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Laboratory of Spatial, Urban and Environmental Participatory Planning for Climate Change Adaptation

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To investigate and model our climate system and its interactions with **society** to provide reliable, rigorous, and timely scientific results, which will in turn stimulate sustainable growth, protect the environment, and develop science driven adaptation and mitigation policies in a changing climate



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The IPCC is the leading international body for the assessment of climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Word Meteorological Organization (WMO) to provide the word with a clear scientific view on the current state of knowledge in climate change and its potential environmental and socio economic impacts.

The IPCC is a scientific body. It reviews and assess the most recent scientific, technical and socio-economic information produced wordwide relevanto to the understanding of climate change. It does not conduct any research nor does it monitor climate related data or parameters.

The IPCC is an intergovernamental body. It is open to all members countries of the United Nations (UN) and WMO. Currently 194 countries are members of the IPCC

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The main activity of IPCC is the publication of special reports, on which are based the global agreements such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol which implements the finding of the report. IPCC reports are politically neutral.

A very large number of scientists from all over the world contribute to the IPCC. The selection of scientists is performed to guarantee high scientific standards and also to try to have a balanced geographical representation.



## **REMHI Division: Mission**

### **REgional Models (REM)**

Statistical and dynamical downscaling of weather information up to very local scale.



### Impacts (HI)

Qualitative and quantitative evaluation of the effects of climate and land use changes on geohydrological (floods, drought and landslide) hazards and impacts on the population (heat waves, health).

### **Coupling Climate with Impact models (CCI)**

**Procedures to properly link weather with impacts**. Leverage of data and expertise for tailored climate services.





## **REMHI Division: DNA**

Main features and approaches to evaluate climate and related impacts at local levels:

- Physically-based and statistical models and tools
- Quantitative estimations including uncertainty evaluation
- Deep involvement of stakeholders

### **REMHI VISION:**

- Develop Models and Approaches to bridge the gap among climate research and practitioners
- Mainstreaming climate change assessment and adaptation in day-by-day issues through an «enginering» approach





# Climate and climate change: general concepts

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### The consensus on climate change



### DID YOU KNOW...

#### **MULTIPLE STUDIES**

published in peer-reviewed scientific journals show that **97% OR MORE** of actively publishing climate scientists agree that climate-warming trends over the past century are extremely likely due to **HUMAN ACTIVITIES.** 



Source: http://climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus/



In trying to achieve "balance", the media has actually created a very unbalanced perception of reality.

As a result, people believe scientists are still split about what's causing global warming, and therefore there is not enough public support or motivation to solve the problem.

### **Differences between meteorological condition or Climate**

Meteorology studies the day-byday atmospheric conditions: for example, windy day, sunny afternoon, cloudy morning.

When we refer to the weather conditions in a specific a location, we always give precise temporal indications.

The climate is different : this is the set of weather conditions in a given place over a long period (at least 30 years); therefore, is the average of the meteorological values. Köppen climate types of Greece



In the East, it could be the COLDEST New Year's Eve on record. Perhaps we could use a little bit of that good old Global Warming that our Country, but not other countries, was going to pay TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS to protect against. Bundle up!

- Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) 29 dicembre 2017

**Climate projections** They typically start their simulations in the past, ranging from preindustrial, to 1950 or even more recent times. These historical simulations are driven (or forced) by estimates of past human-induced and natural climate forcing agents (concentrations of GHGs), and the projections are obtained by forcing the climate models with scenarios for future GHG emissions or concentrations. These GHG emission or concentration are unknown. Climate projections evaluate the variation of the future climate with respect to the current climate comparing 30 years period.



Weather forecast predicts the condition of the atmosphere for a given location and time. Weather forecasts are made by collecting quantitative <u>data</u> about the current state of the atmosphere at a given place and using a set of equation to project how the atmosphere will change. Results can be deterministic or probabilistic

### **2 Important concepts : Mitigation and Adaptation**

Global responses have focused more on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the atmosphere than on reducing the vulnerability of societies and ecosystems to climate change.

However due to the observed impact of climate change adaptation is therefore becoming increasingly important in international and national policies, as well as in local initiatives.

Policies address mitigation and adaptation separately, yet they are complementary and must both be implemented at different levels, from the international to the local.



