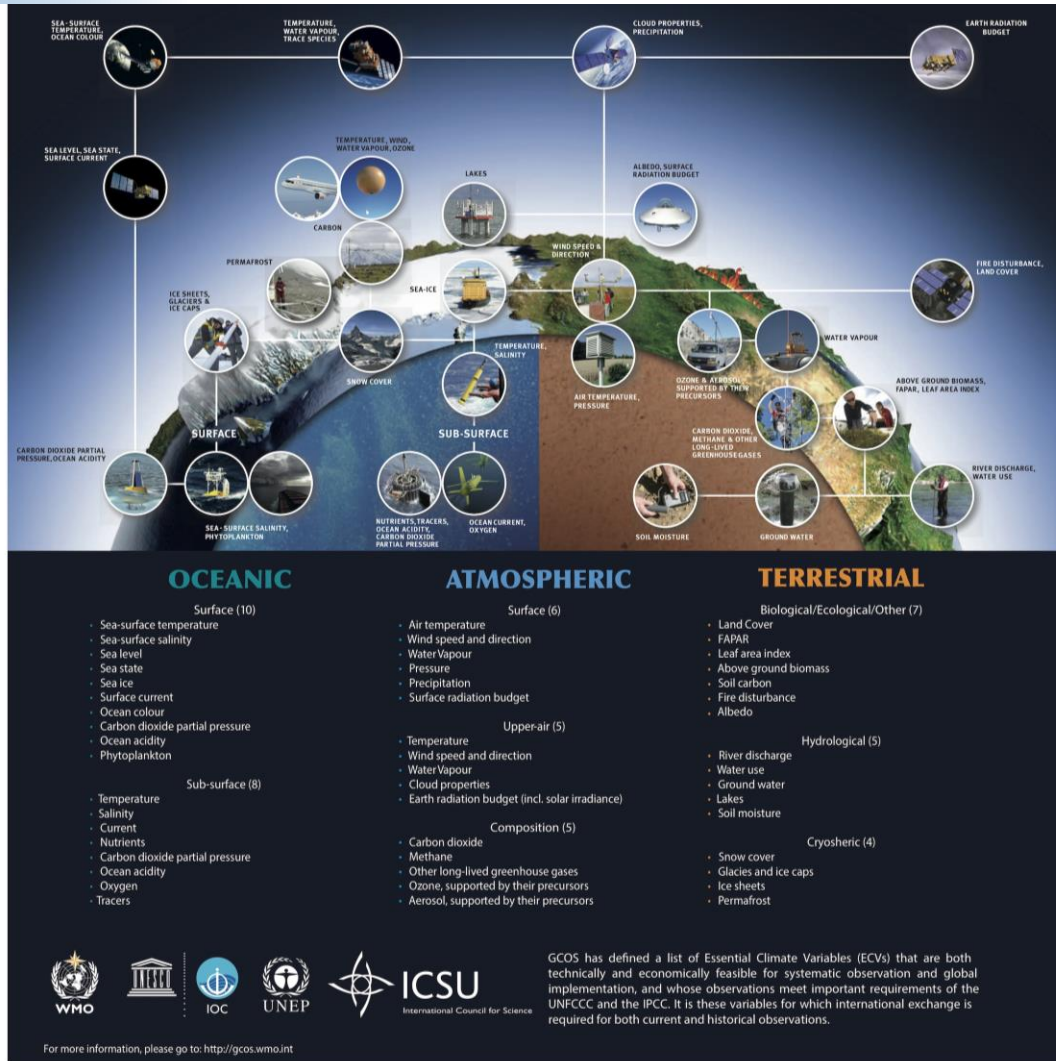
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# C3S: EO based Essential Climate Variables



			C3S_312a				
			C3S_312b				
		GCOS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Atmospheric physics							
	Precipitation	4.3.5			Lot 1		
	Surface Radiation Budget	4.3.6					
	Water Vapour	4.5.3					
	Cloud Properties	4.5.4					
	Earth Radiation Budget	4.5.5					
Atmospheric composition							
	Carbon Dioxide	4.7.1	Lot 6		Lot 2		
	Methane	4.7.2	Lot 6				
	Ozone	4.7.4	Lot 4				
	Aerosol	4.7.5	Lot 5				
Ocean							
	Sea Surface Temperature	5.3.1	Lot 3		Lot 3		
	Sea Level	5.3.3	Lot 2				
	Sea ice	5.3.5	Lot 1				
	Ocean Colour	5.3.7					
Land hydrology & cryosphere							
	Lakes	6.3.4			Lot 4		
	Glaciers	6.3.6	Lot 8				
	Ice sheets and ice shelves	6.3.7					
	Soil moisture	6.3.16	Lot 7				
Land biosphere							
	Albedo	6.3.9	Lot 9		Lot 5		
	Land Cover	6.3.10					
	Fraction of Absorbed Photosyntheti	6.3.11	Lot 9				
	Leaf Area Index	6.3.12	Lot 9				
	Fire	6.3.15					
			2017	2018	2019	2020	2021



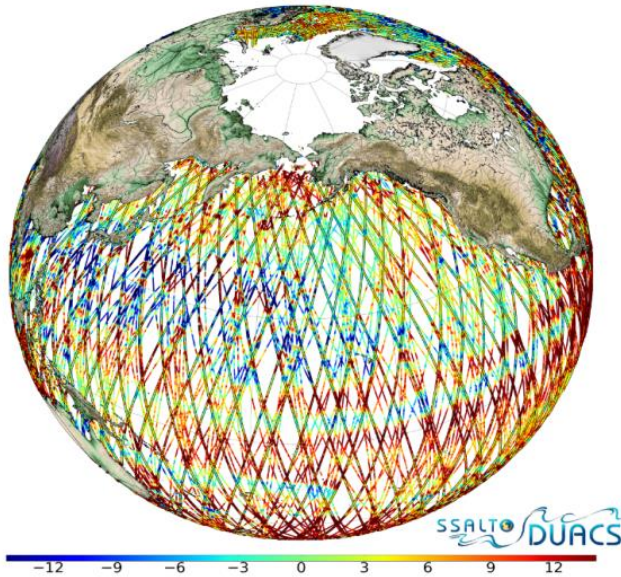
## One example: Sea Level

- The **Sea Level ECV** produced within the C3S (312a\_Lot2) is derived from **satellite altimetry**.
- The service is ensured by **CLS and LEGOS** (France)
- **Gridded daily maps of sea level anomalies and velocities** are provided in delayed-time in the **global ocean, Mediterranean and Black seas** during 1993-2017.
- **Users are interested in sea level changes, ocean dynamics, data assimilation for climate projections, model validation, ...**
- Strong **interaction and complementarity** with the **Copernicus Marine Service (CMEMS)**:
  - **C3S**: retrieval of **long-term variability** and focus on the **Mean Sea Level stability** with a stable altimeter constellation in time.
  - **CMEMS**: focus on the **mesoscale estimation** with all satellites missions available to provide the best sampling.
- Strong **interaction** is required with **Copernicus space component** and **space agencies**:
  - To **manage satellite databases** and
  - To phase the production with R&D activities (ESA CCI+...)



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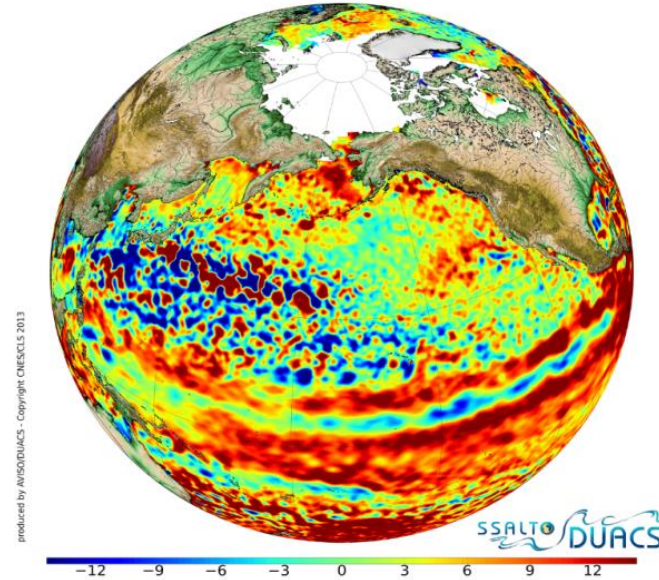
# C3S 312a Lot2 Sea Level production service



