



# **Online Workshop: Considering High Resolution Climate Change Projections for road infrastructure planning, development and maintenance**

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# AGENDA

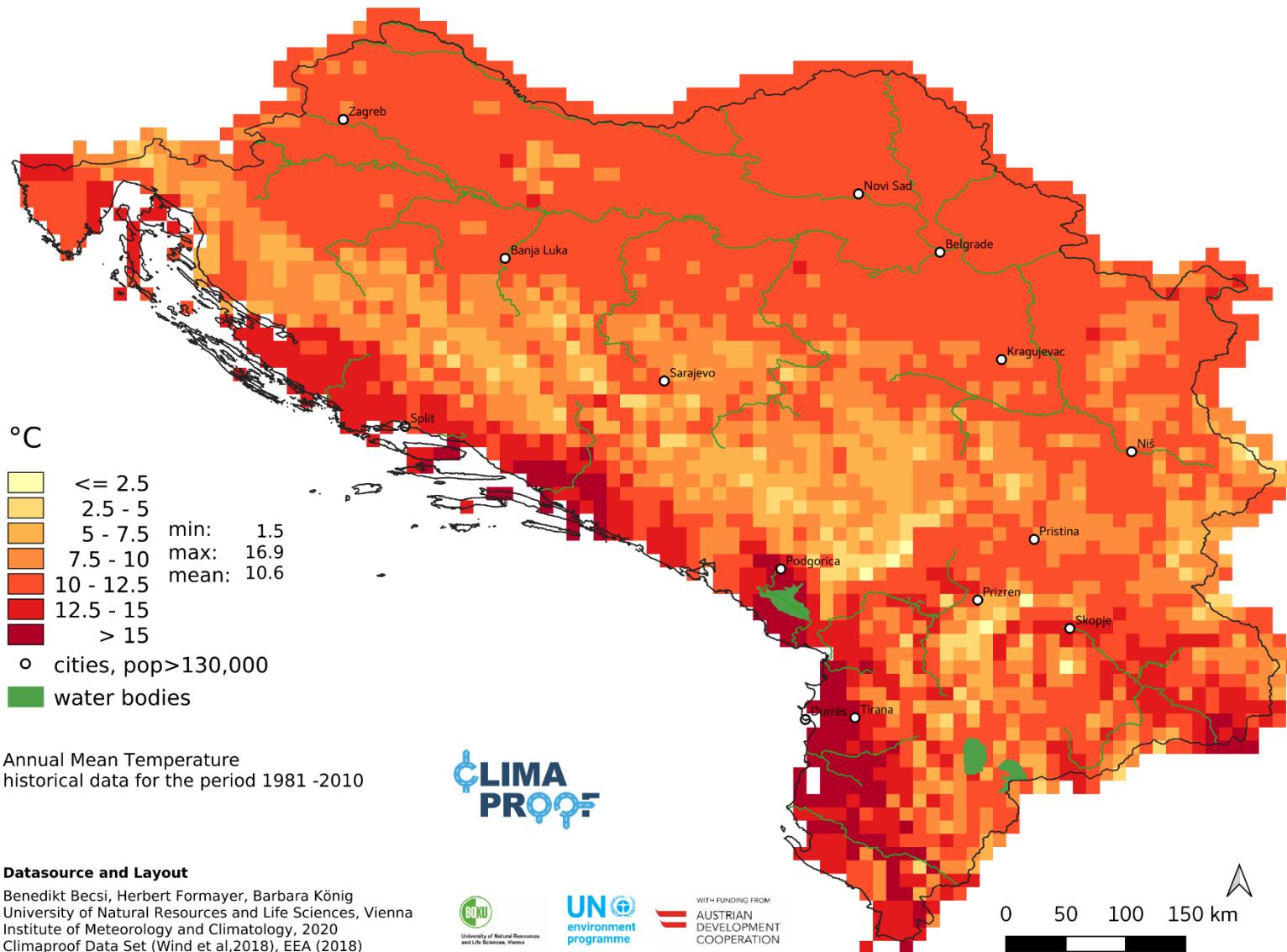
- Climate and Climate Change in the Western Balkan region
- Introduction to the ClimaProof Dataset and Tools
- Climate indicators for infrastructure planning, development and maintenance - general introduction and examples
- Discussion on relevance and prioritization of climate indicators for the Western Balkan region
- Discussion on EU good practices in incorporating climate projections in infrastructure planning and development

# Climate and Climate Change in the Western Balkan region

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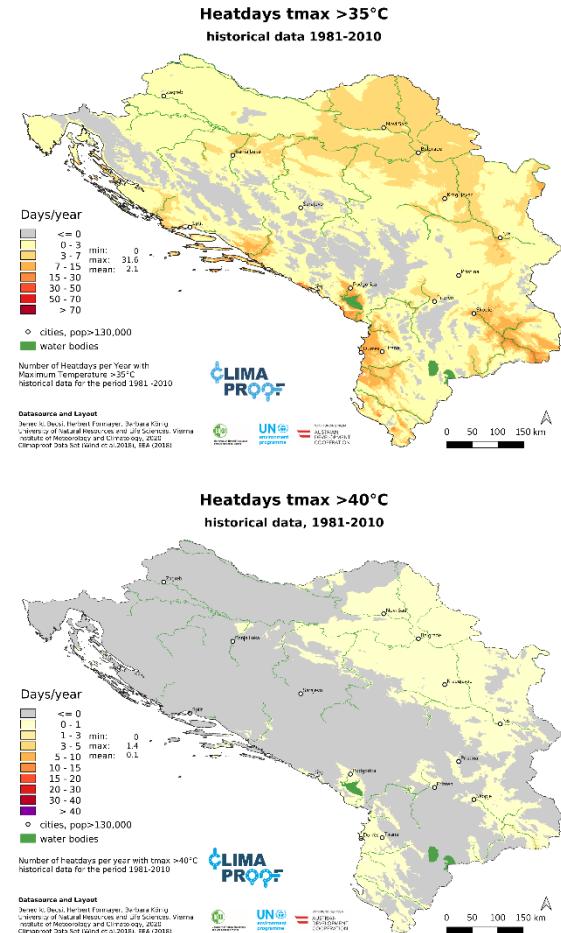
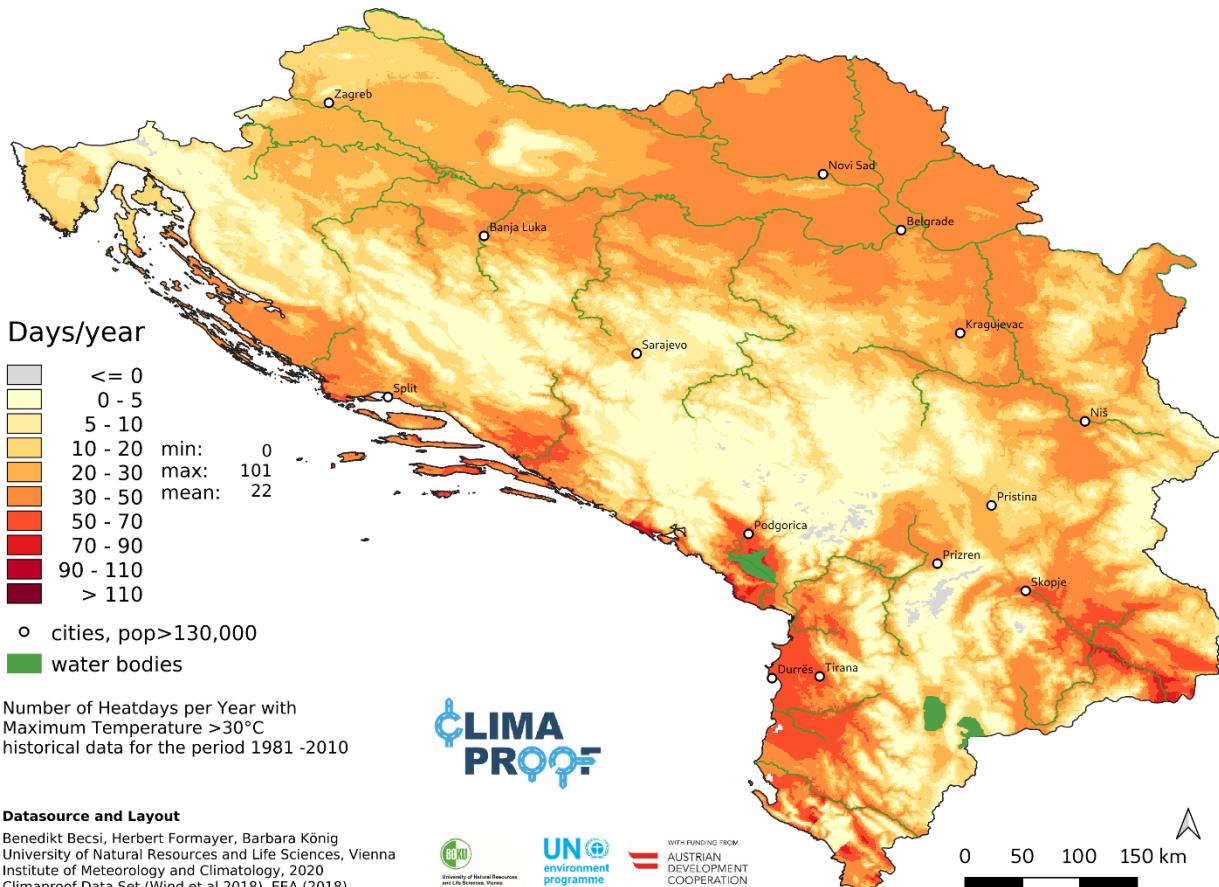


