



Calibration and combination of seasonal forecast over Southern Europe

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The four seasonal operational systems integrated in EUROSIP (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), Météo-France, UK Met Office and National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP)) are first separately verified for different seasons, lead times, variables and sub-regions over Southern Europe based on available hindcasts. Then, the impact of calibration and combination of seasonal hindcasts using different setups of a Bayesian scheme is shown and discussed. Although results show relatively low skill as a consequence of the low predictability at seasonal scale over mid-latitudes, there is a noticeable consistency among models. Windows of opportunity associated to certain seasons, variables, models and regions are also shown and discussed.