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First satellite-derived atmospheric CO₂ and CH4 Essential Climate Variable (ECV) data set from the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S)

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Previously, satellite-derived atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane (CH4) Essential Climate Variable (ECV) data sets have been generated and made available via the GHG-CCI project of ESA's Climate Change Initiative (CCI, http://www.esa-ghg-cci.org/). The last GHG-CCI data set, called Climate Research Data Package No. 4 (CRDP 4), covers the time period 2003-2015 and is available since February 2017. Currently, the production and provision of these data sets is being continued via the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S, https://climate.copernicus.eu/), which is implemented by ECMWF on behalf of the European Commission. The C3S satellite greenhouse gas (GHG) sub-project (C3S_312a_Lot6) is led by University of Bremen supported by University of Leicester, SRON and CNRS-LMD. The first Climate Data Record (CDR) data set produced and delivered within the C3S framework covers the time period 2003-2016 and consists of column-average dry-air mole fraction CO_2 and CH4 products, i.e. XCO_2 and XCH4, from SCIAMACHY/ENVISAT and TANSO-FTS/GOSAT. Furthermore, mid-tropospheric CO_2 from AIRS. These data products and their documentation will be made available in early 2018 via the Climate Data Store (CDS) of C3S. An overview about this new data set will be presented.