# Annual Mean Temperature Observations 1981-2010

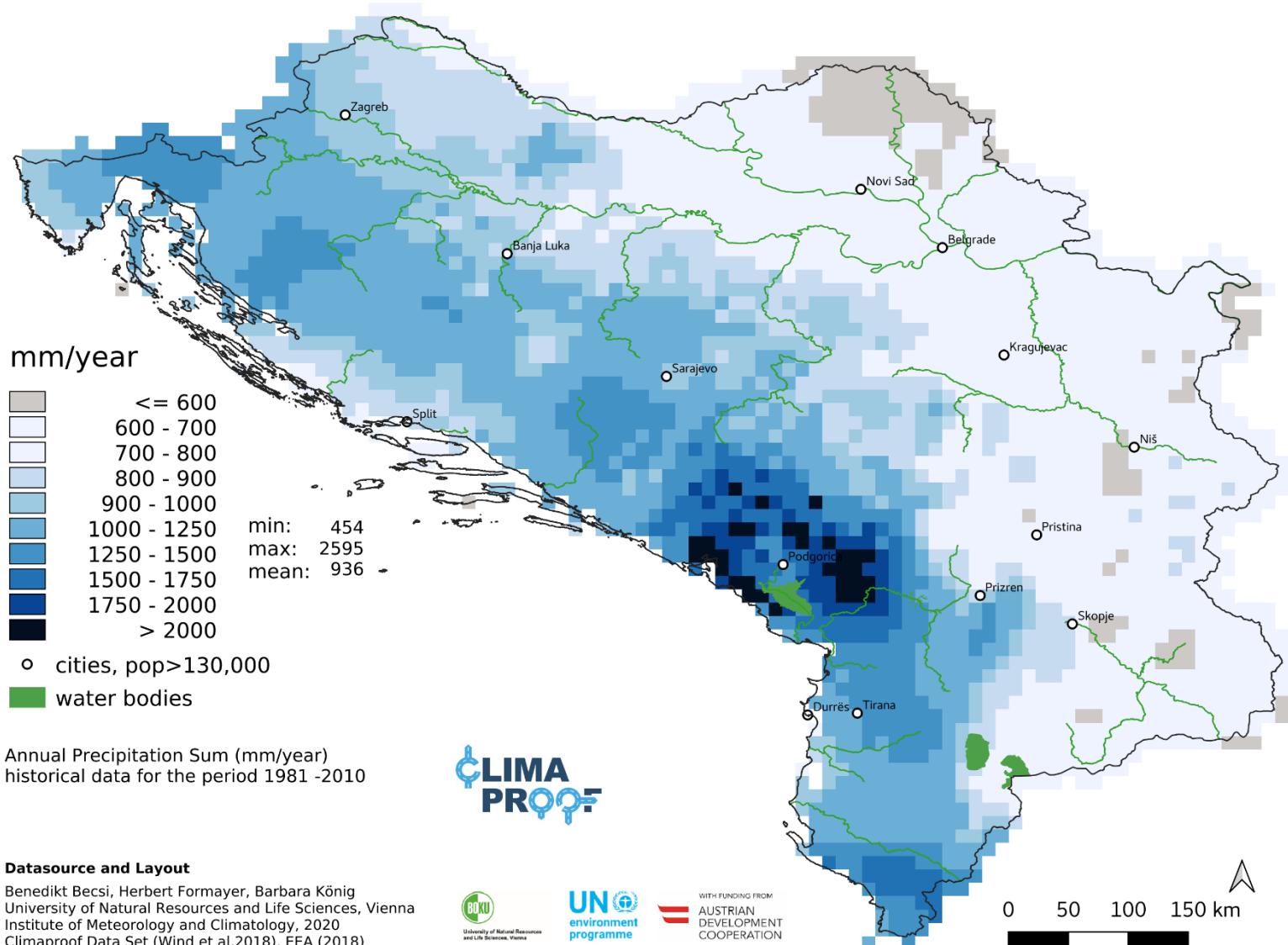


# Number of Heatdays >30°C

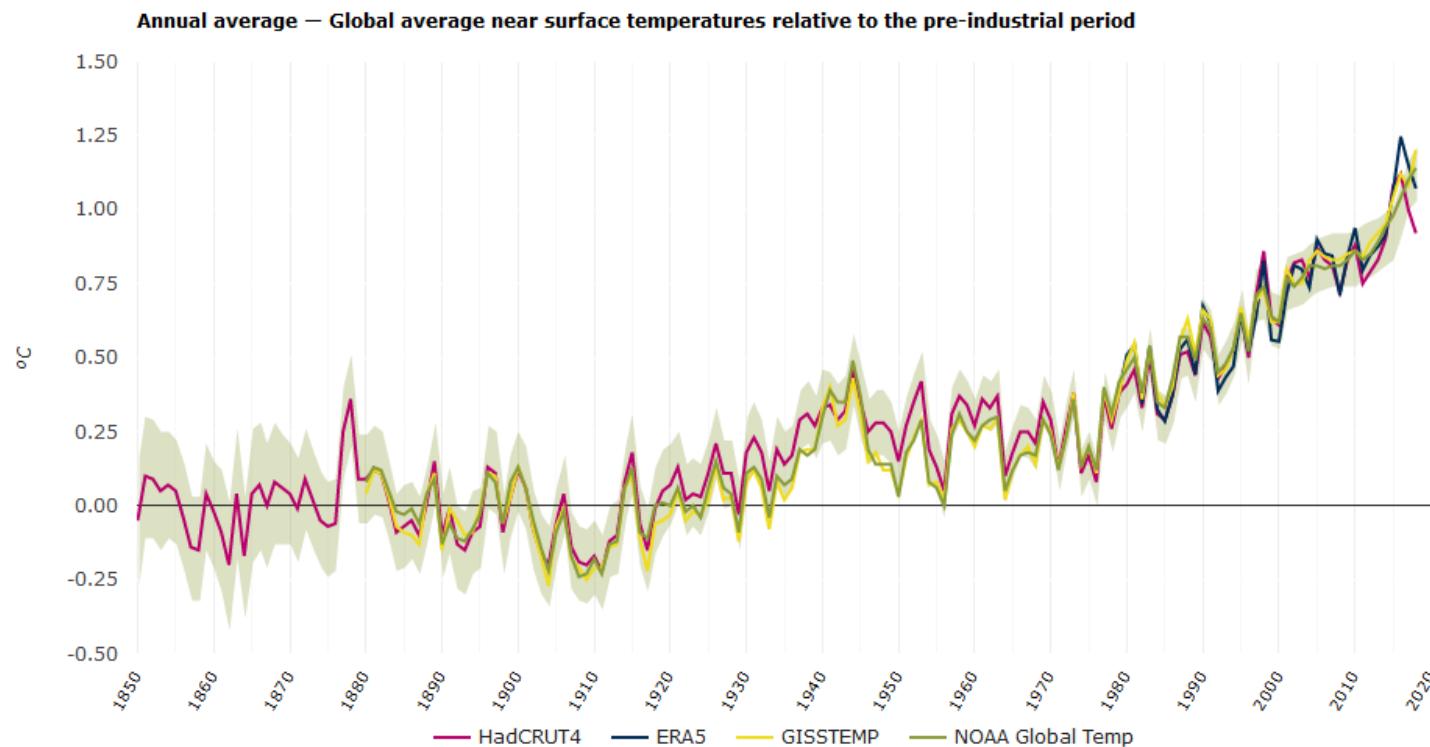
## Observations 1981-2010



# Annual Precipitation Sum Observations 1981-2010



# Global Temperature Change



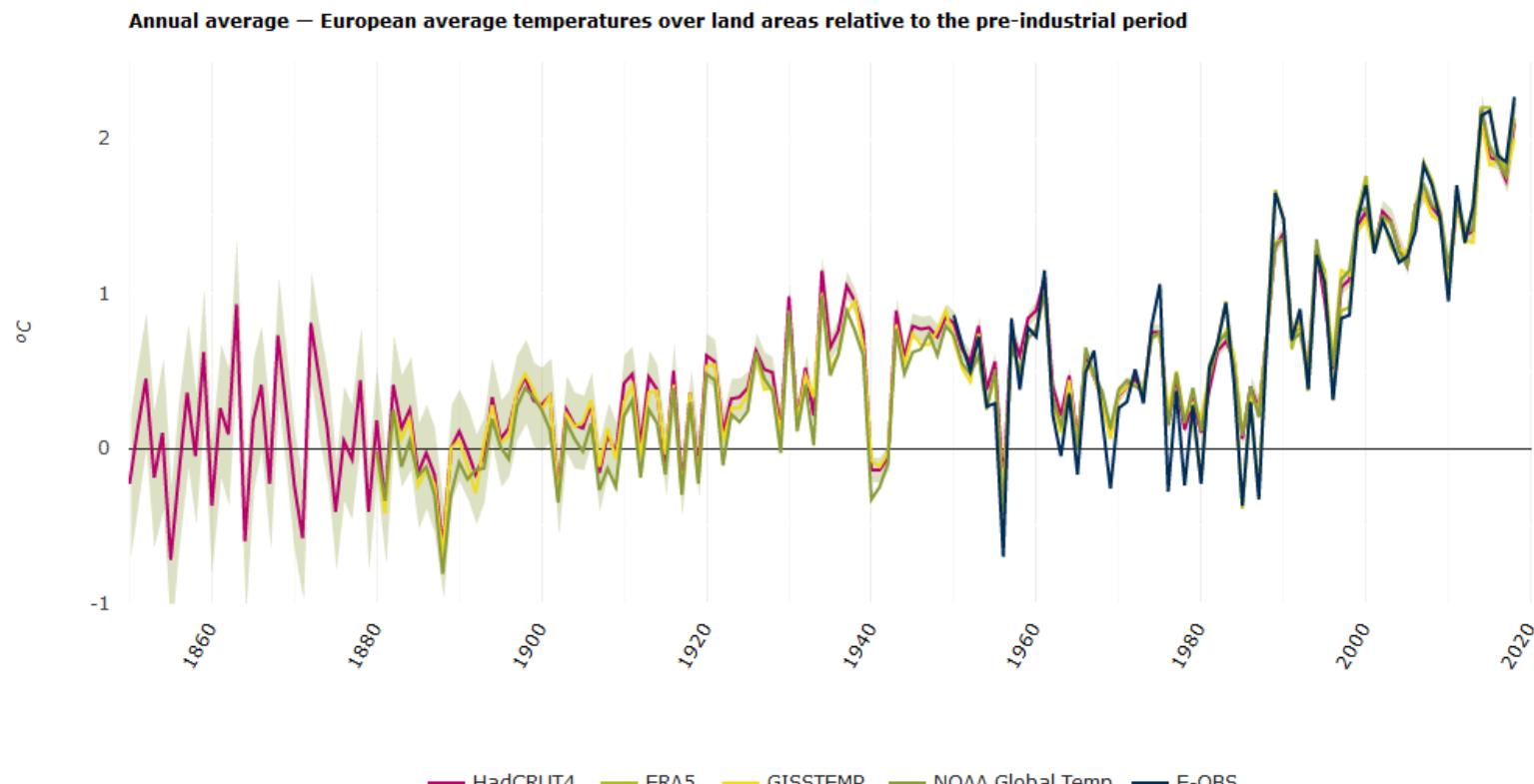
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- NASA – Goddard Institute for Space Studies Surface Temperature Analysis (GISTEMP) provided by NASA
- ERA-Interim provided by European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/indicators/global-and-european-temperature-9/assessment>