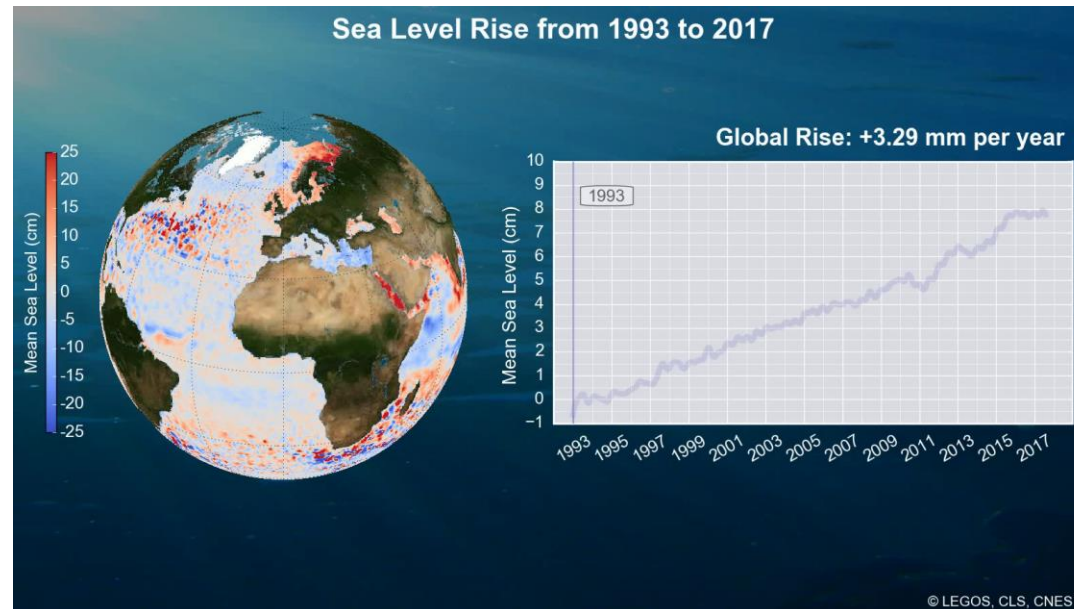
From satellite **along-track** measurements...



... to sea level gridded maps...



... to derive  
Ocean  
Monitoring  
Indicators



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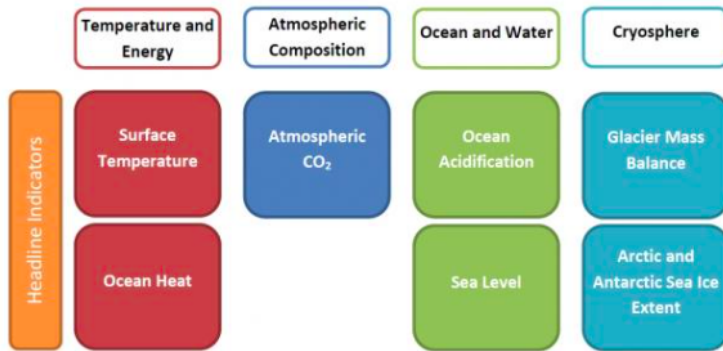






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# C3S is an operational response to GCOS and takes an increasing role in contributing to the WMO State of the Climate



## Global Climate Indicators

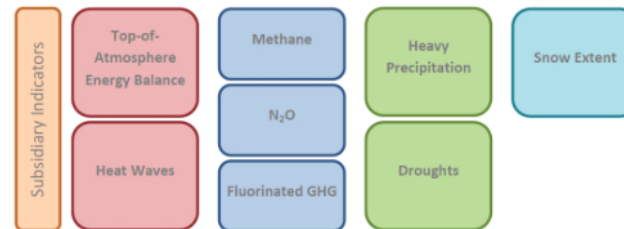
Contact: [gcos@wmo.int](mailto:gcos@wmo.int)

The Global Climate Indicators are a set of seven parameters that describe the changing climate without reducing climate change to only temperature. They comprise key information for the most relevant domains of climate change: temperature and energy, atmospheric composition, ocean and water as well as the cryosphere.

These Global Climate Indicators have been identified by scientists and communication specialists in a discursive process led by GCOS during workshops and scientific panel meetings and have been finally endorsed by WMO. They form the basis of the annual [WMO Statement of the State of the Global Climate](#), which is submitted to the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

These seven headline indicators are complemented by a set of subsidiary indicators that provide additional information and allow a more detailed picture of the changes in the respective domain.

The Global Climate Indicators are a concept that is meant to be used to tell stories about climate change in a way that can be understood by non-experts. It is important to note, that the Global Climate Indicators are not limited to specific datasets or certain storylines. A multitude of narratives, told in different ways and forms and fitted to the respective auditorium, will catch more peoples interest and finally form a more comprehensive picture of climate change.

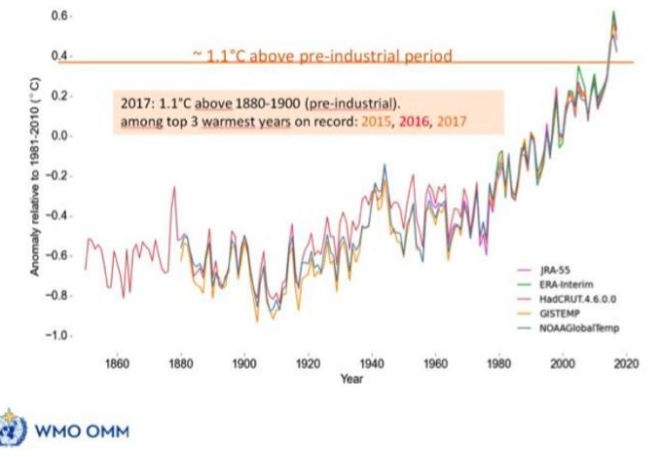


Temperature and Energy · Atmospheric Composition · Ocean and Water · Cryosphere · Biosphere

The current state of global temperature and additional content is provided by the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) under: <https://climate.copernicus.eu/indicators-2017-temperature>

From the GCOS Website

## Global Temperature : January-Septembre 2017














From the WMO and  
UNFCCC Websites



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# C3S and UNFCCC Sustainable Development Goals

C3S contribution to SDGs		C3S contribution to SDGs	
<div>2</div> <div>ZERO HUNGER</div> 	C3S SIS addresses agriculture, and some of the global services will focus on food security	<div>11</div> <div>SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</div> 	C3S SIS related to urban aspects of climate change, as well as health and infrastructure aspects, contribute indirectly to this SDG. Reanalysis products too.
	C3S SIS addresses health, providing relevant climate change indicators		C3S SIS products and indicators on water management are directly relevant for this goal.
	Two Proof-of-concept SIS projects in C3S dedicated to water management. A urban PoC SIS is also addressing this SDG at city level. Operationalisation underway		ECV products, including from reanalysis, CDRs, seasonal forecasts and climate scenarios, directly relevant for adaptation. The SIS also delivers relevant indicators in support of adaptation. Cooperation: EEA Climate ADAPT
	Two proof-of-concept SIS projects in C3S dedicated to the Energy Sector. Reanalyses (produced by C3S) are also highly relevant.		Some of the ECV products generated by C3S (including reanalysis ORAS5) are ocean relevant. This is done in coordination with CMEMS.
	C3S activities contribute indirectly to this SDG insofar that the energy climate impact indicators (see goal 7) are relevant.		Biodiversity is a future sectoral application of C3S. Relevant products will contribute to this goal. ECV products on soil moisture, forestry, lakes, also contribute to this goal.
<div>3</div> <div>GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</div> 		<div>12</div> <div>RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</div> 	
<div>6</div> <div>CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</div> 		<div>13</div> <div>CLIMATE ACTION</div> 	
<div>7</div> <div>AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</div> 		<div>14</div> <div>LIFE BELOW WATER</div> 	
<div>8</div> <div>DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</div> 		<div>15</div> <div>LIFE ON LAND</div> 	
<div>9</div> <div>INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</div> 			





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# A one-stop Climate Data Store

We have built a store.

The door opened to customers in June 2018

We continuously put products on the shelves.



