



The WMO RAVI Pilot Regional Climate Centre Network – a support to users in Europe

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What is a Regional Climate Centre (RCC) ?

RCCs are **Centres of Excellence** that **assist WMO Members** in a given region to deliver **better climate services and products** including regional long-range forecasts, and to strengthen their capacity to meet **national climate information needs**.

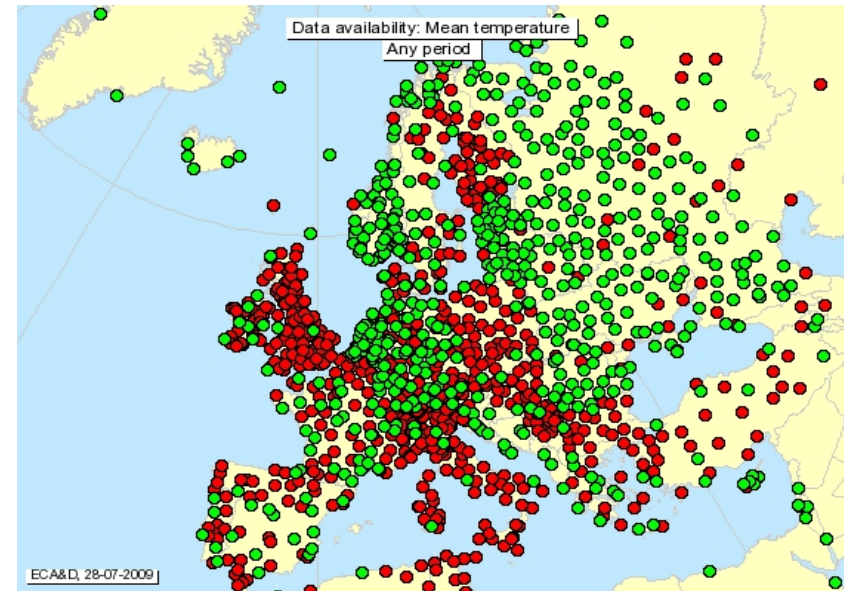
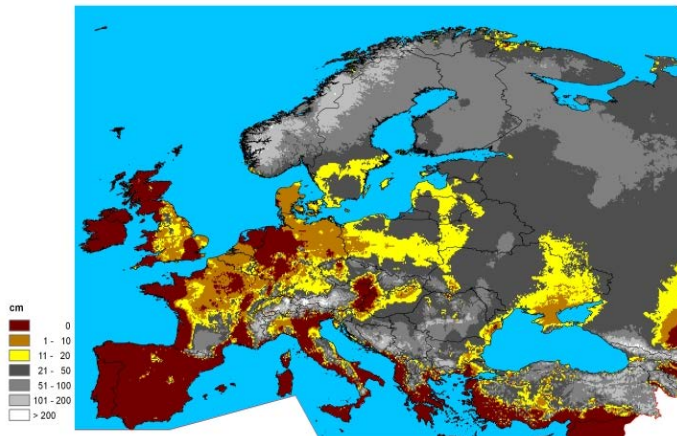
- WMO activity (there is a mandate by WMO)
- Providing high-quality climate services and products for the WMO RA VI Region (dedicated regional service: Europe and Middle East)
- At RA VI: Organized as a network of many participating national meteorological and hydrological services (NMHSs). (in contrast to other RAs)
- Principle of shared work/tasks (one for all, all for one)
- No duplication of work which is already done on a national level
- Users are other RCCs and the NMHSs, end-users the customers of the NMHSs
- “Pilot”: official designation by WMO pending

WMO RAVI Pilot RCC-Network

- RCCs provide regional-scale tailored climate services on
 - Climate Data
 - Climate Monitoring
 - Climate Outlook and projections