EEA, 2020

# European Temperature Change



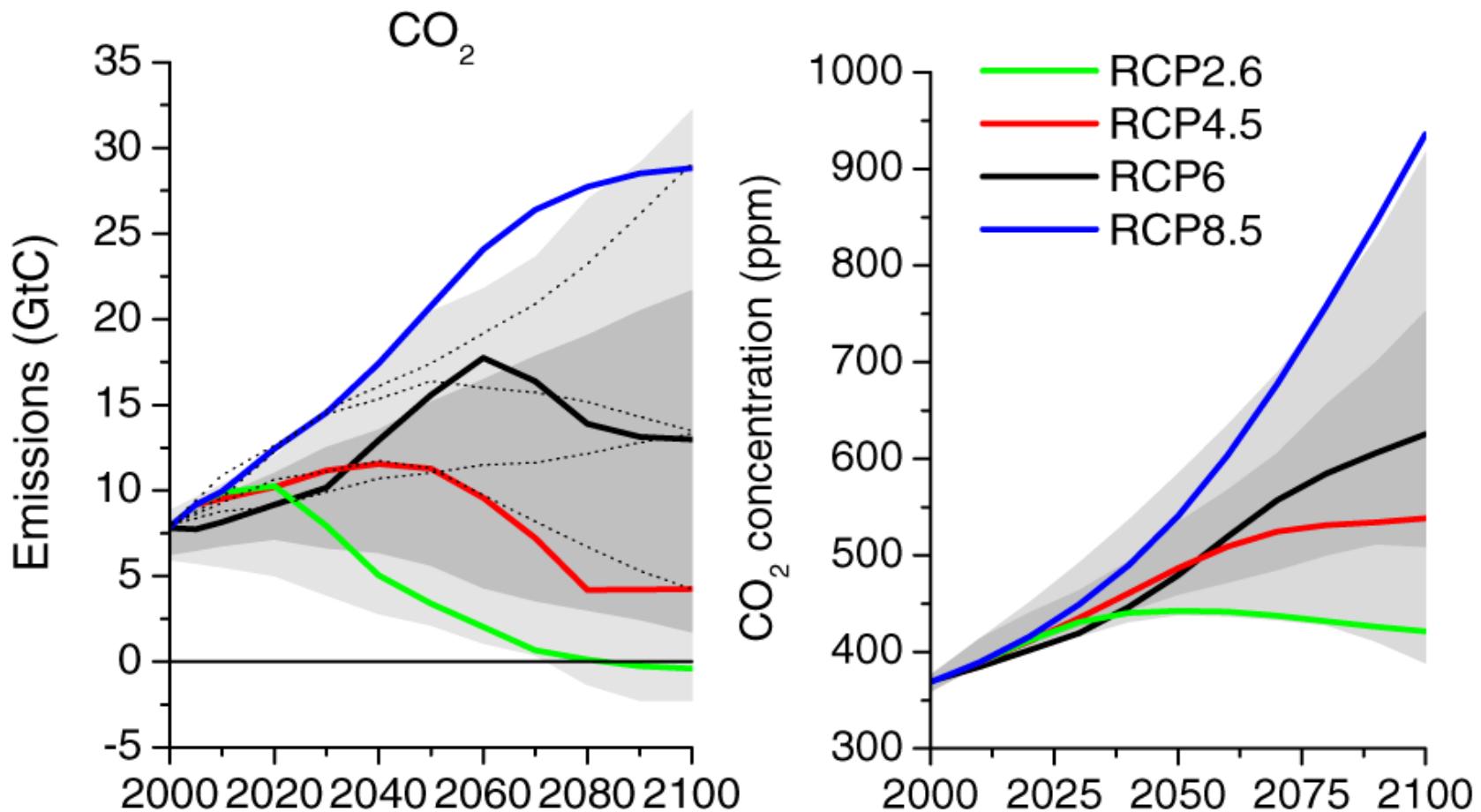
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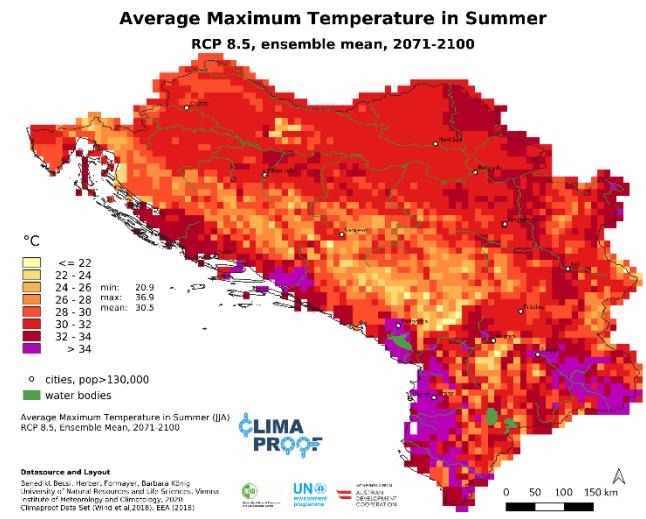
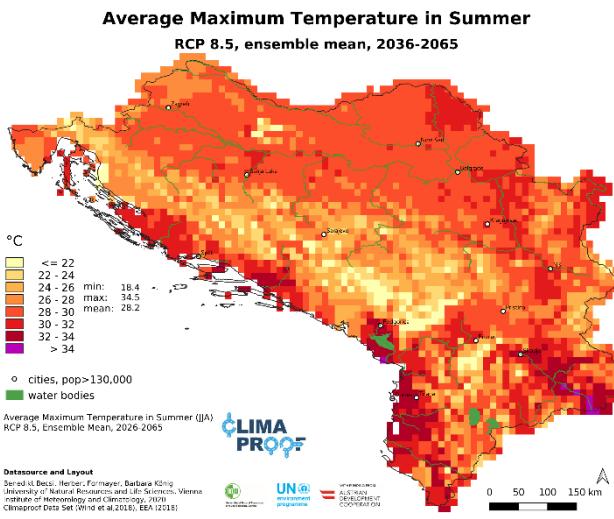
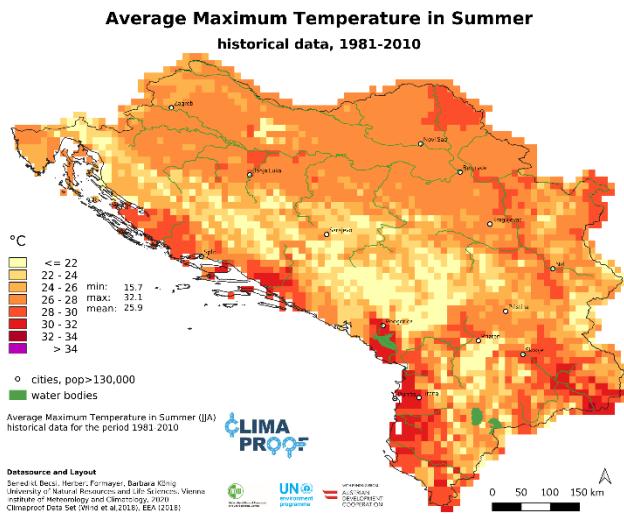
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# RCPs - Representative Concentration Pathways



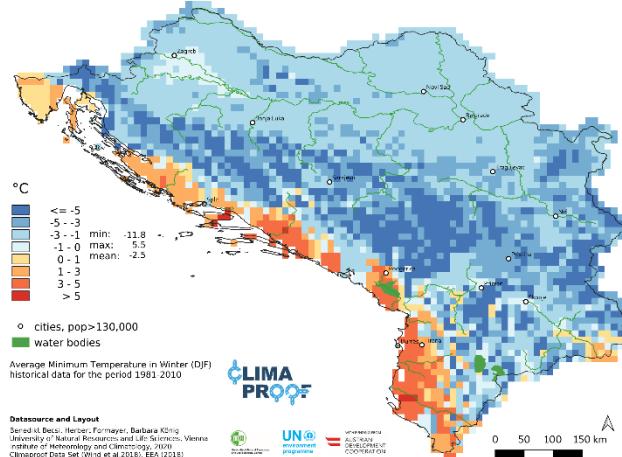
Van Vuuren et al, 2011

# Average Maximum Temperature (JJA)

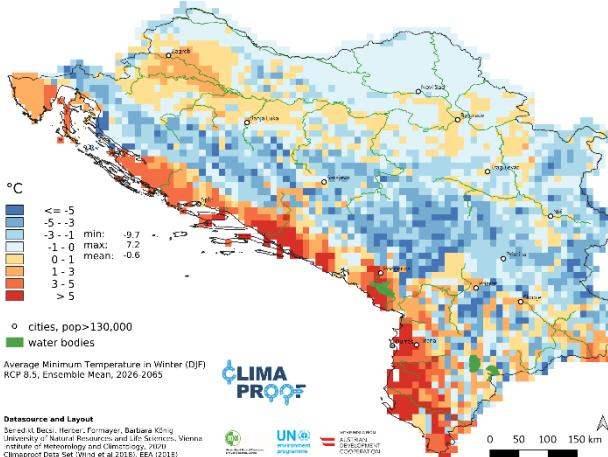


# Average Minimum Temperature (DJF)

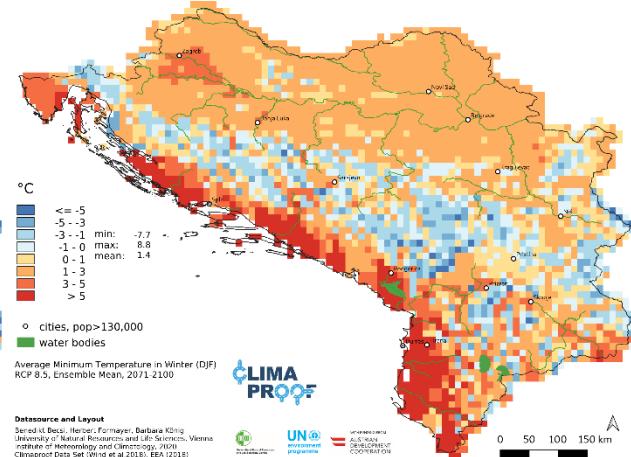
Average Minimum Temperature in Winter  
historical data, 1981-2010



Average Minimum Temperature in Winter  
RCP 8.5, ensemble mean, 2036-2065



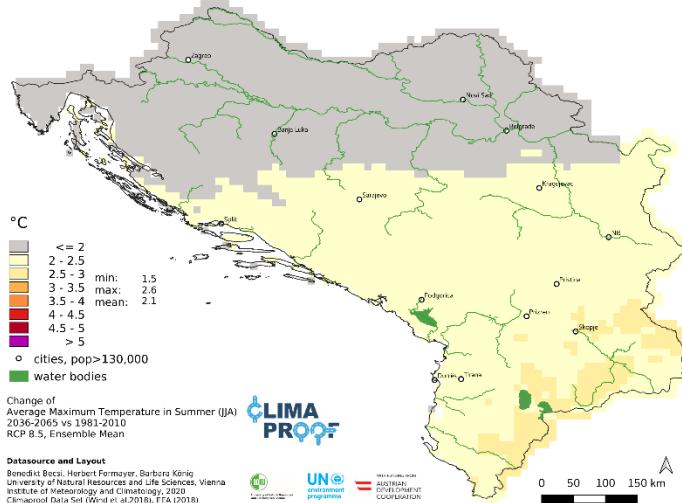
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# Change of Average Temperature (Tmax JJA, Tmin DJF)