**Open and free data**

**Climate data records**

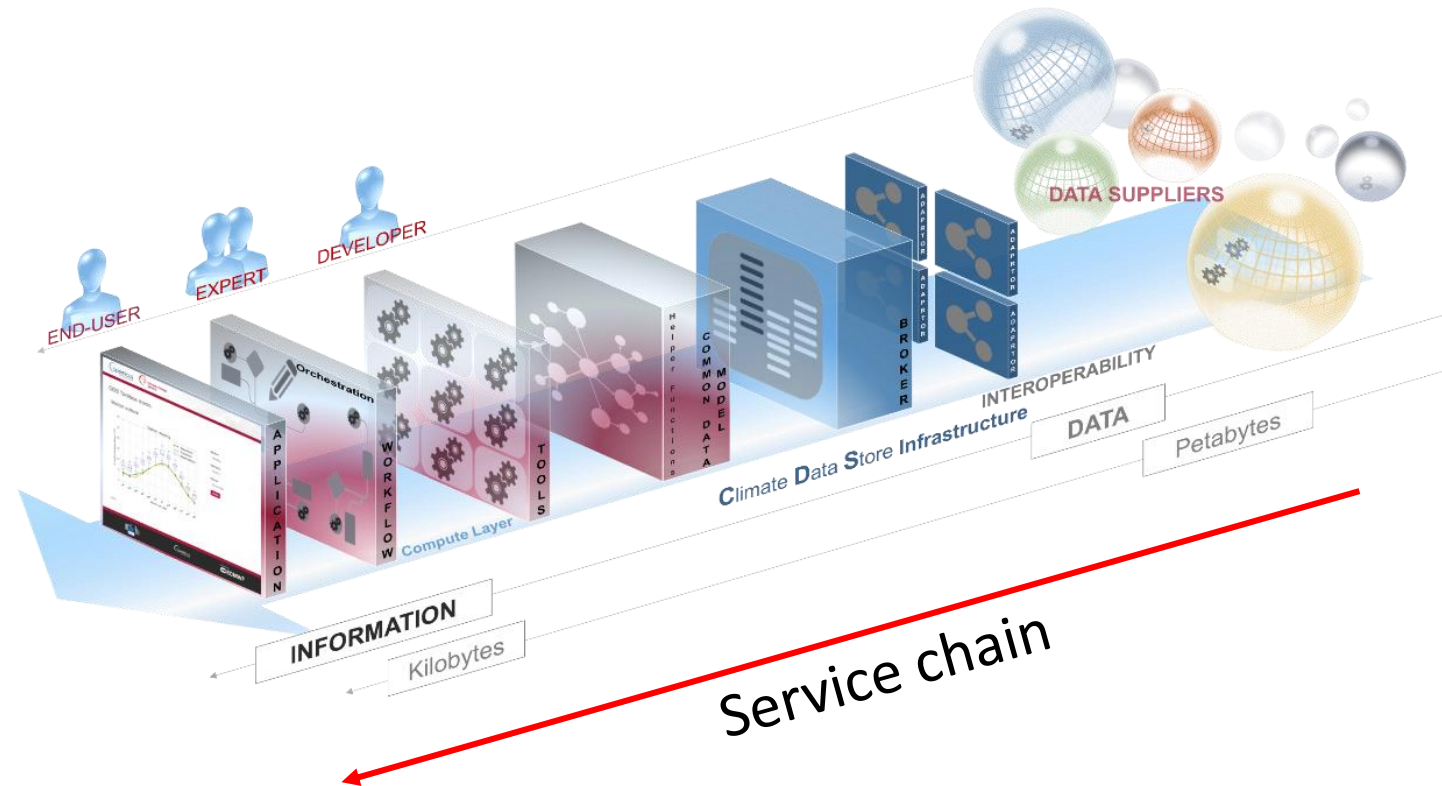
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# Access to data, tools, workflows and applications



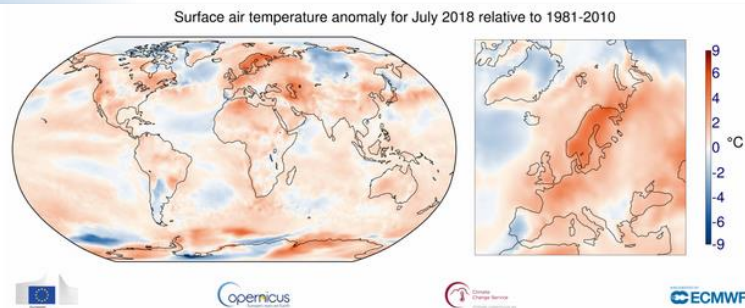
Quality Assured information and tools for users ranging from scientists to practitioners and policy makers.





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# Access to data, tools, workflows and applications



Surface air temperature anomaly for July 2018 relative to the July average for the period 1981-2010.  
Source: ERA-Interim. (Credit: Copernicus Climate Change Service / ECMWF)

[DOWNLOAD THE ORIGINAL IMAGE](#)

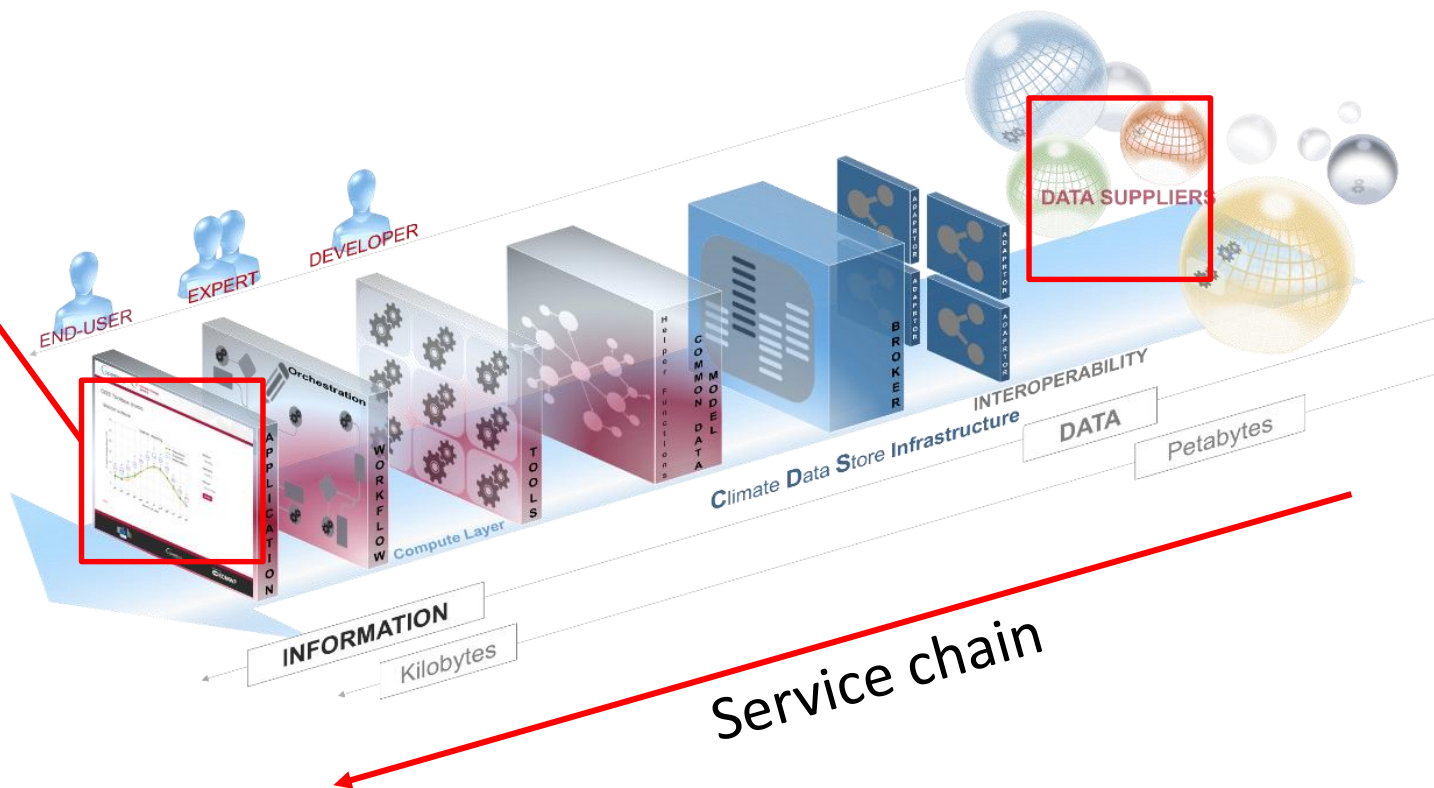
July 2018 was warmer than the 1981-2010 average over much of Europe. Temperatures were substantially higher than normal over most of [Norway](#), [Sweden](#) and [Finland](#), but were also relatively high over parts of France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the Benelux countries. Records for maximum temperature were broken in places, and many more places saw records for the monthly average temperature broken. Temperatures were below average over Portugal and parts of Spain, and to a lesser degree over most of the Balkan Peninsula.