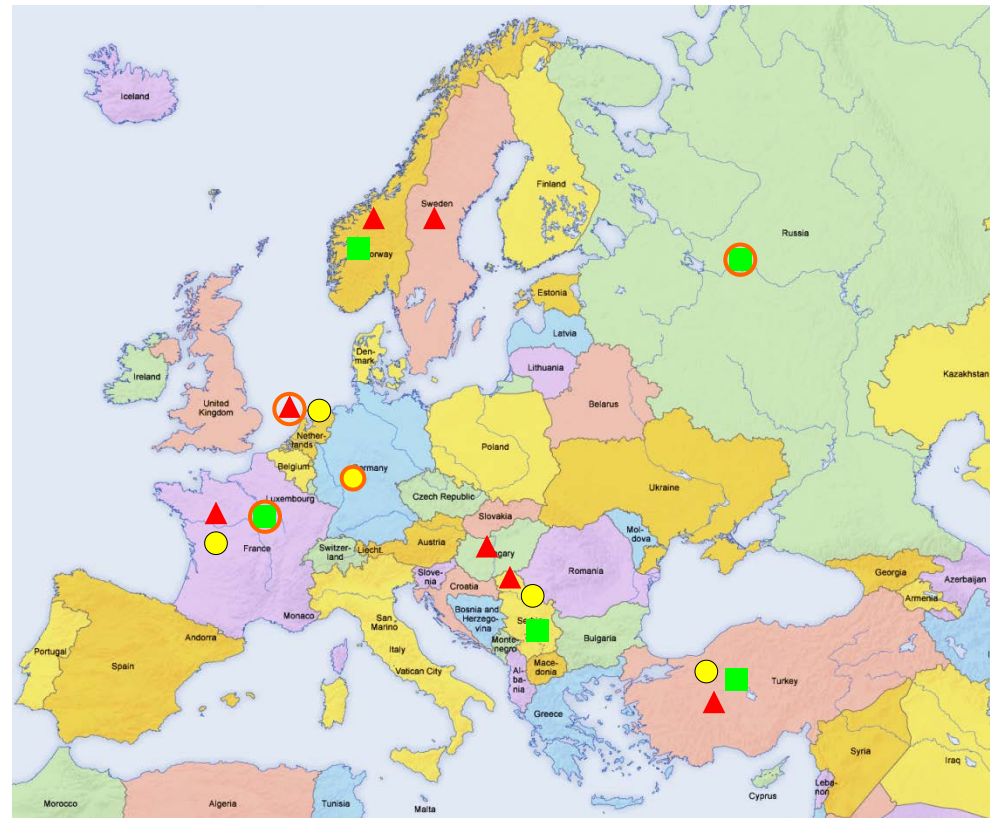
Maximale Schneehöhe Februar 2012
Maximum snow depth February 2012

Datenbasis/Carta basis: SYNOP
Stand/last update: 01.03.2012



WMO Pilot RCC-Network in Europe

- ➔ using the Members' knowledge to improve meteorological services
- ➔ RA VI RCC Pilot Network
 - ➔ RCC on Climate Data:
France, Hungary, Norway, Serbia, Sweden, Turkey;
lead: The Netherlands
 - ➔ RCC on Climate Monitoring:
Armenia, France, The Netherlands, Serbia, Turkey;
lead: Germany
 - ➔ RCC on Long-range Forecasting:
Norway, Serbia, Turkey;
lead: France, Russian Federation