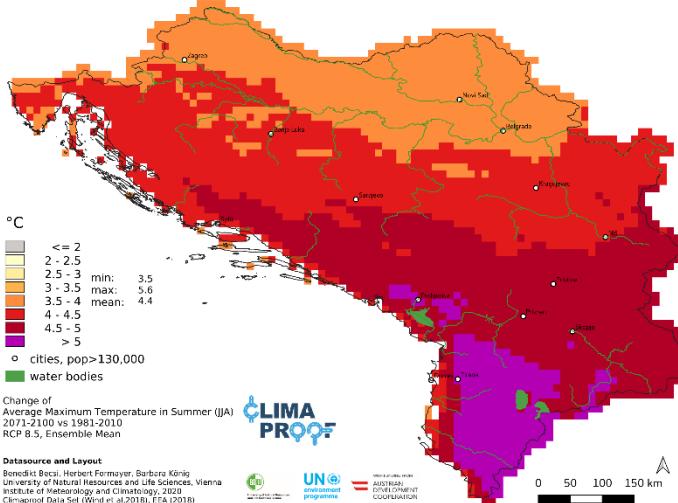
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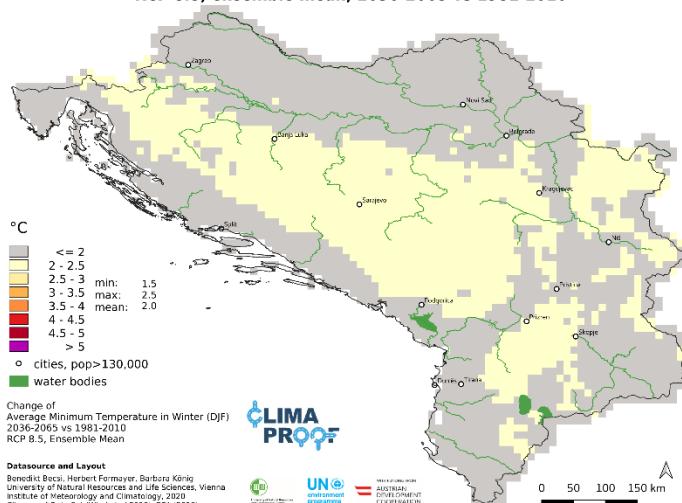
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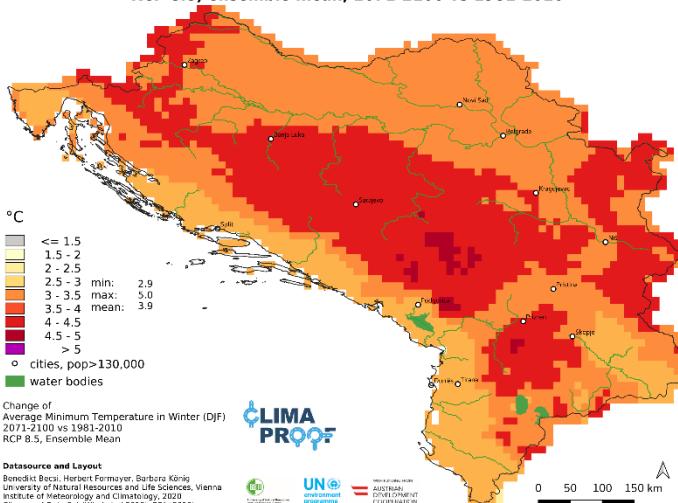
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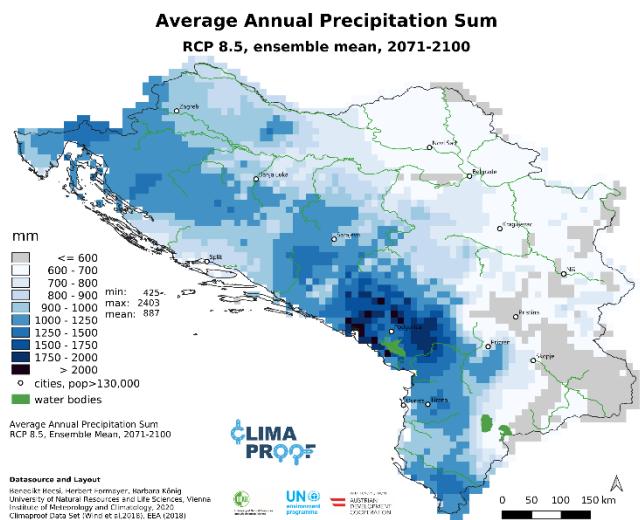
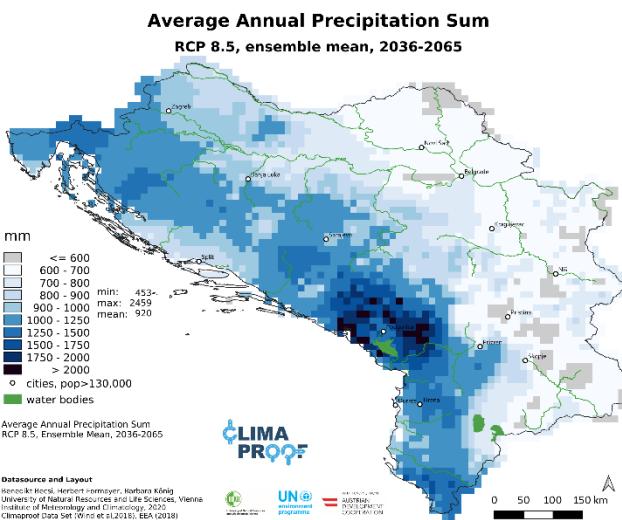
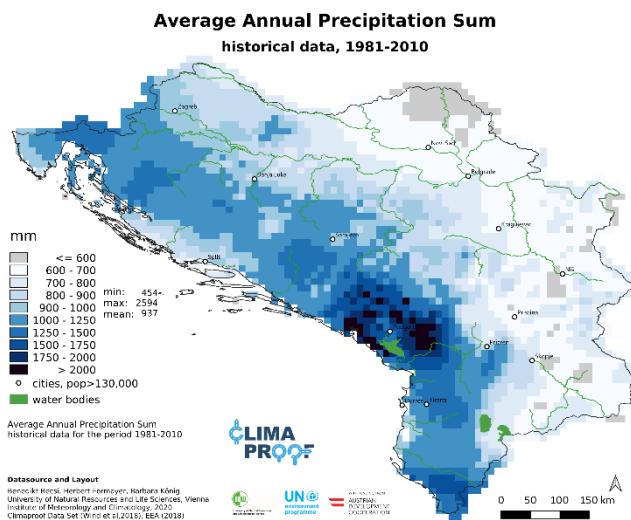


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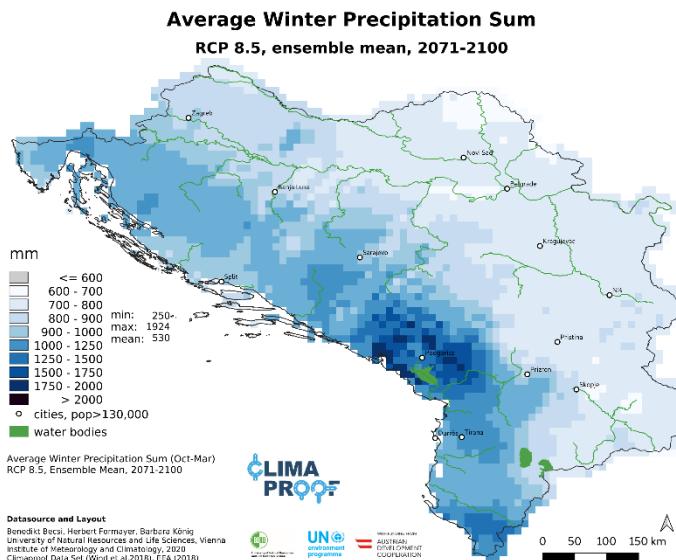
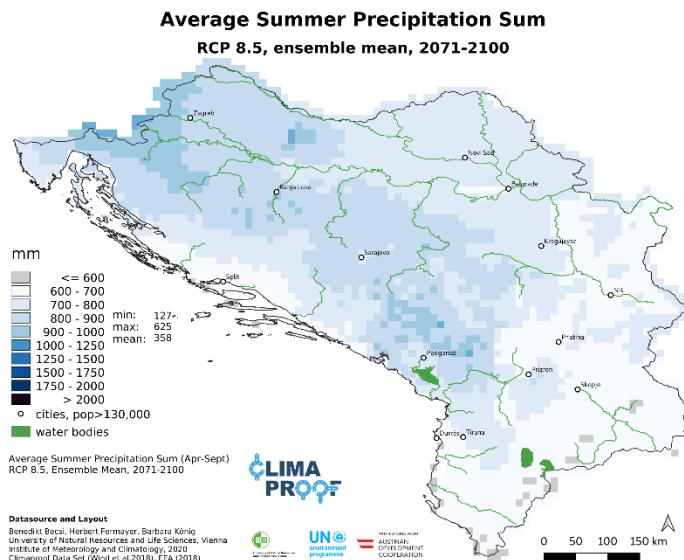
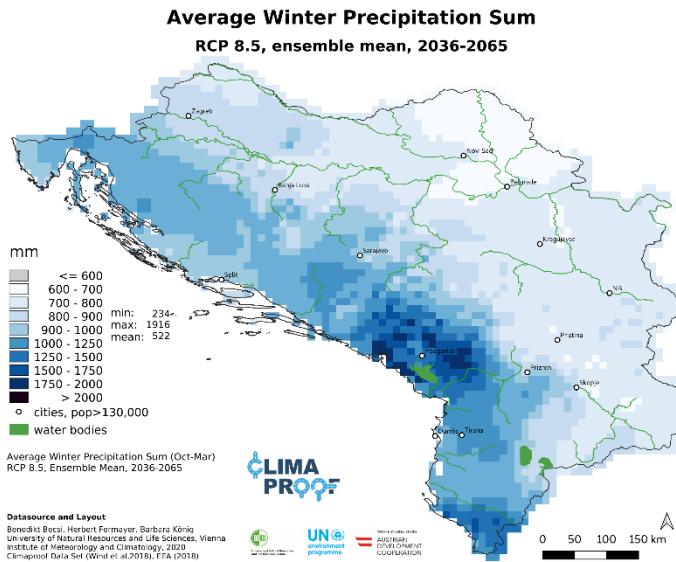
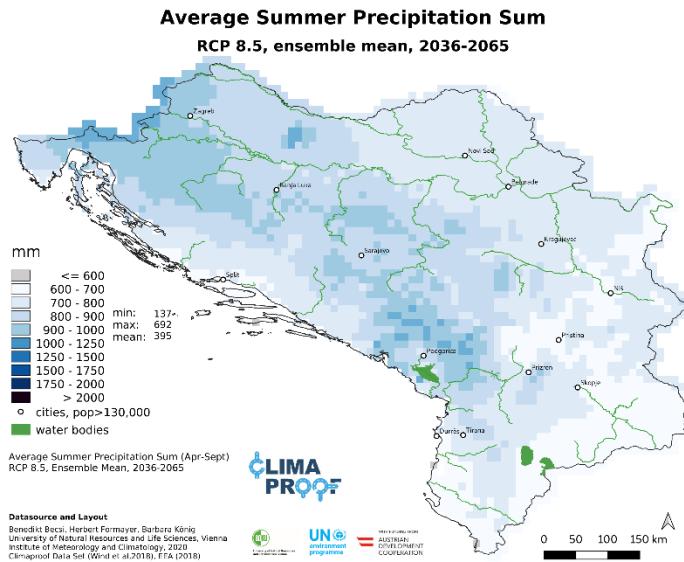
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# Precipitation sum – annual