Heatwaves were also experienced in several other regions of the summer hemisphere. Monthly average temperatures were much higher than normal over California, eastern Canada, Algeria, countries bordering the Caspian Sea, northern China, Korea and Japan. [Media articles](#) have reported some of the local temperature records that have been broken and impacts of the extreme heat.

Regions of the northern hemisphere that were colder than average include central Russia, where temperatures were much higher than average in June, and northern Greenland and the far north-east of Canada.

Parts of the Antarctic were less cold than normal for July, although other parts had temperatures that were below average for the month. Most of Australia had a relatively warm month. Temperatures were above average over much of South America, most so over the Brazilian state of São Paulo, but it was colder than average in the south of the Continent.

Marine air temperatures were above normal on average, and particularly warm over the North Pacific and Atlantic Oceans to the east of Japan and the USA respectively. There were nevertheless numerous oceanic regions with below-average temperatures.

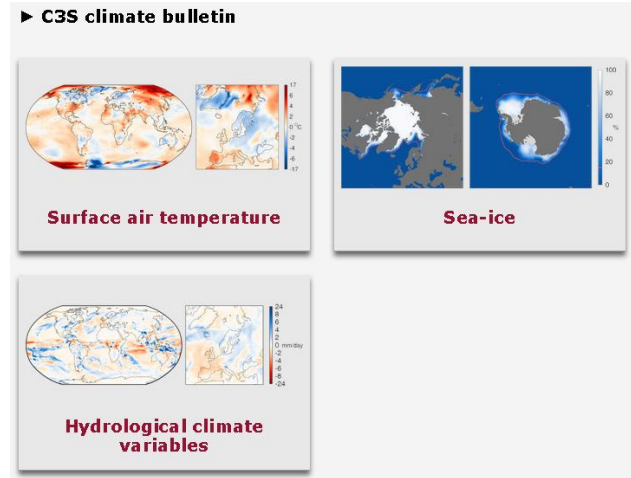


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Monthly

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup>



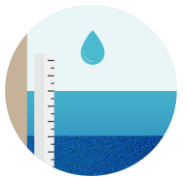
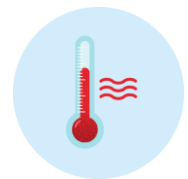
March / April

Yearly





# C3S: Operational production of climate indicators



Surface temperature	↑
Greenhouse gases	↑
Rain	—
Sea Ice	↓
Glaciers	↓
Sea Level	↑
Soil Moisture	↓



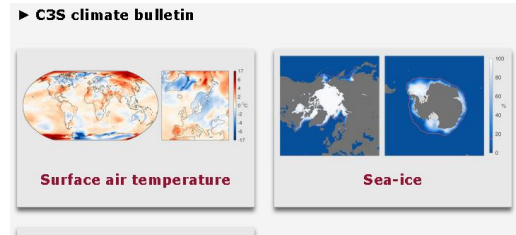
*Credit: Victor & Kennel, Nature Climate Change, 2014.*





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# Chain of products / detail



## Key message

Bullet-points for media  
send-out / feature article

Executive summary

## Detailed analysis

Standardised format,  
repeated every month

Combination of standard  
format and specific events

## Background information

About the data and the analysis, incl.  
reliability/representativeness of the product used

- [climate.copernicus.eu/monthly-maps-and-charts](https://climate.copernicus.eu/monthly-maps-and-charts)
- [climate.copernicus.eu/ESC](https://climate.copernicus.eu/ESC)

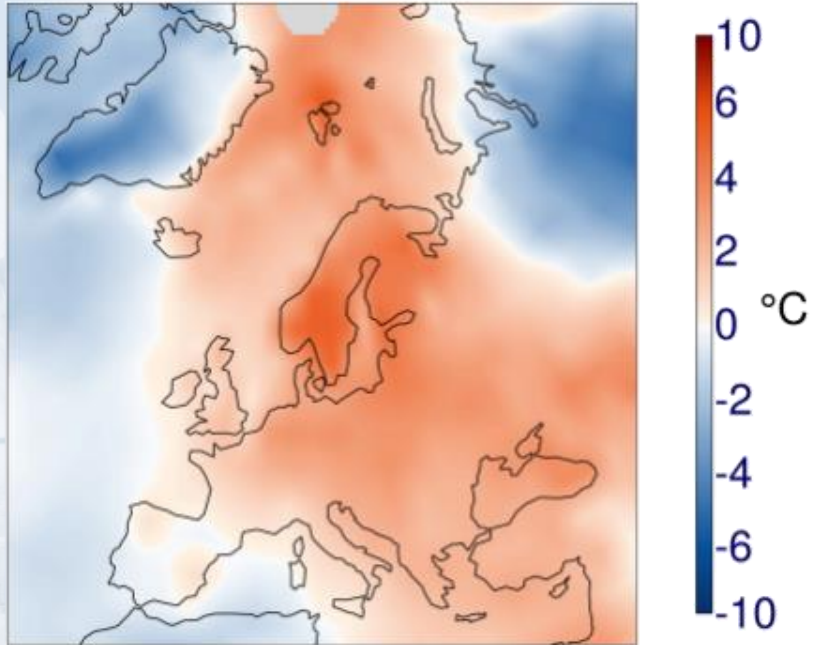




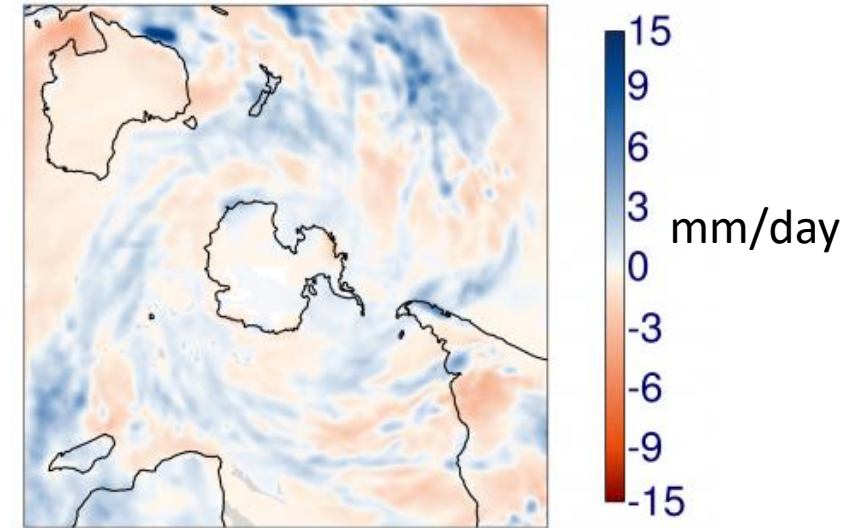
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C3S climate bulletin - 4-5<sup>th</sup> every month

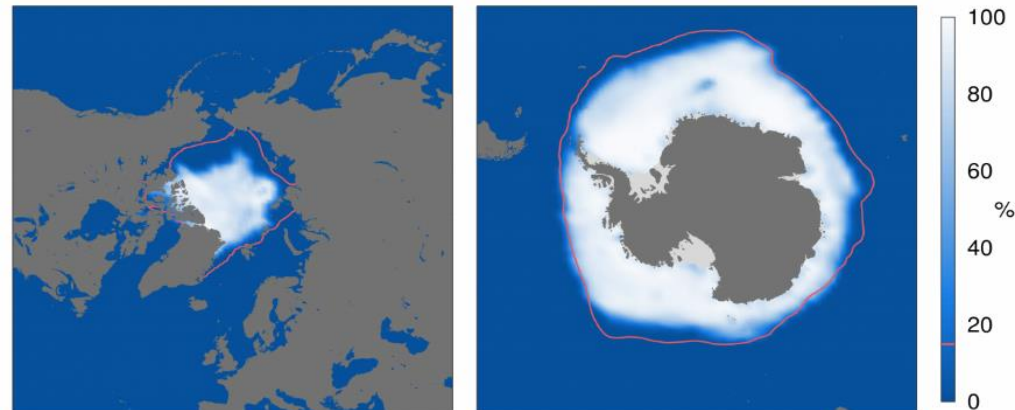
May 2018 –  
warmest May on record in Europe