Climate Change - an integrated framework

•Mitigation attempts to reduce the causes of climate change

•Adaptation attempts to manage the impacts of climate change.

### What is the Climate change ??



CLIMATE CHANGE is a statistically significant variations in the average state and variability of the climate persisting for an extended period.

The recorded CLIMATE CHANGE so far depends on the change of concentration of climate-altering gases in the atmosphere, due to anthropogenic activities.

it varies geographically, the impact and also the impacts are different depending on the atmospheric variable / indicator considered.

The evaluation of these changes needs appropriate tools to be evaluated. These tools are represented by models simulating the present behaviour (dynamics) of the Earth system, but also able to provide reliably evaluation of the evolution of the climate in the next decades, not only in terms of average properties, but also in terms of extreme events.

### **Climate Change VS Climate Variability**

By climatic variability we mean the fluctuation of a specific climatic variable (for example the average temperature of the earth's surface) around its average value, obtained from long-term measurements, at least thirty years.

More specifically, the fluctuations are linked to the year-by-year variations (interannual and seasonal) and to the ten-year fluctuations, which overlap the average value of the quantity.

### Forcings and Feedbacks in the Climate System



Schematic view of the components of the climate system, their processes and interactions. Image credit: IPCC Assessment Report 4

## How we have evidences that a climate change is happening?

In recent decades, new observation systems, particularly those based on satellite measurements, have increased the number of observations on the Earth's climate system by an order of magnitude.



Instrumental data: more precise reconstruction of short-term variations (homogenization processes). Limited in time

### **Evidence: increasing of greenhouse gases concentration in the atmosphere**



Atmospheric concentrations of important greenhouse gases over the last 2,000 years. Increases since about 1750 are attributed to human activities in the industrial era. Source: <u>IPCC 2007</u>.

## **Evidence: temperature evolution in the past**



Differences for the mean years temperatures with respect to the average temperature over the period 1961-1990

Reconstruction of the global average temperature of the last 1000 years, obtained through direct (last 100 years, in red) and indirect (in blue) measurements.

The overlapping of the small natural variability is clearly evident, with respect to which the increase of almost one degree centigrade that is observed in the last 100 years is distinguished by range and speed.

**Proxy data**: suitable for studying long-term climatic variations (up to geological scales). They allow us to trace the climate of remote times but have greater uncertainty than the instrumental data

## **Evidence : changes in the climate system**

Together with this increase of GHG concentration in the atmosphere, some changes have been observed since 1950 in all sectors of the Earth's climate system:

- Atmosphere and ocean warmed
- The extent and volume of the ice has reduced
- The sea level has risen
- The increase in CO2 has caused a decrease in the pH of the ocean (ocean acidification)
- Snow cover in the northern hemisphere has decreased

Many of these changes have not been observed in the past two millennia

This is why global warming is defined in the AR5 \* "Virtually certain" (probability> 99%)



### **Climate change: an anthropic phenomenon**

**1990.** "[...] emissions from human activities are substantially increasing the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere" (1st IPCC Report)

**1995.** "These trends [of increased concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere] can be largely attributed to human activities" (2nd IPCC Report)

**2001.** "Considering of the new evidence and taking into account the remaining uncertainties; it is possible to say that the observed warming over the last 50 years is due to the increase in the concentration of greenhouse gases "(3rd IPCC Report)

**2007.** "Most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-twentieth century is most likely due to the observed increase in concentrations of anthropogenic greenhouse gases" (4th IPCC Report)

**2013**. "Human influence on the climate system is clear and recent anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases are the highest in history with widespread impacts on human and natural systems" (5th IPCC Report)



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# How will change the climate in the next years?

## II part

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### **Climate models**

In the first part we have understood that climate depends by human activities...

The only hope we have to be able to understand and predict the evolution, considering natural and anthropogenic forcing effect on the climate system, are the numerical climate models.

What is a CLIMATE MODEL? A set of mathematical equations representing the physical laws describing the evolution of the climate system.

Depending on how inclusive we want to be, climate models can be very simple to very complex, including all components of the system (Atmosphere, Ocean, Earth, Cryosphere and Biosphere) and all dynamics, physical processes and interactions between the component of the system.