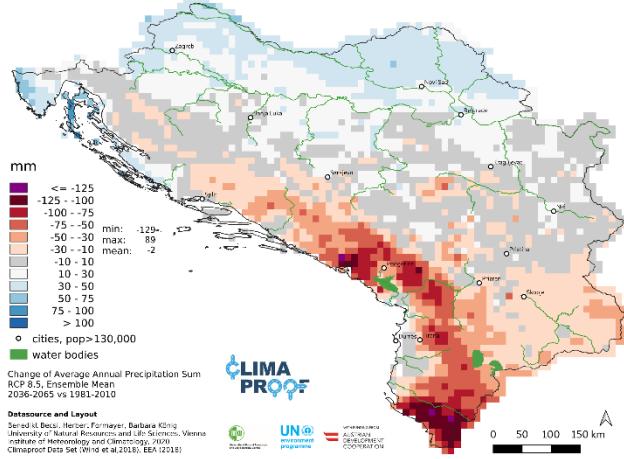


# Precipitation sum – summer, winter

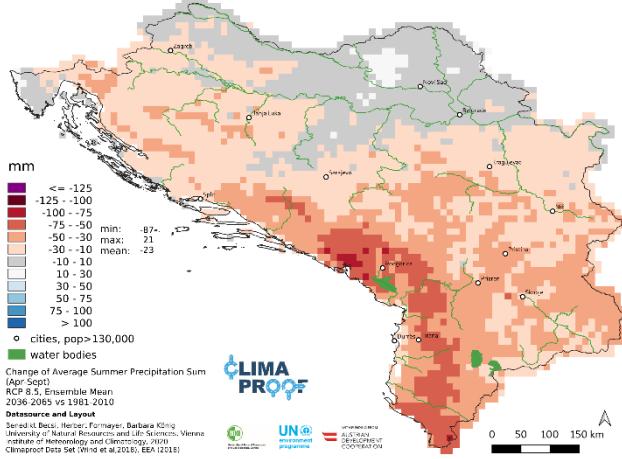


# Change of Precipitation

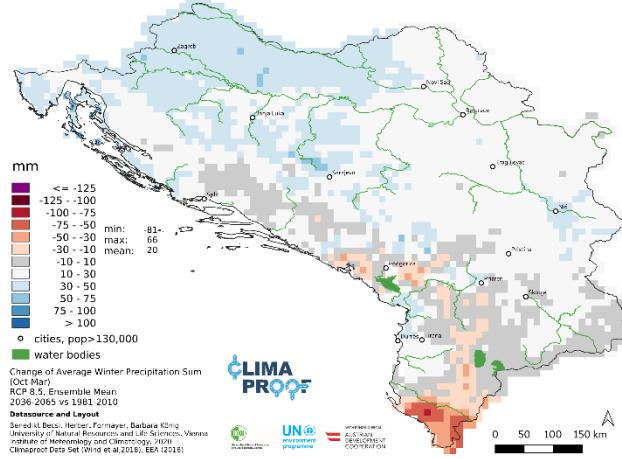
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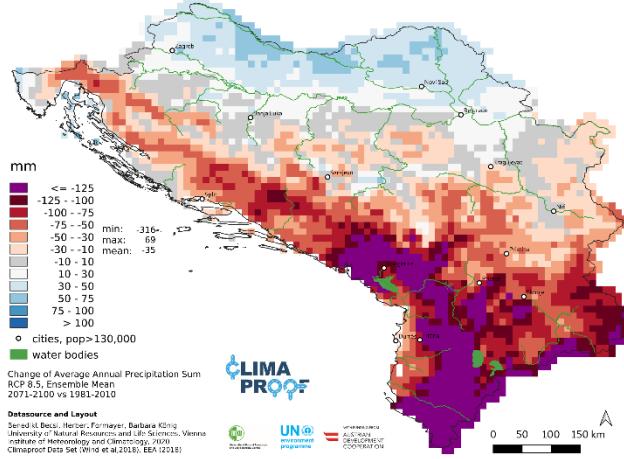
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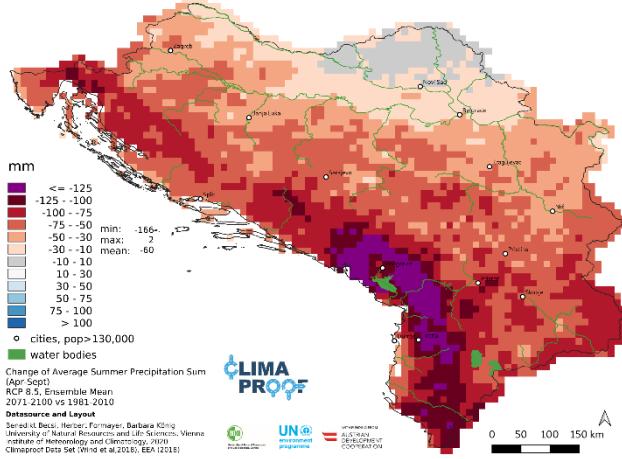
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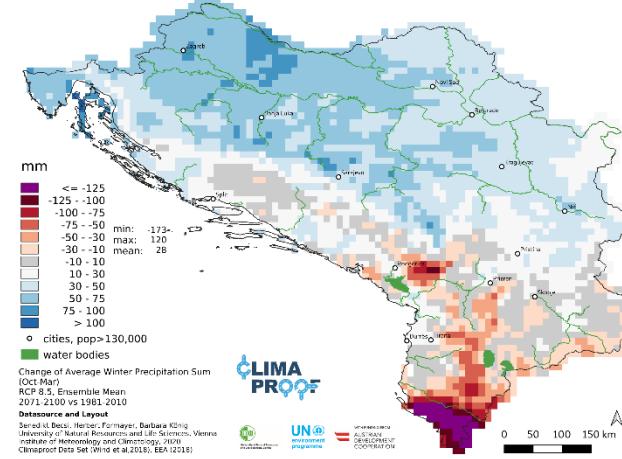
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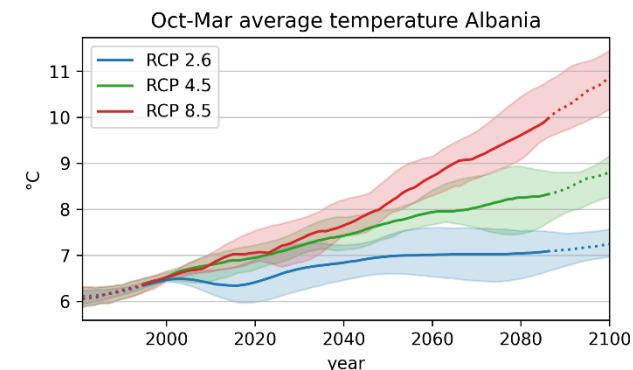
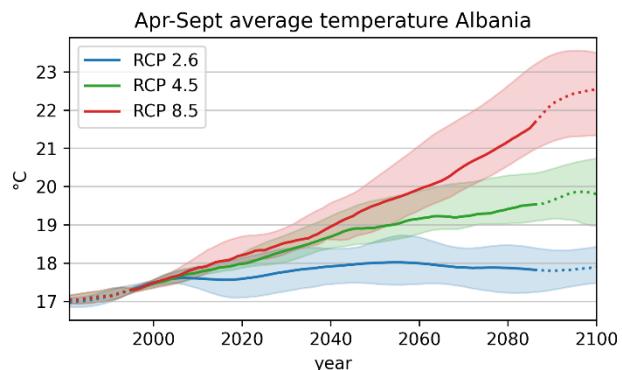
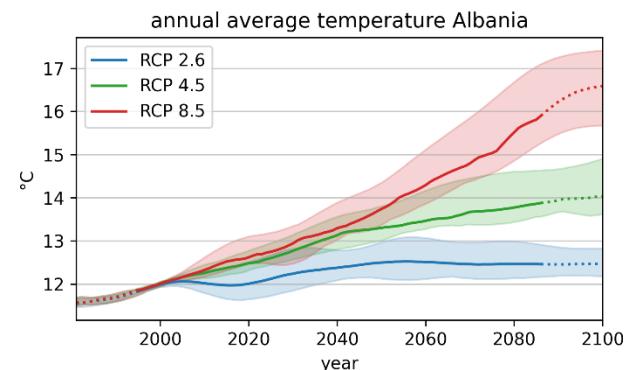
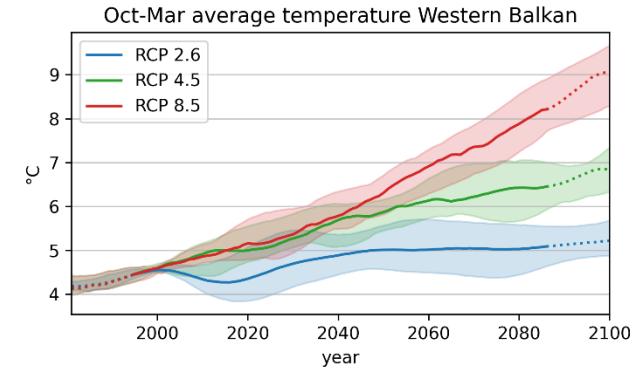
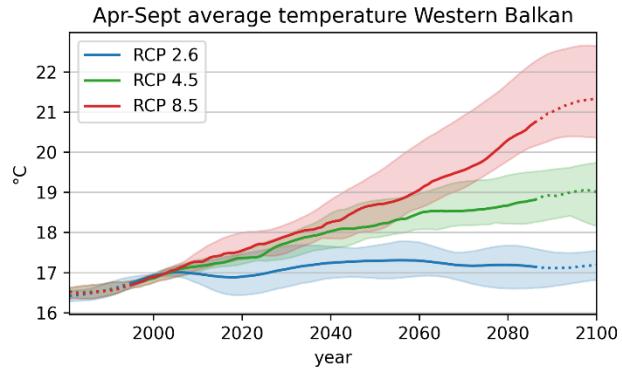
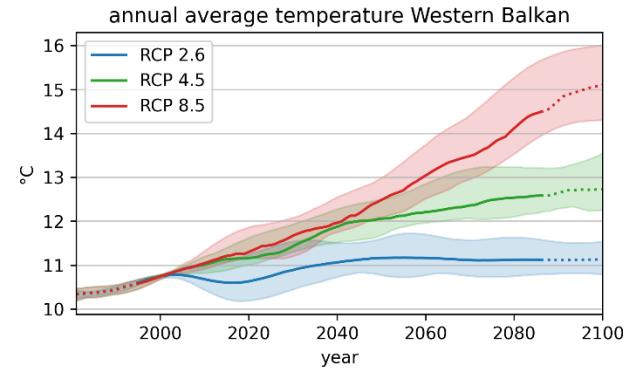
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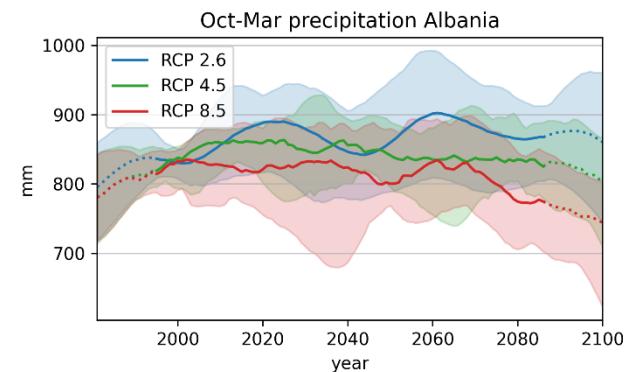
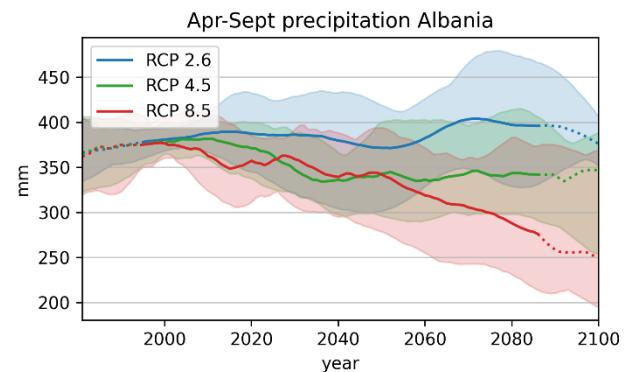
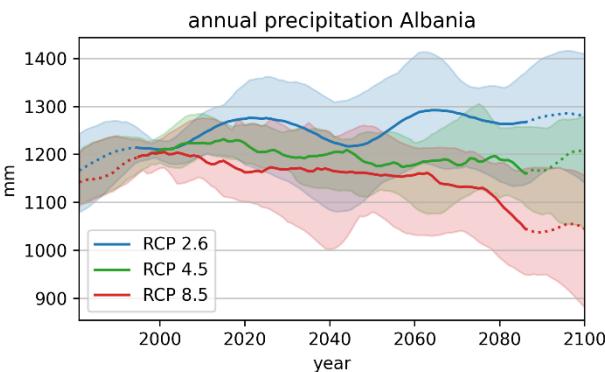
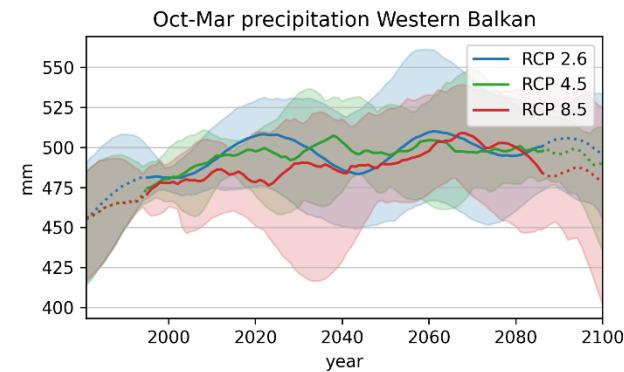
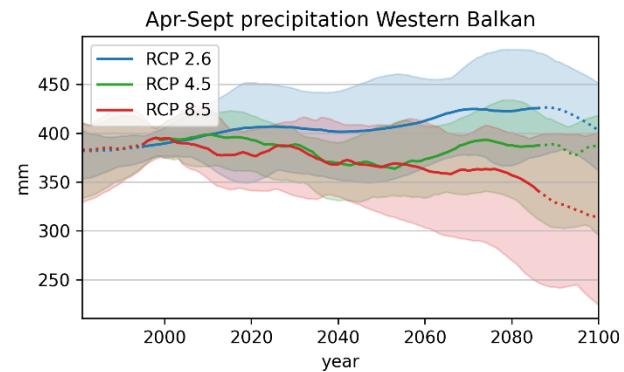
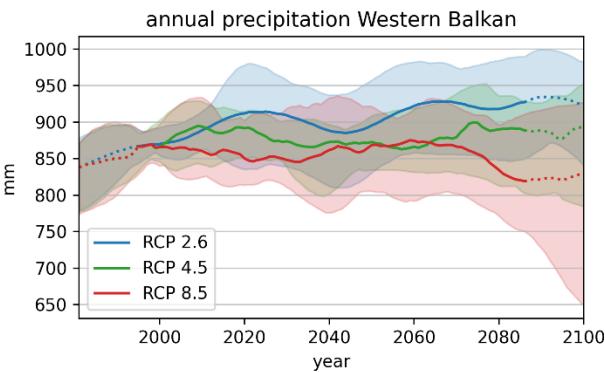
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# Timeseries temperature