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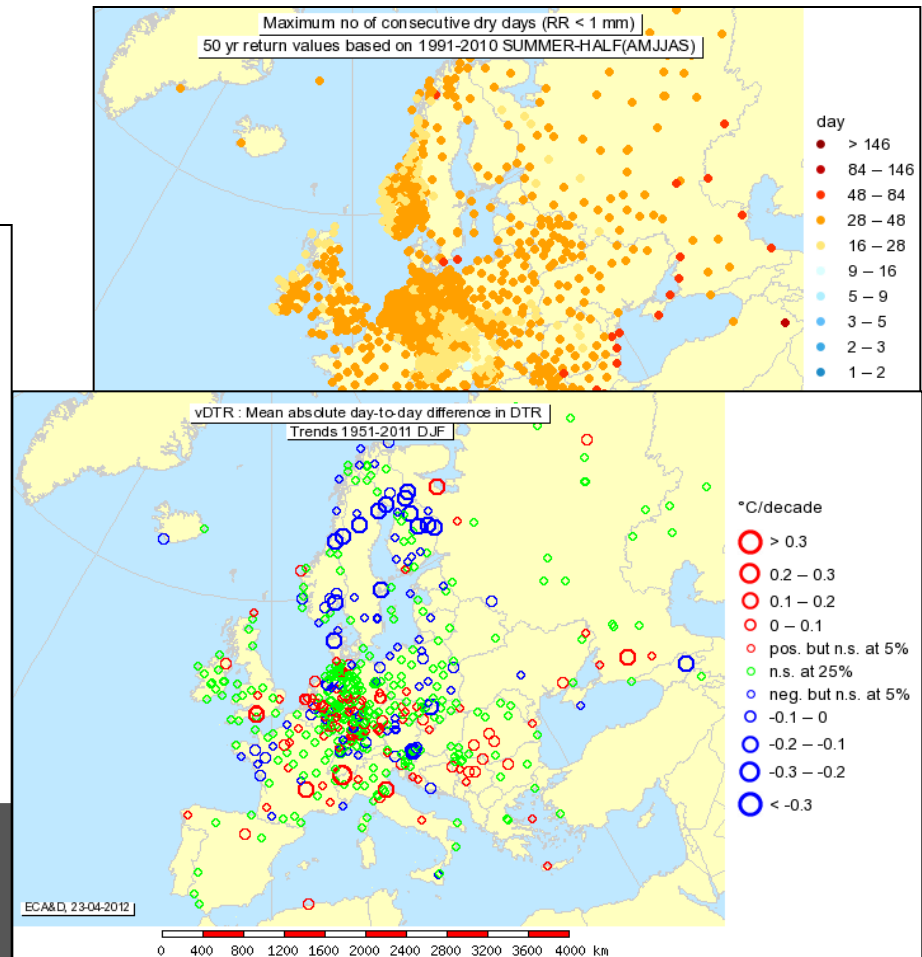
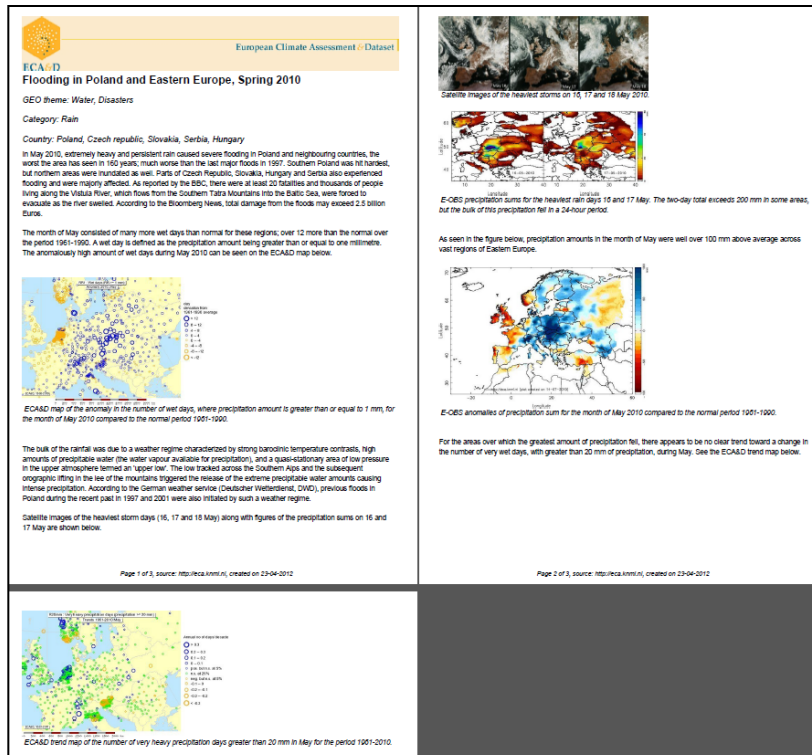
National contributors and primary users: all 50 Met Services of RA VI

RAVI RCC Product summary

- RCC on Climate Data:
 - various data sets for Europe, both station data and gridded data (ECA/D, MILLENNIUM, ENSEMBLES, BALTEX, SHARK) and various sub-regional data sets
 - Services: Archiving functions, data management tools
- RCC on Climate Monitoring
 - Maps, reference climatologies, anomalies, indices, trends, statistics
 - reports, significant weather event data base, climate watch (advisories on possible future events),
- RCC on Long-Range Forecasting (seasonal forecasts)
 - Seasonal forecast bulletins, maps and graphs on model performance, seasonal outlooks, consensus statements, model verification