April 2018 –  
Finally, above average rainfall in southern Africa



September 2017 –  
Lowest Antarctic sea ice maximum on record

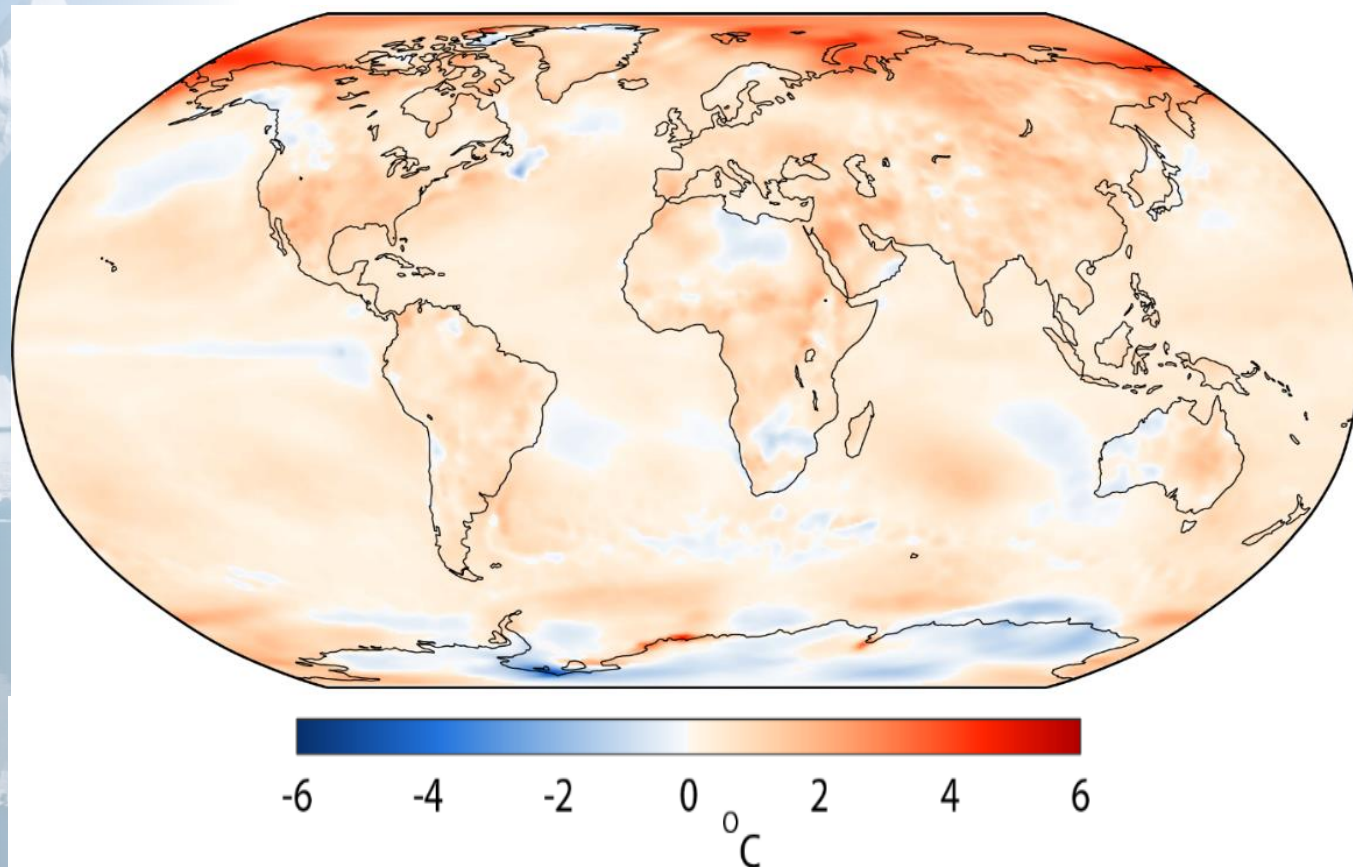




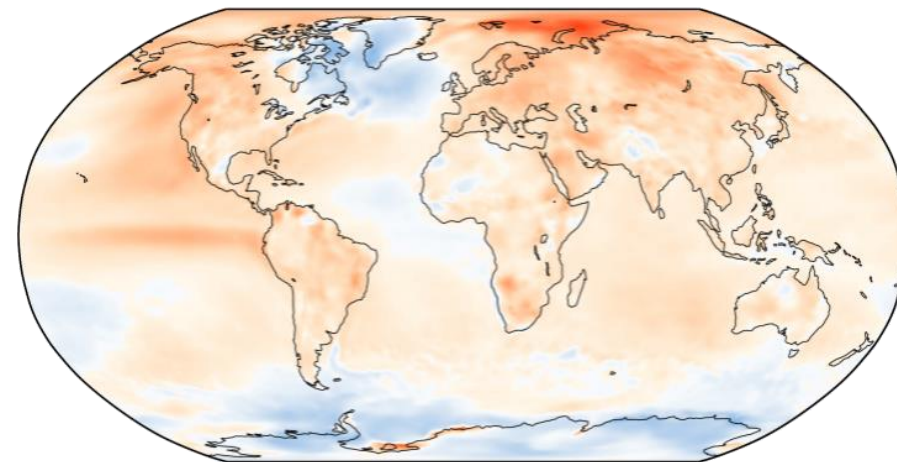
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2017 – warmest non-El Niño year on record