# Timeseries annual precipitation



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# Keymessages

- Temperature rise in the whole region
  - Annual Tmean and Summer Tmax: north – south pattern
  - Winter Tmin: colder areas (mountains) expect an higher increase
- Precipitation change varies depending on area and season
  - Summer Precipitation: decrease, especially on the coast and in the south
  - Winter Precipitation: decrease in the south, increase in the north



# Questions

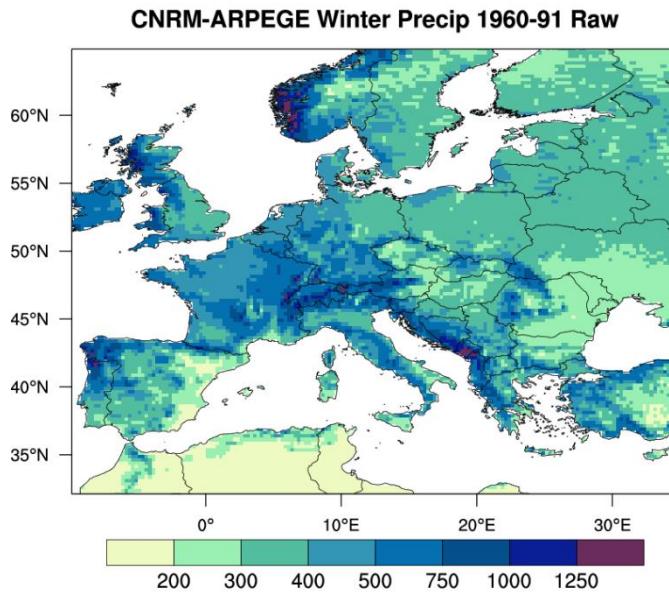
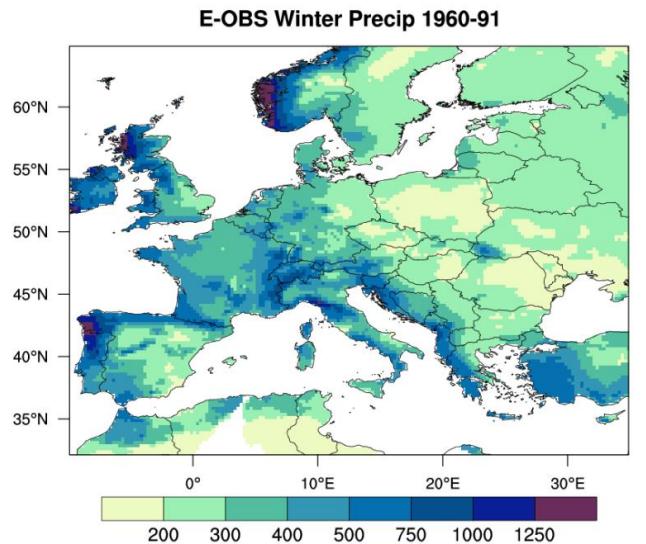
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# ClimaProof Dataset and Tools

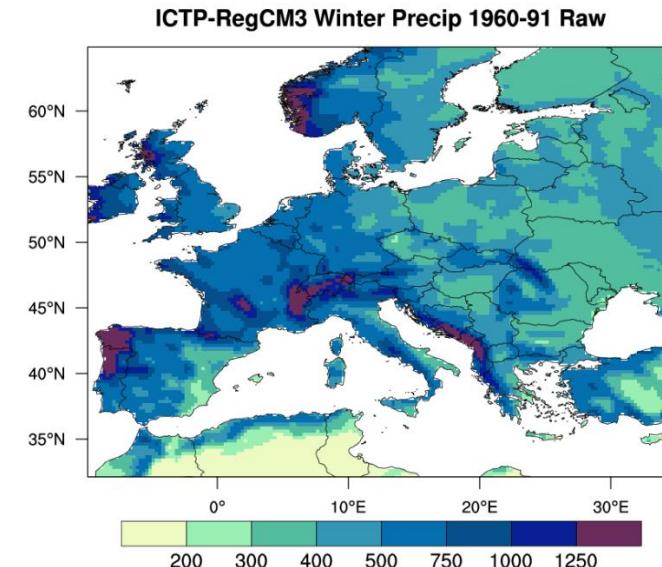
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# Skills and weaknesses of Regional Climate Models



Precipitation bias in RCMs  
Winter (Oct-Mar) Precipitation  
(left ALADIN right RegCM3)



# Data base – Model data

- Euro-Cordex<sup>1</sup> (40) and Med-Cordex<sup>2</sup> (4)
- Resolution 0.11° + Fully-coupled model by the University of Belgrade (0.44°)
- 6 GCMs, 13 RCMs
- RCP2.6 (6), RCP4.5 (18), RCP8.5 (16)

<sup>1</sup> <https://euro-cordex.net> <sup>2</sup> <https://www.medcordex.eu/>

# Data base – Observational data

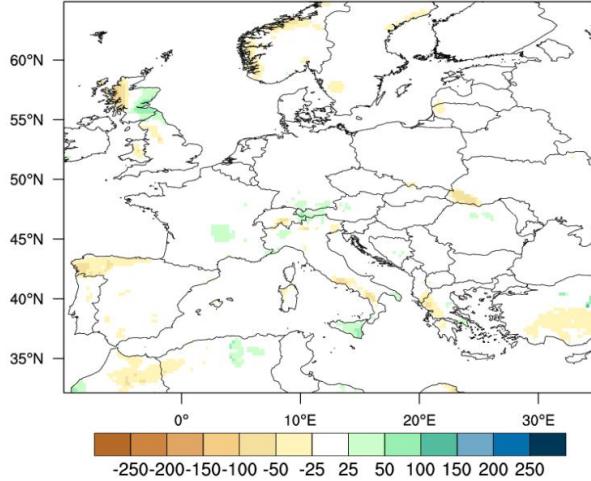
Dataset	Variables used within the Project	Horizontal Resolution	Expansion of original dataset	Download
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<b>Danubeclim</b> (Szalai et al, 2013; European Commission JRC, 2015)	pr	0.1°	Serbia, Montenegro and Srpska Republic	<a href="http://www.carpatclim-eu.org/danubeclim">http://www.carpatclim-eu.org/danubeclim</a>
<b>E-OBS</b> (Haylock et al, 2008; ECA&D, 2018)	tasmax, tasmin	0.25°	25°N -75°N 40°W- 75°E	<a href="https://www.ecad.eu/download/ensembles/download.php">https://www.ecad.eu/download/ensembles/download.php</a>
<b>CHIRPS</b> (Funk et al, 2015)	pr	0.05°	50°N - 50°S, 180°W - 180°E	<a href="http://chg.ucsb.edu/data/chirps/">http://chg.ucsb.edu/data/chirps/</a>
<b>ERA5</b> (C3S, 2017)	sfcWind (calc. from u and v), hurs (calc. from mean temperature and dew point temperature)	0.28°	global	<a href="https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/home">https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/home</a>
<b>SARAH-2</b> (Pfeifroth et al, 2017)	rsds	0.05°	65°N - 65°S, 65°W - 65°E	<a href="https://doi.org/10.5676/EUM_SAF_CM/SARAH/V002">https://doi.org/10.5676/EUM_SAF_CM/SARAH/V002</a>

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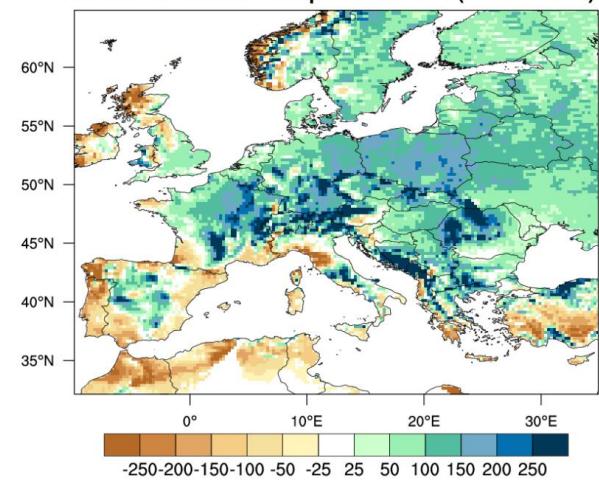
# Ensemble of bias-corrected Climate Scenarios

## Scaled-Distribution Mapping

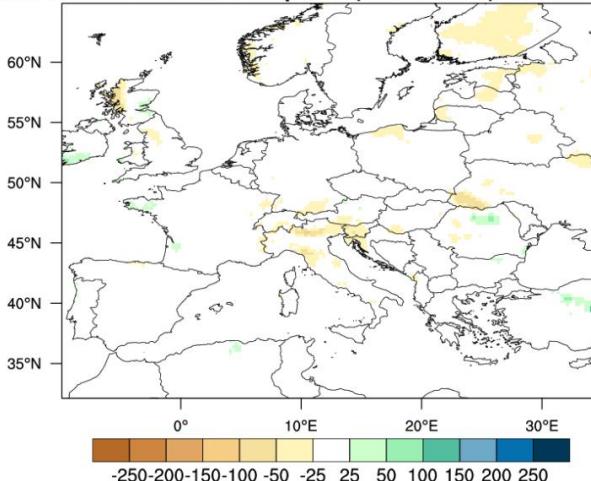
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CNRM-ARPEGE Winter Precip 1960-91 Bias (Model-EOBS) Raw

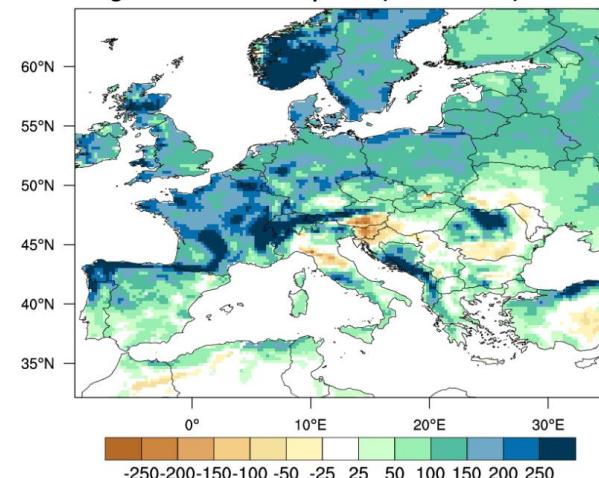


CNRM-ARPEGE Summer Precip Bias (Model-EOBS) 1960-91 Bias Corr.