**Simplification:** A model must be simpler than its real counterpart.

**Idealization**: A model must emphasize the main features and neglect the less important ones

**Subjectivity**: the scientist establishes the importance of the various components.







### How do the models works?



These models allow a schematic and simplified representation of reality, using a set of equations simulating the behaviour of Earth System.

The ability to predict changes in the climate in the future is entrusted to mathematical models simulating the main physical processes of the Earth system and whose functionality is tested by comparing simulations of the past climate with currently available data.

### **Climate models: evidences of climate change**



Figure from the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report (Hegerl et al 2007).

Natural-only runs only include natural factors such as changes in the sun's output and volcanoes, but they assume greenhouse gases and other human factors remain unchanged pre-industrial levels. at hold Human-only runs natural factors unchanged and only include the effects of human activities, such as increasing atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations.

### Advances in the development of climate models



SOURCE: University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR)

InsideClimate News

### Scenarios of greenhouse gas and aerosol concentrations

We have climate models that are able to "evaluate" the effect on the climate system of the natural and anthropogenic forcing (Co2 equivalent concentration).....

But we need to know how will change the concentration of Co2 equivalent in the atmosphere....we need a scenario of greenhouse gas concentration. This is a very hard task!

## Global carbon dioxide growth in 2018 reached 4th



That means three of the four highest annual increases have occurred in the past four years, said Pieter Tans, senior scientist with GMD. "At a time when there's all this talk about how we should be decreasing  $CO_2$  emissions, the amount of  $CO_2$  we're putting into the atmosphere is clearly accelerating," Tans said. "It's no coincidence that the last four years also had the highest  $CO_2$  emissions on record."

A chart showing the steadily increasing concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere (in parts per million) observed at NOAA's Mauna Loa Observatory over the course of 60 years. Measurements of the greenhouse gas began in 1959. (NOAA)

### Observed CO2 increase $\rightarrow$ Global temperature increase





Observed CO2 increases  $\rightarrow$  Global temperature increases  $\rightarrow$  risk related to climate increases  $\rightarrow$  we need to know to reduce the risk (fatalities, damages, losses)



IPCC releases scenarios, or plausible descriptions of how society may evolve in the future; each of them represents a possible demographic, socio-economic, technological and environmental development, which can be seen positively by some and negatively by others.

It should be emphasized that scenarios are neither forecasts nor predictions. The scenarios describe the evolution of various factors closely connected with climate change in the 21st century.

These factors include emission levels of 10 greenhouse gases, economy, energy, technology in use, resources in use, land use, fossil fuel use.

IPCC scenarios are hypothesis...we don't know what will happen in the reality but thanks to scenarios we can simulate the effect on the climate system of this scenario

## **IPCC: RCP2.6, RCP4.5 e RCP8.5**

Emissions scenario	Trend
RCP 8.5	Continuation of business as usual
RCP 4.5	Reduced emissions beginning in 2050
RCP 2.5	Strong reduction in emissions starting now

The RCPs include a stringent mitigation scenario (RCP2.6), two intermediate scenarios (RCP4.5 and RCP6.0), and one scenario with very high GHG emissions (RCP8.5).

RCP2.6 is representative of a scenario that aims to keep global warming *likely* below 2°C above pre-industrial temperatures.



Change, Nov 2011.

RP8.5 assumes more relevant population growth



RCP8.5 describes a hot dirty future for the world, in which coal use increases to become the major source of power for the world

Keywan Riahi et al in Climate Change, November 2011

## General Circulation Models permits to evaluate evolution of global temperature considering different scenarios



General circulation models are the most advanced tools currently available to simulate the response of the global climate system to rising greenhouse gas concentrations.

GCMs support definition of the mitigation policies but unfortunately they are not adequate to support impact studies and adaptation strategies;

### **Regional Climate models**



In order to simulate the characteristics of the climate on a local scale, more detail is required, for this purpose regional models have been created, which simulate the climate of a limited part of the Earth. These models are the most largely tools adopted to evaluate local climate condition and evolution and then to support adaptation actions.