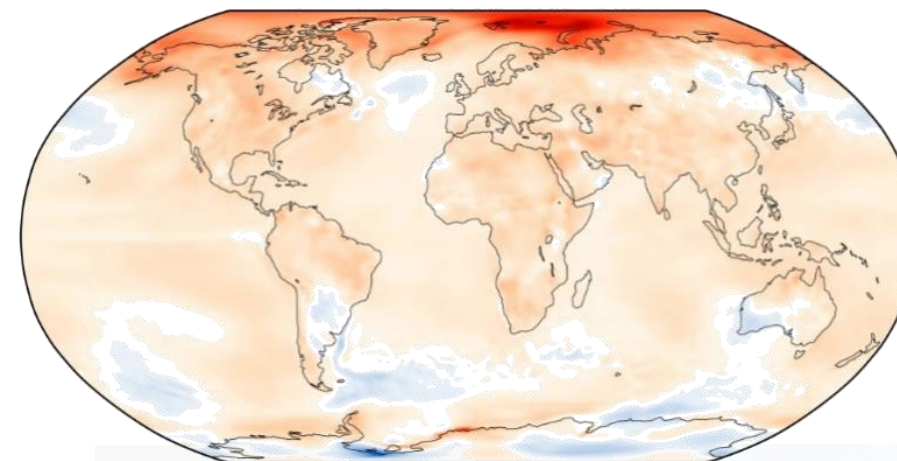
**2017**



**2015**



**2016**



Average surface air temperature compared to 1981-2010

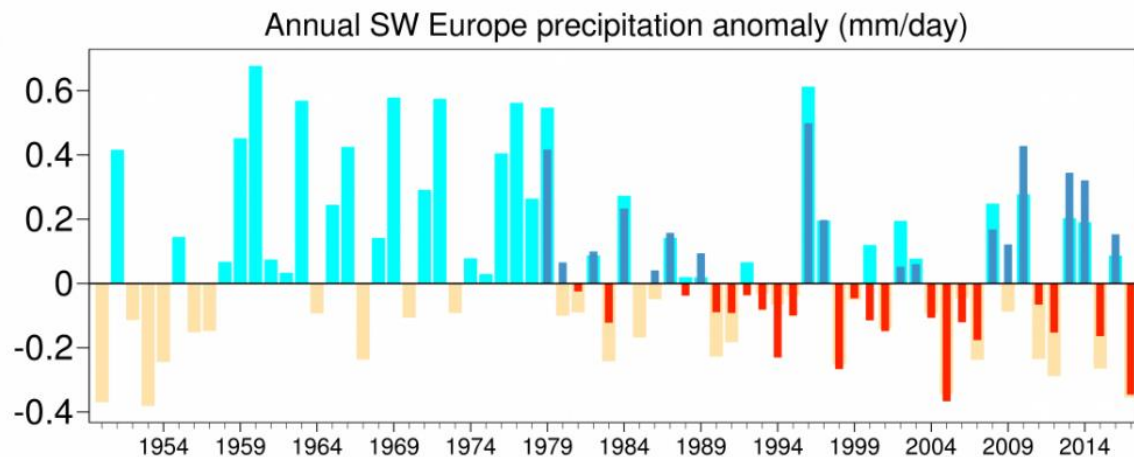




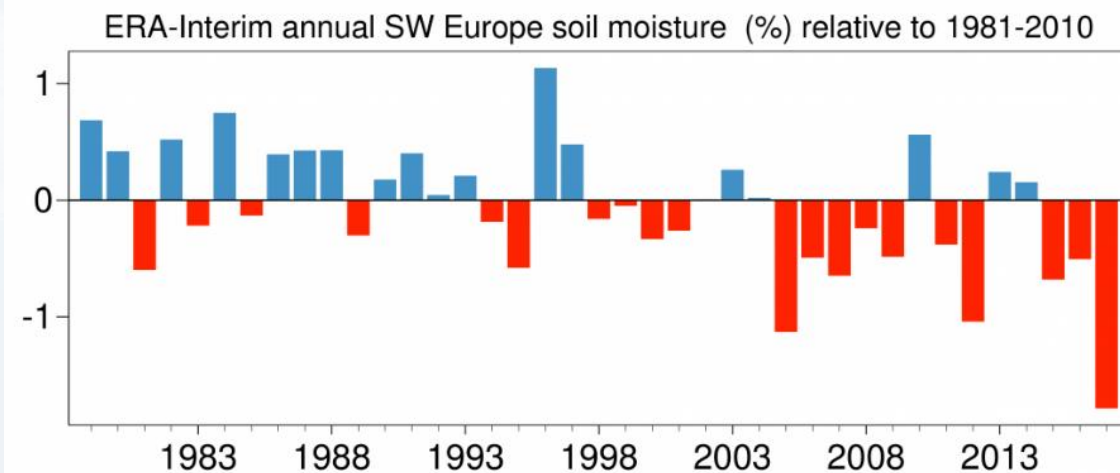
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# Southwest Europe 2017 – very warm and dry

Precipitation (mm/day)

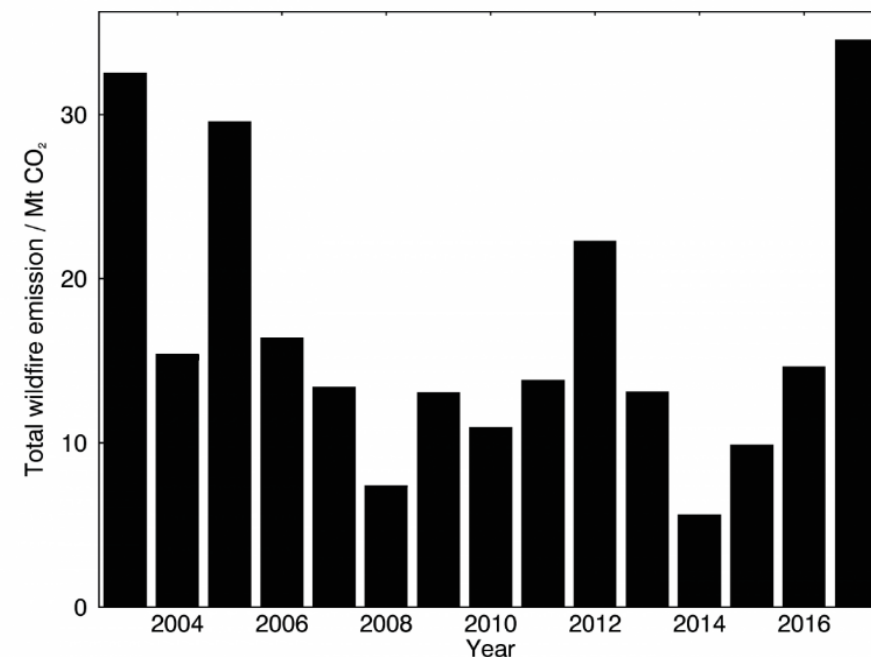


Soil moisture (%)



## Wildfires

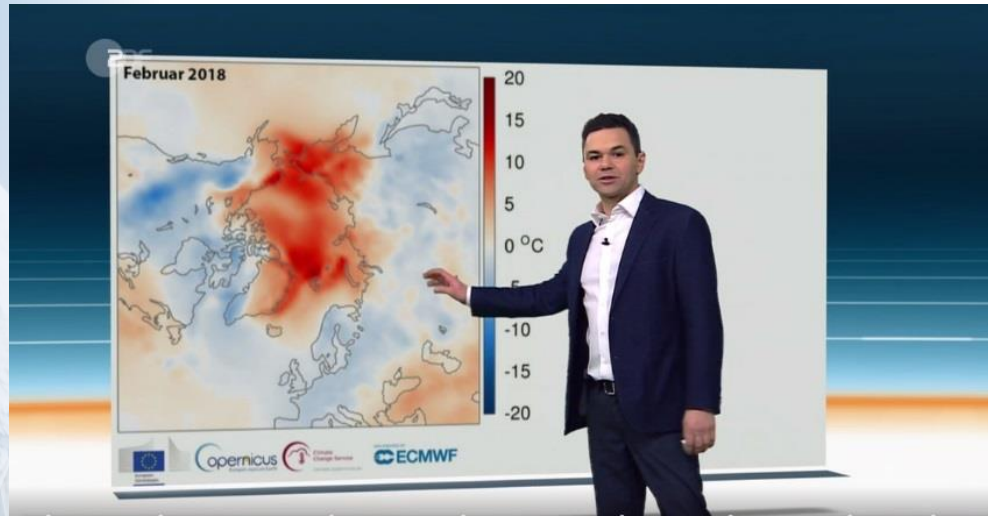
CAMS GFASv1.2 annual wildfire CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for SW Europe





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# Examples of user uptake by media



Credit: ZDF, Özden Terli, C3S

BBC, July 2018

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## Reality Check: Mapping the global heatwave

24 July 2018

UK heatwave

### Where in the world temperatures are above and below average for 1-20 July

Temperatures are measured against the average for the period 1981-2010  
Source: Copernicus Climate Change Service, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

Countries across the world have been facing extremely high temperatures this summer.

From the UK, across to Scandinavia and Japan, the hot weather is expected to continue for the rest of the month. Japan has just declared a natural disaster, with high temperatures leading to thousands being admitted to hospital with heat stroke.

Various temperature records for July were broken in southern California, eastern Canada, Algeria and Norway.

#### Top Stories

- Met chief calls for quick Facebook access**  
A suspect in the murder of Lucy McHugh, 13, was jailed for withholding his Facebook password.  
3 hours ago
- TSB boss to step down after IT fiasco**  
4 hours ago
- Famed cystic fibrosis activist dies at 21**  
3 hours ago

#### Features

- Marvels of the deep and their superpowers**
- Why does the battle for Idlib matter?**

- Standard C3S monthly products
- “Bespoke” C3S products



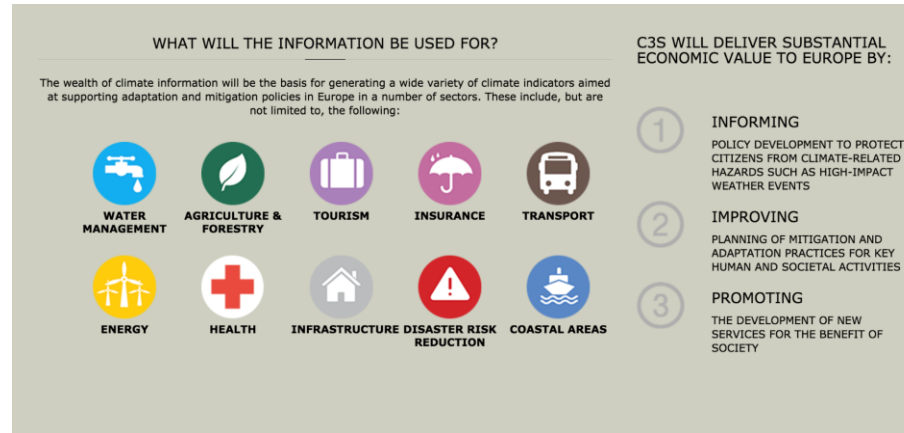


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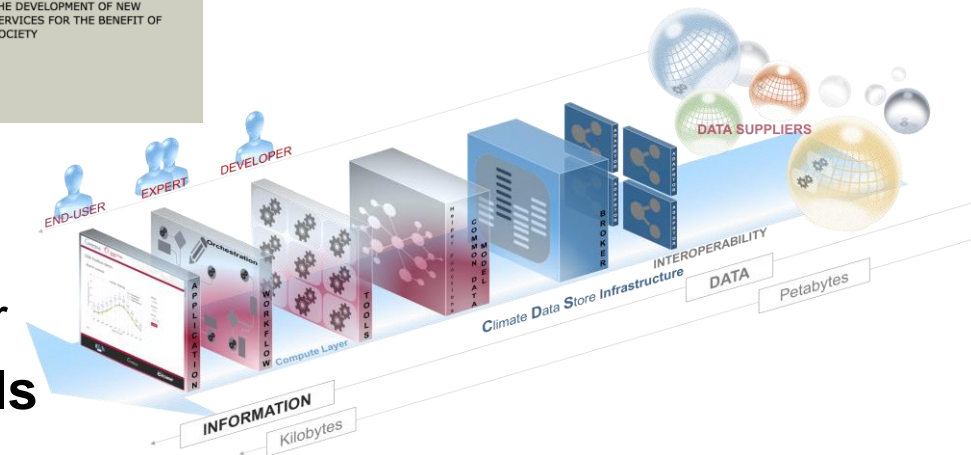
# SECTORAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