Precipitation-  
bias in RCMs  
left bias  
corrected right  
raw data (up  
ALADIN down  
RegCM3)

ICTP-RegCM3 Summer Precip Bias (Model-EOBS) 1960-91 Raw



# CCCA Dataserver

<https://data.ccca.ac.at/group/climaproof>  
(Account required)

Available data:

- Bias corrected model data
- Regridded original model data (for the ICC-OBS Tool)
- Observational data (used for bias correction)
- Topography data of the common grid ( $0.1^\circ$ )
- High resolution topography data ( $0.01^\circ$ ) for downscaling

Variable	Unit
tasmax	°C
tasmin	°C
pr	mm
rsds	W/m <sup>2</sup>
sfcWind	m/s
hurs	%

User Guide: <https://github.com/boku-met/climaproof-docs>

# CCCA Dataserver

Hands-on:

- Filter the data
- Explore the metadata of datasets
- Preview data (visualization)
- Create subset of data
- Download data

Need help? Click on the question marks that you can find on the CCCA Data server to get a short online documentation

Search data

Filter by location

Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors  
Tiles by MapQuest

Filter by year

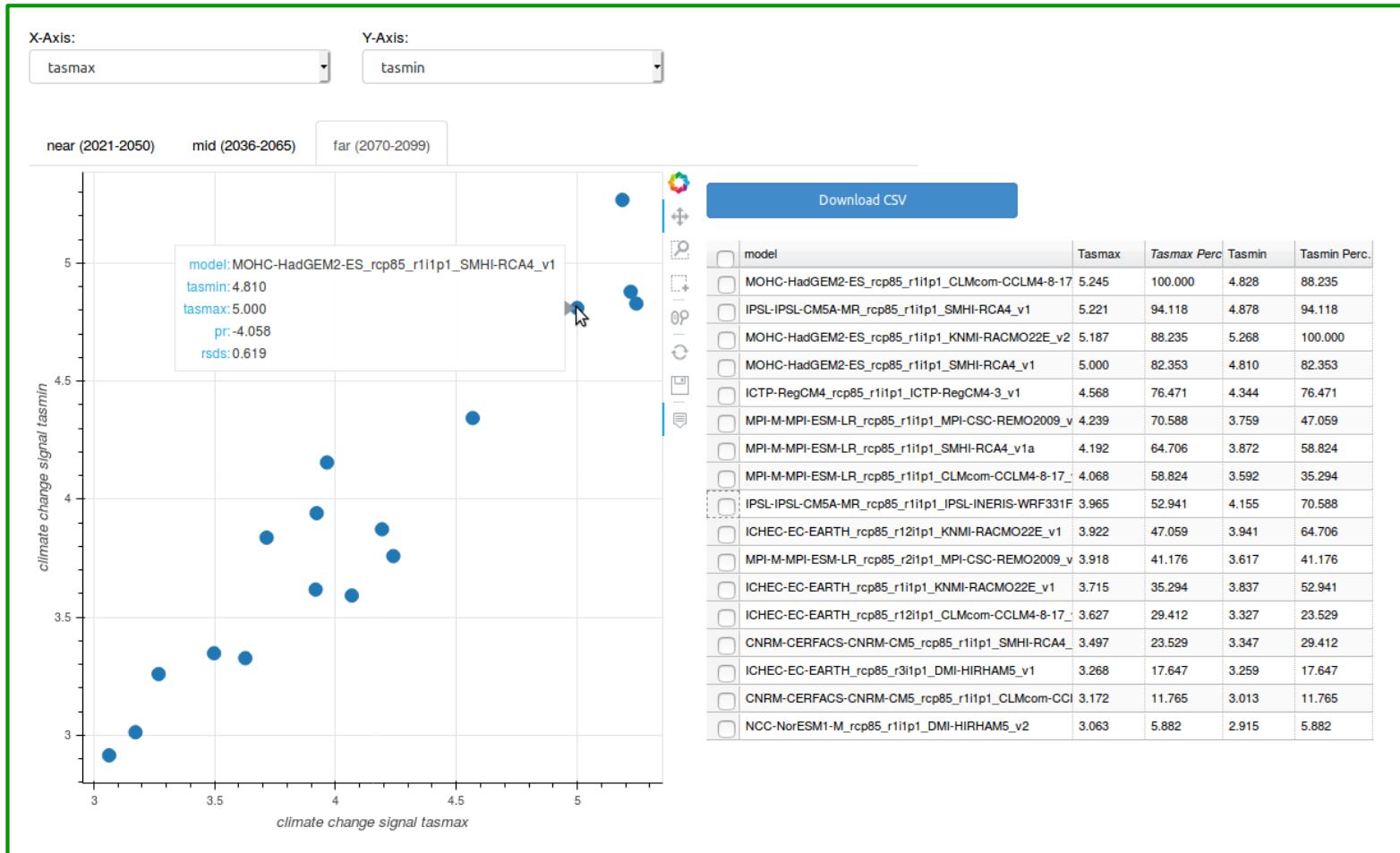
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Further Filters

- Keywords
- Authors
- Organizations
- Licenses
- Groups
- Frequency
- Model
- Variables
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# Modell Selection Tool

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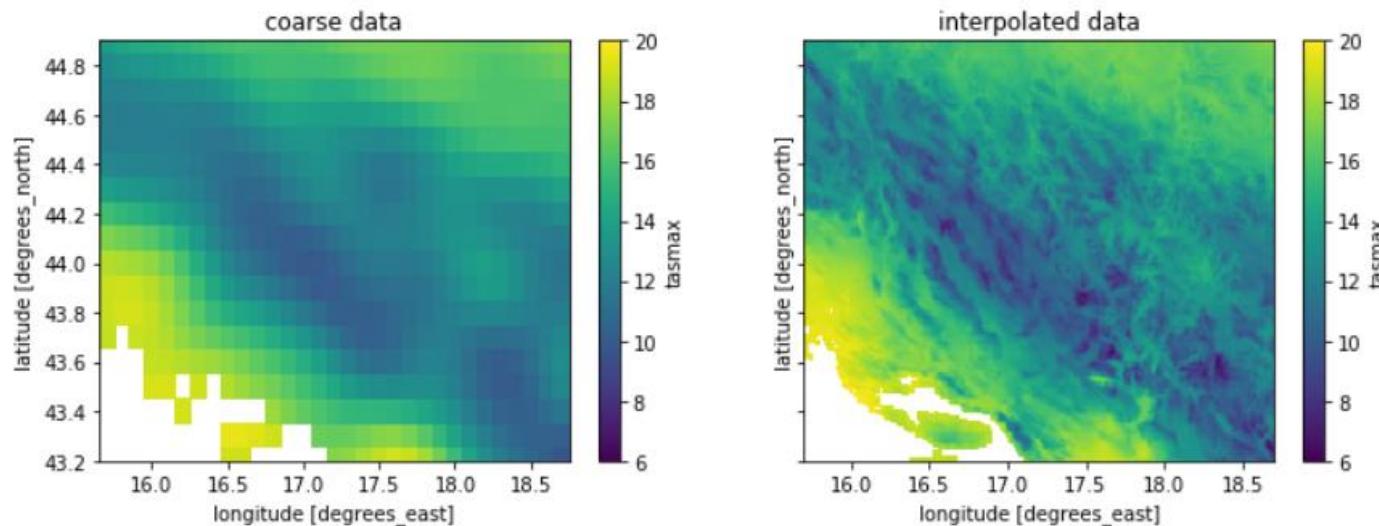


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# Downscaling Tool

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- For applications that need a higher horizontal resolution
- Easy-to-use tool to **downscale model and observational data** from default ( $0.1^\circ$ ) to high resolution ( $0.01^\circ$ )

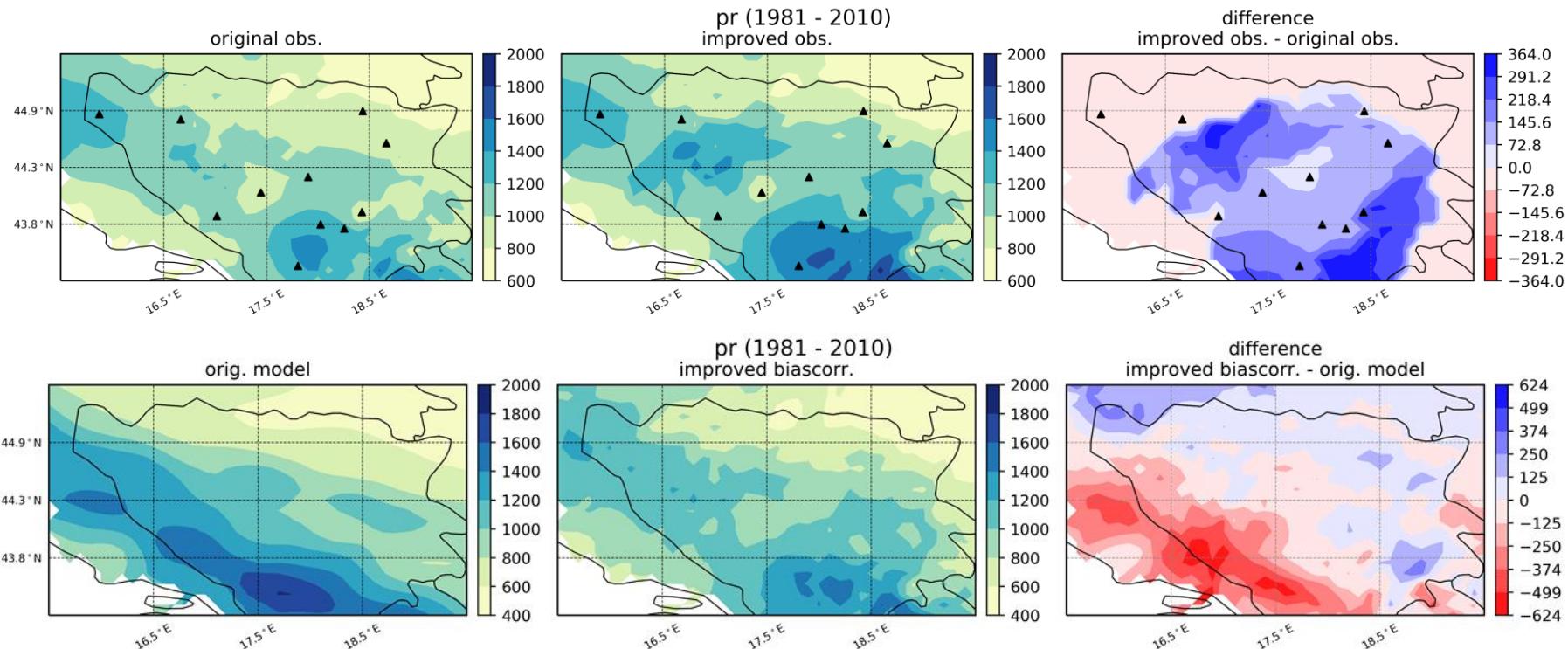


# ICC-OBS tool

<https://github.com/boku-met/ICC-OBS>

## Improving bias-corrected Climate Change scenarios with local OBServational data

- Observational Data of 11 Stations for the period 1981-2010
- Interpolation with idw (min. 3 neighbours, 100km radius)



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# Summary

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- Ensemble of 44 bias-corrected climate change models
- Internationally available
- Free access
- Referenceable data download (DOI)
- Use of functionalities provided by the CCCA dataserver
- National weather services trained in using the data



# Questions

# Remarks

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# **Climate indicators**

## **for infrastructure planning, development and maintenance - general introduction and examples**

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# Climate indicators

- Climate indicators show trends over time in key aspects of our environment
  - help readers understand observed long-term trends related to the causes
  - Indicators based on long-term, consistently collected data can be used to:
    - Understand how our climate and environmental conditions are changing
    - Consider and assess risks and vulnerabilities
    - Help to prepare, take action, and improve resilience to the impacts of climate change
- <https://www.globalchange.gov/indicators>
- <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/frequent-questions-about-climate-change-indicator> s

# Climate Change Indicators Examples

## Heatdays (days with temperature >X)

- Measure for heatstress for humans and animals
- Relevant for heatstress on materials ... (e.g. pavings)
- Basis for forestfires