### **Climate change impacts in Europe**

### Arctic

Temperature rise much larger than global average Decrease in Arctic sea ice coverage Decrease in Greenland ice sheet Decrease in permafrost areas Increasing risk of biodiversity loss Intensified shipping and exploitation of oil and gas resources

### **Coastal zones and regional seas**

Sea-level rise Increase in sea surface temperatures Increase in ocean acidity Northward expansion of fish and plankton species Changes in phytoplankton communities Increasing risk for fish stocks

### North-western Europe

Increase in winter precipitation Increase in river flow Northward movement of species Decrease in energy demand for heating Increasing risk of river and coastal flooding

### Mediterranean region

Temperature rise larger than European average Decrease in annual precipitation Decrease in annual river flow Increasing risk of biodiversity loss Increasing risk of desertification Increasing water demand for agriculture Decrease in crop yields Increasing risk of forest fire Increase in mortality from heat waves Expansion of habitats for southern disease vectors Decrease in hydropower potential Decrease in summer tourism and potential increase in other seasons

#### Northern Europe

Temperature rise much larger than global average Decrease in snow, lake and river ice cover Increase in river flows Northward movement of species Increase in crop yields Decrease in energy demand for heating Increase in hydropower potential Increasing damage risk from winter storms Increase in summer tourism

### Mountain areas

Temperature rise larger than European average Decrease in glacier extent and volume Decrease in mountain permafrost areas Upward shift of plant and animal species High risk of species extinction in Alpine regions Increasing risk of soil erosion Decrease in ski tourism

#### **Central and eastern Europe**

Increase in warm temperature extremes Decrease in summer precipitation Increase in water temperature Increasing risk of forest fire Decrease in economic value of forests

European Environment Agency

## The IPCC 2021 (AR6) scenarios

- In the Fifth Assessment Report, four Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) were used to simulate future climate change.
- In the Sixth Assessment Report IPCC uses Shared Socio-Economic Pathways (SSPs) that look at a far great range of options / scenarios.
- There's a greater focus on lower degrees of warming because of these scenarios. Levels of warming like 1.5°C and 2°C can be assessed more rigorously than in AR5





Source: <a href="https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2021/06/Fact\_sheet\_AR6.pdf">https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2021/06/Fact\_sheet\_AR6.pdf</a>

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## Expected climate condition over Greece

## III part

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### Introduction



Perform climate analysis using **CORDEX regional climate model** (RCM) simulations available over the European domain (EURO-CORDEX) with resolution 0.11 degree (about 12 km) forced by different global climate models.

Such simulations are obtained according to the IPCC scenarios **RCP4.5 and RCP8.5** and evaluated over the future **period 2036**-2065 with respect to the control period 1981-2010.







# Multi - model ensemble mean of the mean annual temperature anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5)



Mean annual temperature anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multimodel ensemble mean for RCP4.5 (left) and RCP8.5 (right) over 2036–2065 (2050) period compared to 1981–2010.



# Multi - model ensemble mean of the Frost Days (FD) anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5)

Number of days with minimum temperature<0°C



Frost days anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 over 2036–2065 (2050) period compared to 1981–2010.

Impact on snow cover, agricolture.



# Multi - model ensemble mean of the Summer Days (SU) anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5)

Number of days with maximum

temperature>25°C



Summer Days anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 over 2036–2065 (2050) period compared to 1981–2010. Extreme heat is an important hazard for many sectors and activities, including human health, agriculture, construction, transport and energy.



# Multi - model ensemble mean of the Heat Waves (HW) anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5)

Number of days with maximum

temperature>35°C



Heat Waves anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP4.5 and scenario over 2036–2065 period compared to 1981–2010.
Extreme heat is an important hazard for many sectors and activities, including human health, agriculture, construction, transport and energy



# Multi - model ensemble mean of the Tropical Nights (TR) anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5)

#### Number of days with minimum temperature>20°C



Tropical Nights anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP4.5 scenario over 2036–2065 period compared to 1981–2010. If the temperature doesn't decrease below a certain threshold during the night this can have important repercussions for health. The body cannot regenerate itself from hot daytime temperatures



### Multi - model ensemble mean of the Total Wet-Day Precipitation anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5)

## Cumulated precipitation for days with prec.>=1mm



Total Wet-Day Precipitation anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP4.5 and RCP 8.5 over 2036–2065 (2050) period compared to 1981–2010.