## Proof-of-concepts of climate services:

Demonstration of the **value chain** with several end-to-end **demonstrators**



As an operational Service, **C3S** ambitions to become an **enabler** of **downstream climate services**, by providing or brokering **high quality** and sector relevant climate **data** and **indicators**, **good practices**, **tools** and by supporting compelling **use cases**.



Further down the line, Copernicus **DIAS** will provide free access to **all Copernicus data and information** in the cloud, plus a development environment for users to develop and market their own **cloud-based applications**/front offices (under cloud computing commercial terms). Other EO missions data are also expected to be available.

5 DIASs under development (4 by ESA, 1 by ECMWF/EUM/MO)



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# Examples: Show Cases worldwide (c3s\_422\_Lot1\_SMHI)

- Story mapping

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## DATA PRODUCTION

Climate impact indicators

Global essential climate variables/indicators used



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# Examples: Climate Indicators related to Agriculture

## C3S\_422\_Lot1\_WEnR

4 data product groups:

1. Climate forcing data for crop models
  - all time scales, downscaled, bias corrected
2. Water based indicators
  - Soil moisture, groundwater recharge, reservoir inflow, SPI, ...
3. Agroclimatic indicators
  - Growing degree days, huglin index, cold/hot index, ...
4. Climate enhanced EarthObservation based indicators
  - Dry Matter Productivity,  $ET_{actual}$ , ...



All aggregated to  
crop specific

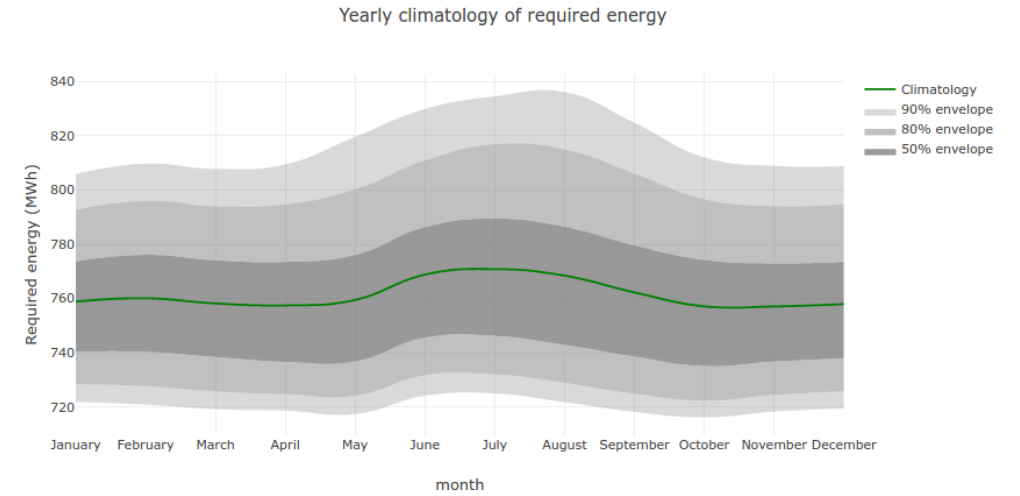
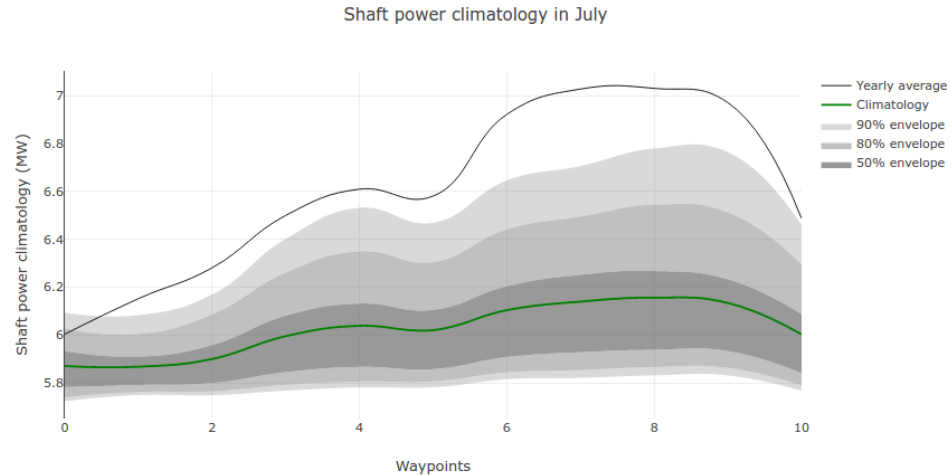
- phenological calendars
- growing areas



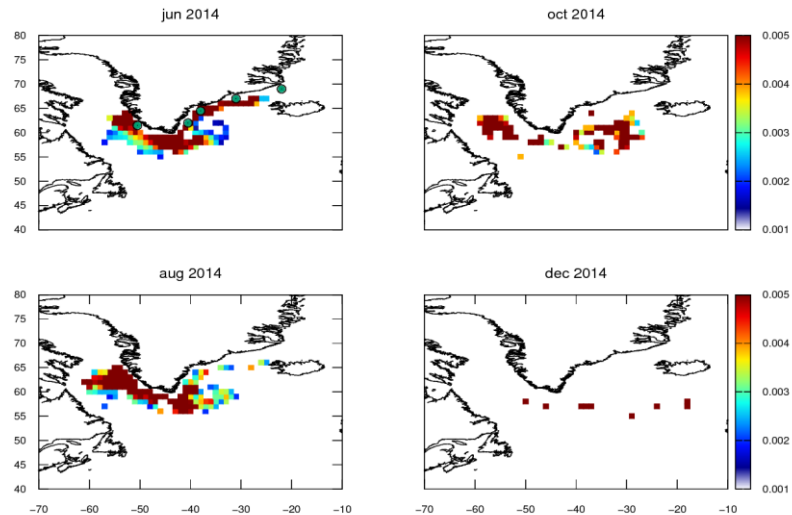
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# Examples: Climate indicators related to Shipping

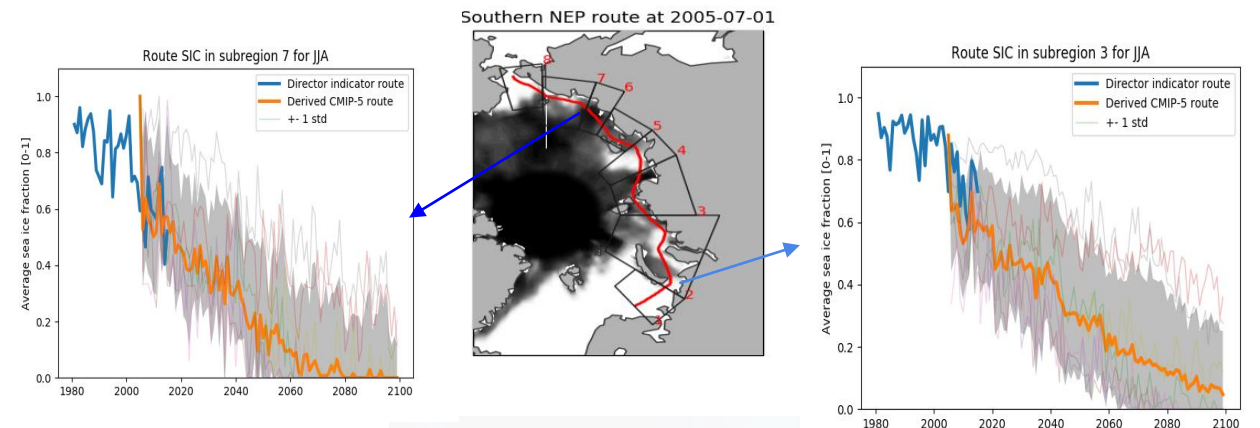
Which part of the route/season is most likely to lead to overconsumption ?