RCC-CD product examples

- ➔ Reports on extreme events
- ➔ Data sets for download
- ➔ Maps of daily data



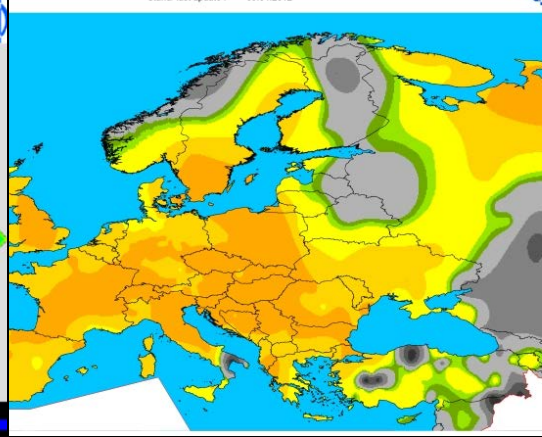
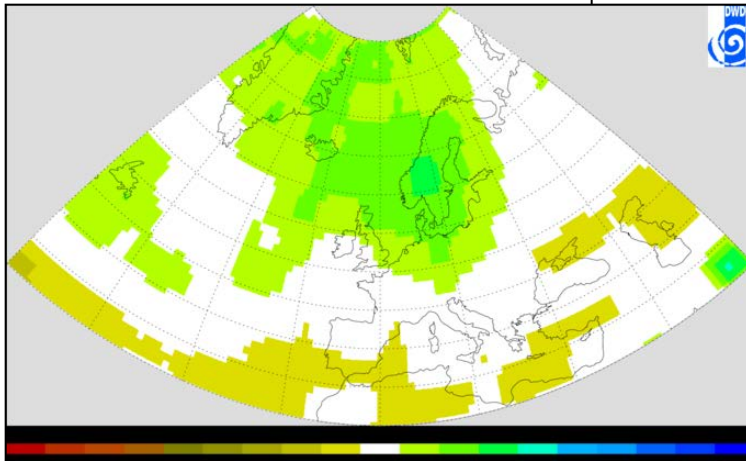
RCC-CM product examples

- ➔ Maps, including from satellites
- ➔ Significant events documentations
- ➔ Reports
- ➔ Gridded data sets for download
- ➔ Climate watches

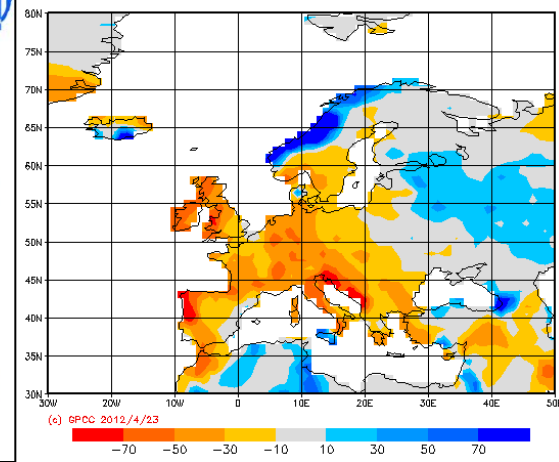


Sonnenscheindauer März 2012 in % vom Normalwert 1961-1990
Sunshine duration March 2012 in % of the 1961-1990 normal

Datenbasis/Data basis: CLIMAT
Stand/last update: 09.04.2012



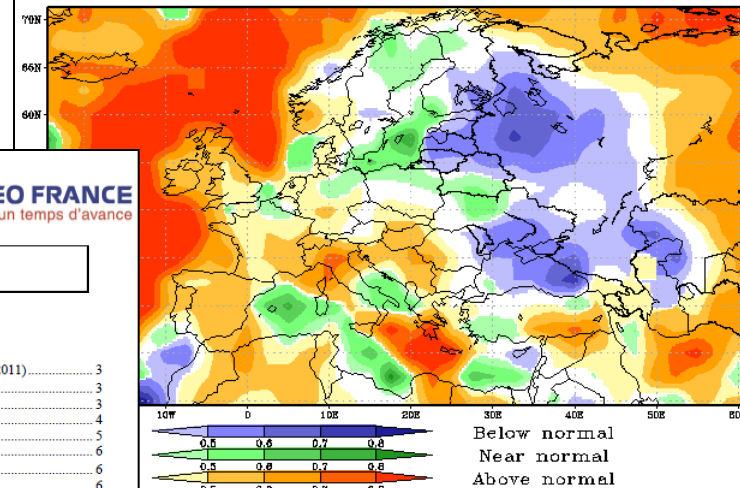
GPCC First Guess 1.0 degree
precipitation anomaly for March 2012 in mm/month
(deviation from normals 1951/2000) (grid based)