# Multi - model ensemble mean of the Consecutive Dry Days (CDD) anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5)

#### Consecutive Dry Days: Number of consecutive dry days (with prec.<1mm)



Consecutive Dry Days anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 over 2036–2065 (2050) period compared to 1981–2010. The index is mainly applicable in agriculture and water management.



### Multi - model ensemble mean of the Heavy Precipitation Days (R10) anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5)

Number of Heavy Precipitation Days: Number of days with prec.>=10mm



Heavy Precipitation Days anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 over 2036–2065 (2050) period compared to 1981–2010.



### General consideration for Heavy Precipitation Days

Global warming is projected to lead to a higher intensity of precipitation and longer dry periods in Europe. About heavy precipitation they are expected to decrease over summer and increase over winter.

The continued increase in the spatial and temporal resolution of global and regional climate models has generally improved the representation of extreme precipitation and increased confidence in model-based projections.

However, regional climate models with spatial resolutions of between 10 and 30 km typically used in climate change studies are still too coarse to explicitly represent sub-daily localised beauty precipitation events

heavy precipitation events



Source: <u>Heavy precipitation in Europe — European Environment Agency (europa.eu)</u>

## Expected climate condition over Greece

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Questions



## **Climate services**

## IV part

Questions



What are climate services?

Climate services provide and process climate data to improve decision making process. Climate services must respond to user needs, rely on consolidated scientific information and expertise, and require continuous exchange between users and suppliers.

Climate services transform climate data from various national and international databases into customized products.



Fonte: https://www.wmo.int/gfcs/what-are-climate-services

#### Estimation of the variation of heat waves in an urban environment

Development of approaches for updating planning tools taking into account the potential effect of Climate Change (in order to propose appropriate local adaptation actions).

In the high risk (classes 5-6) areas higher impact (fatalities, hospitalizations) on the population are expected during heath waves

In this study has been evaluated the future expected risk and then the effect of including more green areas (as adaptation strategy)



Green areas cooling effect evaluation





#### Estimation of the variation in precipitation maxima on the urban scale due to climate change

*Expected increasing of extreme precipitation events at local level can cause the the malfunctioning of urban drainage networks.* 

An accurate assessment of how rainfall maxima change can help to understand how to modify such networks so that they are able to be resilient to these increases, in intensity and frequency, of precipitation events localized in space and time.



Future projections of IDF (intensity – duration - frequency curves) can be used to improve the design phase of hydraulic works and urban area planning.





RCP8.5 2071-2100 IDF 5-year return period

## Characterization of precipitation features over Athens with the new very high-resolution climate simulation ERA5@2km



#### Thanks for your attention



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Sectoral Information System to Support Disaster Risk Reduction: web training for Datasets and Applications

September 17, 2021 - h 2.30 pm CEST

#### Speakers:

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Introduction & moderation: Guido Rianna, CMCC Foundation

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### Climate analysis details (temperature)

### **Climate analysis is performed for the following:**

Temperature climate indicators (CI):

TMEAN (°C)	Mean Temperature
FD (days/year)	Frost days: Number of days with minimum temperature<0°C
SU (days/year)	Summer Days: Number of days with maximum temperature>25°C
TR (days/year)	Tropical Nights: Number of days with minimum temperature>20°C
ID (days/year)	Ice Days: Number of days with maximum temperature<0°C
HW (days/year)	Heat Waves: Number of days with maximum temperature>35°C



### Climate analysis details (precipitation)

**Climate analysis is performed for the following:** 

Precipitation climate indicators (CI):

PRCPTOT (mm/year)	Total Wet-Day Precipitation:
	Cumulated precipitation for days with prec.>=1mm
CDD (days/year)	Consecutive Dry Days:
	Number of consecutive dry days (with prec.<1mm)
R10 (days/year)	Number of Heavy Precipitation Days:
	Number of days with prec.>=10mm



# Multi - model ensemble mean of the Ice Days (ID) anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP4.5)



Ice Days anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP4.5 scenario over 2036–2065 period compared to 1981–2010.



## Multi - model ensemble mean of the Ice Days (ID) anomaly at Nuts3 level (RCP8.5)



Ice Days anomaly provided by the EURO CORDEX-11 multi-model ensemble mean for RCP8.5 scenario over 2036–2065 period compared to 1981–2010.