Where/when will I find icebergs ?



When will the Arctic route become commercially viable?





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# Evaluation and Quality Control (EQC) for the CDS

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Copernicus Europe's eyes on Earth

Climate Change Service **BETA**

## Global glaciers elevation changes and mass balance

Time series of glacier-wide changes in elevation and changes in mass

Overview Download data Interactive map **data quality**

The **Glacier Change Service** provides time series of glacier-wide changes in:

- **Elevation** from terrestrial, air and space borne geodetic surveys
- **Changes in mass** from glaciological in-situ measurements.

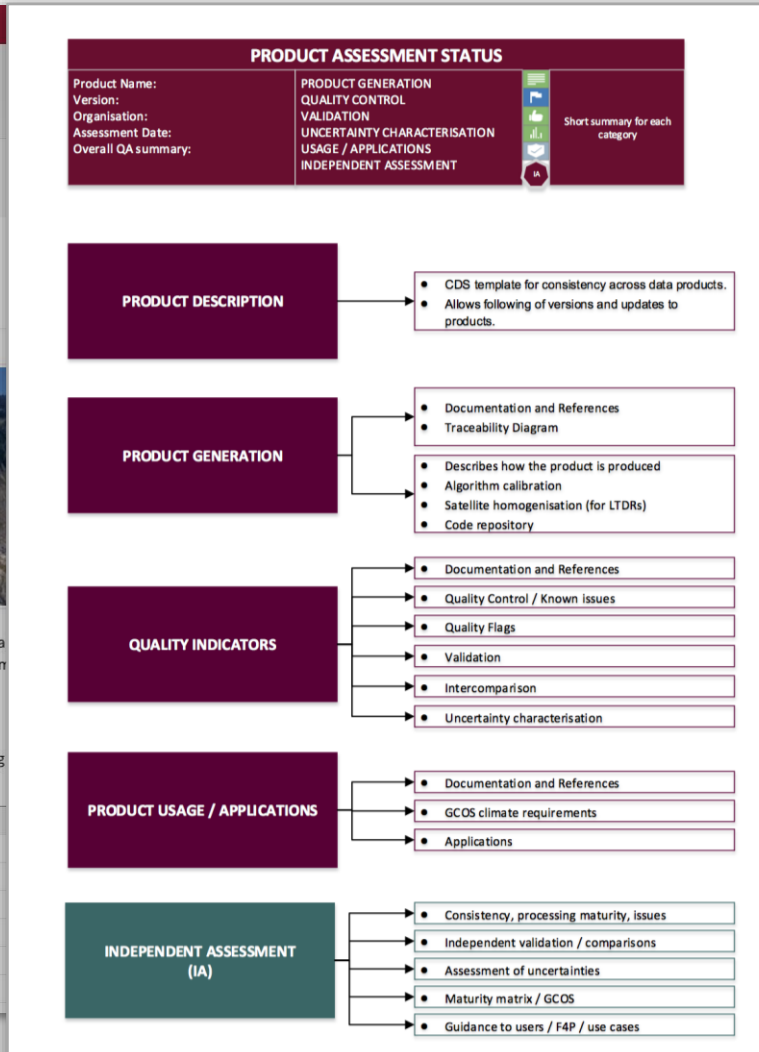
Both subsets are provided as **ESRI shapefiles** containing the location of the glacier label point in geographic coordinates (longitude and latitude in degrees), which are referenced to the WGS84 datum, and some general statistic information about the glacier. Both shapefiles come with one ancillary **.csv** file containing the time series of observed glacier changes and information of the original sources.

**Note:** The mass balance series consists of usually continuous annual balance measurements. The elevation change series consist of multi-annual changes with sometimes overlapping survey periods. For combining mass balance and elevation change data need again to be converted to annual change rates and mass changes need to be converted to  $850 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ .

**Keywords:** glacier, change series, geodetic elevation change, glaciological mass balance

**Reference | Citation:** **WGMS** (2016): Fluctuations of Glaciers Database. World Glacier Monitoring DOI:10.5904/wgms-fog-2016-08. **WGMS downloads**

DATA DESCRIPTION	
Global glaciers elevation changes and mass balance	
Spatial coverage:	World Glacier Monitoring Service
Spatial resolution:	25km
Temporal coverage:	1850-2015
Temporal resolution:	from annual to decadal
Data format:	ESRI shapefiles



## Quality of data

- Assessments
- User guidance
- Gaps and limitations

## Quality of tools

- Fitness for purpose
- Best practices

## Quality of service

- Speed, responsiveness
- System availability,
- ...





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# Conclusions

- C3S has developed a state-of-the-art cloud infrastructure that makes it simple for users to freely access an unprecedented range of quality-controlled climate data and information.
- C3S serves a wide range of European and worldwide users and bodies: EU DGs, WMO, GCOS, GFCS, EEA, etc.
- The Climate Data Store provides a compute layer allowing users to create and run their own applications/workflows on the cloud without downloading huge volumes of data.
- The system comes with a series of exemplar applications to show how the infrastructure can be used to address specific user needs:
  - SISs (Europe, Global), Use Cases, Demonstrators
  - Downstream Services
- The Quality Assurance process within C3S is unique and absolutely critical



# C3S and the ecosystem

Climate Change



Climate Change

etc...



National Climate Services

- Value chain at local level, governments, etc.
- Provision of pan-European dimension for national businesses



EEA (Climate Adapt):

- State of Climate for Europe
  - Climate Indicators
  - CDS toolbox
  - CC IV report
- DG-Clima



NOAA:

- Coordination on observations and CDR issues with NCEI
- In-kind contribution of NCEP seasonal forecasts



GFCS:

- Global products (ECVs, reanalyses, seasonal forecasts and projections)
- WIS compliance
- Training and outreach
- Global SIS
- Liaison with RCCs



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- CDS as a data resource
  - Liaison with RD projects
  - Underpinning science
- Coordination with DG-DEvCO



GEO & UNFCCC:

- C3S discoverable through GEOSS portal
- Contribution to many SDGs



WMO & GCOS:

- C3S ECVs and global indicators
- WMO State of the Climate





# THANK YOU!



## EVENT

### International Conferences on Subseasonal to Decadal Prediction

📍 Boulder, USA  
📅 17 - 21 Sep 2018

The Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) will be represented at the International Conferences on Subseasonal to Decadal Prediction which will take place on 17–21 September.

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## Latest News

### C3S helps to safeguard health, food and water security in South Africa

As part of a global initiative targeting various sectors, the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) is working with researchers in South Africa to address the environmental threat to water security and to mitigate the associated food-supply and health risks.

Access [climate.copernicus.eu](https://climate.copernicus.eu)

To provide access to vast amounts of climate data, the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) has recently created the Climate Data Store (CDS). This free and open service provides users with information about the past, present and future climate.

### A Toolbox for Climate Data Processing

For experts and developers of applications there is an extra level to the CDS, a software toolbox, within which data can be processed in order to analyse, monitor and help to predict the effects of climate change.

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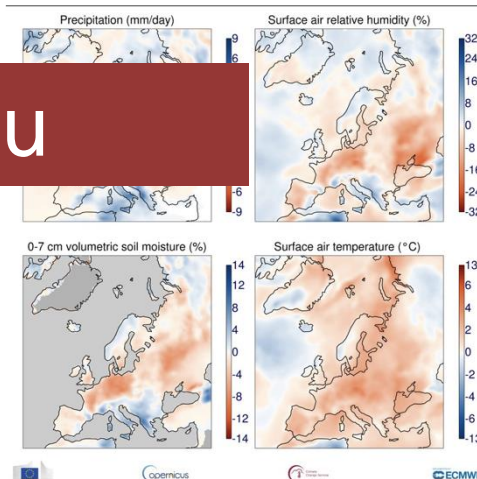
## Tweets by @CopernicusECMWF



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Have you checked the latest #Copernicus #C3S #hydrological summary? Very dry conditions continued in much of northern Europe in August. Again much wetter than average in Alpine region & northern Mediterranean. Very dry in Australia & SAfrica. Read more [bit.ly/2O0MDNP](https://bit.ly/2O0MDNP)



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