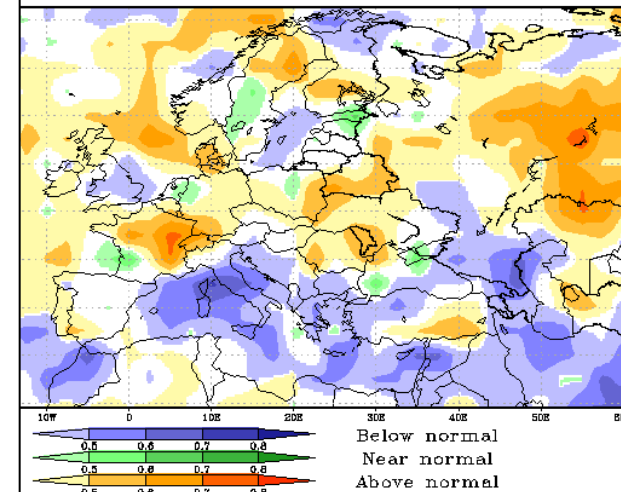
RCC-LRF product examples

- ➔ Monthly global bulletin
- ➔ Gblal and regional seasonal prediction maps
- ➔ Climate outlook

Composite probabilities of categorical forecast outcomes for T2m seasonal anomalies. Producer: HMC+MGO
Forecast period: April_May_June_2012



Composite probabilities of categorical forecast outcomes for precipitation seasonal anomalies. Producer: HMC+MGO
Forecast period: April_May_June_2012



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Toujours un temps d'avance

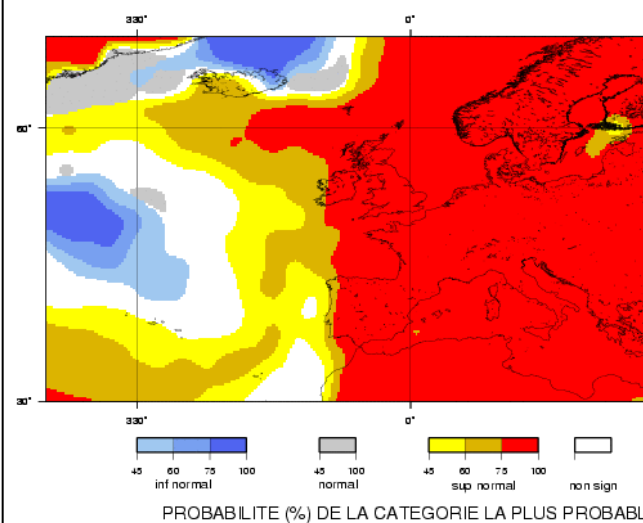
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Access to RCC-Network products - overview

- ➔ Internet
 - ➔ Recommended by implementation plan
 - ➔ Should include product catalogue for each node as PDF including examples for products
 - ➔ Access without restriction
 - ➔ Most products of RCC-CD and RCC-CM
 - ➔ Access with restriction
 - ➔ Through the respective NMHS
 - ➔ User and password authorised by host of RCC node
 - ➔ For RCC-LRF products and gridded data from RCC-CM
- ➔ Via one of the WMO Global Information System Centres (GISCs)
 - ➔ Additional access option
 - ➔ Also offers search for RCC products (if smart keywords used)


Access to RCC-Network information and products

- ➔ Website <http://www.rccra6.org>
- ➔ General description
- ➔ Links to
 - ➔ Documents
 - ➔ Meeting information
 - ➔ Contact details
 - ➔ Links to all RCC nodes, including product catalogues



Quo vadis RCC?

- Upcoming challenges and opportunities
 - Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)
 - GMES Climate Core Service
 - Interaction with other RCCs
 - New inter-regional RCCs, e.g. for the Polar Region, Mediterranean
- Add new regional partners, enhance consortium
- Improve user friendliness
- Better integration of RCC webpages; WMO design



Thank you for your attention !