## 3-day precipitation extreme

- 99 percentile of 3-day precipitation sum
- Heavy rain falls
- Can cause aquaplaning, floods, landslides, muddflows

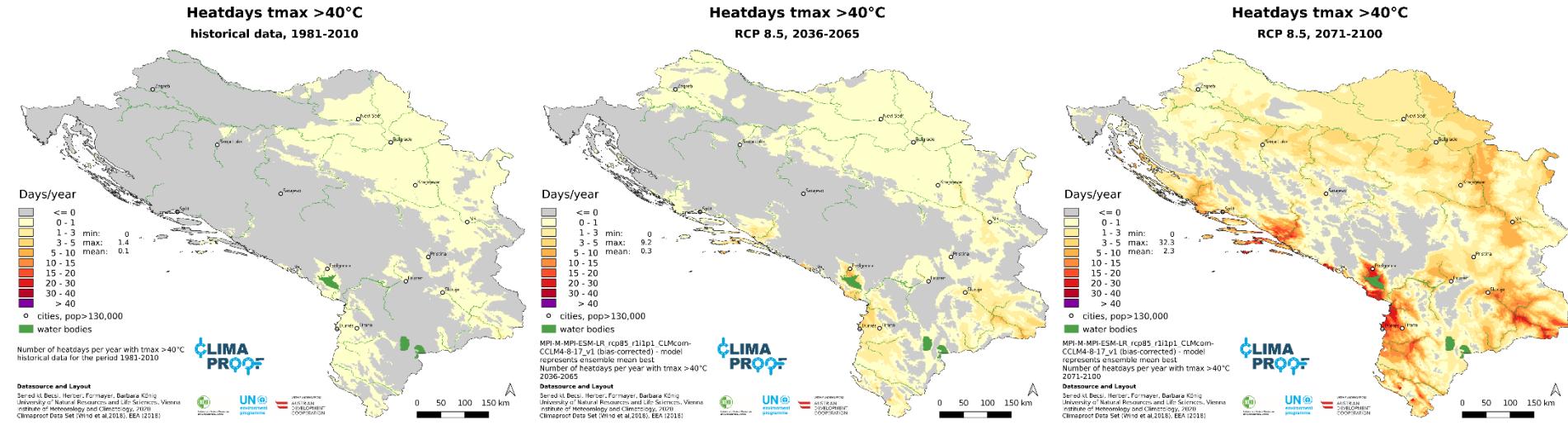
## Consecutive dry days

- Number of days in dry periods with a lengths of min. 5 days
- Agriculture, forestry
- In combination with heatdays: risk of forestfires

# Example 1:

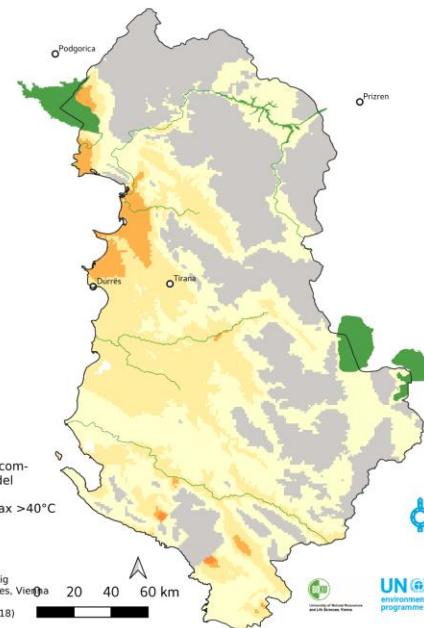
## Days with $t_{max} > 40^{\circ}\text{C}$

### model represents ensemble mean best



## Heatdays $t_{max} > 40^{\circ}\text{C}$

RCP 8.5, 2036-2065



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## Heatdays $t_{max} > 40^{\circ}\text{C}$ historical data, 1981-2010

### Days/year

<= 0
0 - 5
5 - 10
10 - 12
12 - 14
14 - 16
16 - 18
18 - 20
20 - 22
> 22

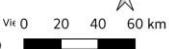
min: 0   max: 1.2   mean: 0.05

- cities, pop>130,000
- water bodies

Number of heatdays per year with  $t_{max} > 40^{\circ}\text{C}$  historical data for the period 1981-2010

### Datasource and Layout

Benedikt Besci, Herbert Formayer, Barbara König  
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna  
Institute of Meteorology and Climatology, 2020  
Climaproof Data Set (Wind et al., 2018), EEA (2018)



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## Heatdays $t_{max} > 40^{\circ}\text{C}$ RCP 8.5, 2071-2100

### Days/year

<= 0
0 - 1
1 - 3
3 - 5
5 - 10
10 - 15
15 - 20
20 - 25
> 25

min: 0   max: 31.5   mean: 4.4

- cities, pop>130,000
- water bodies

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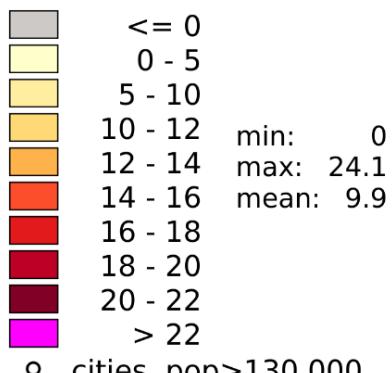
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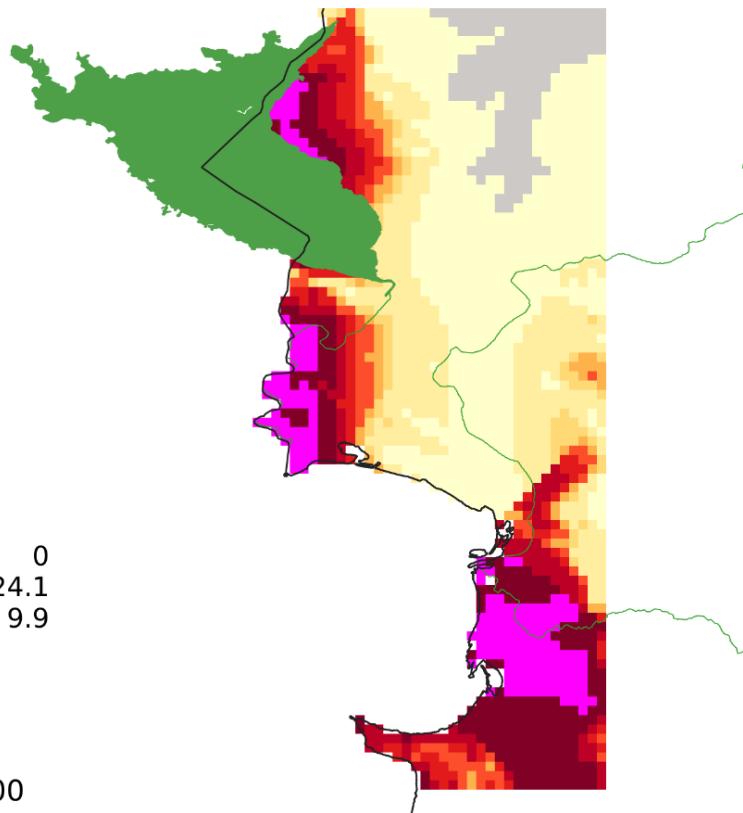
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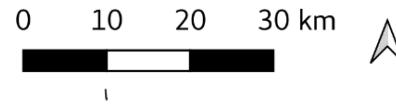


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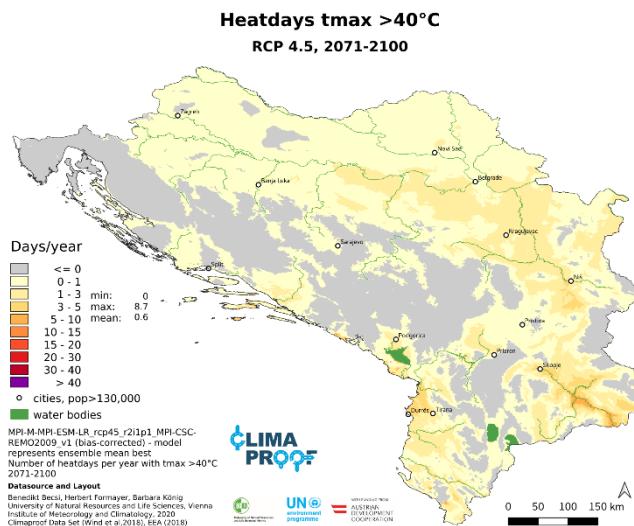
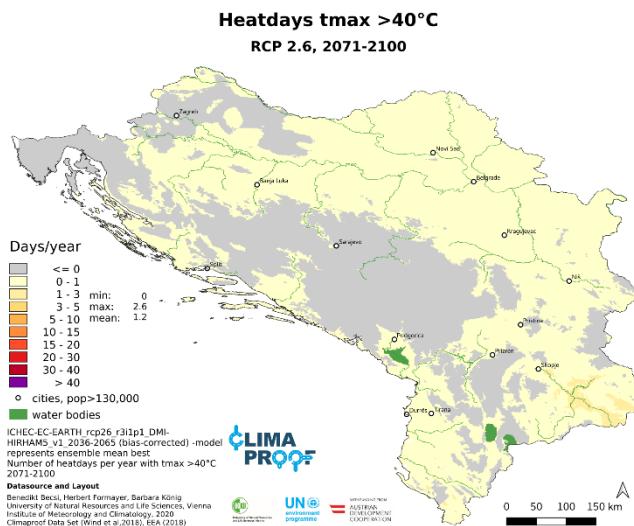
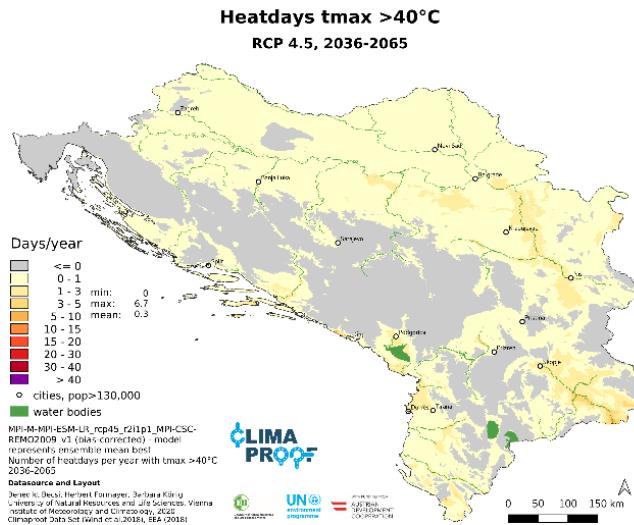
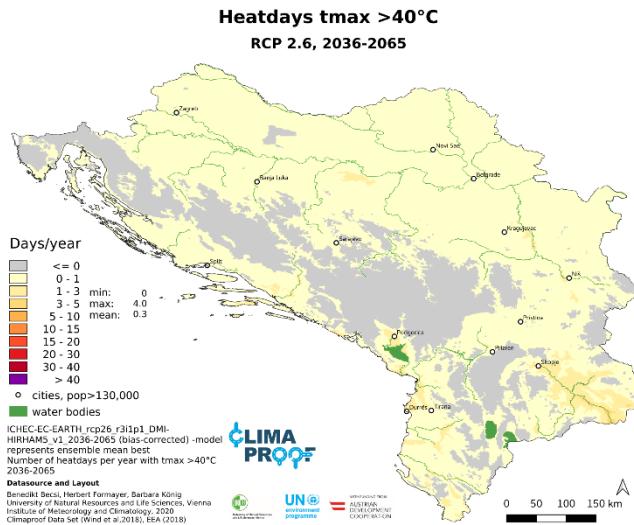
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## Days with $t_{max} > 40^{\circ}\text{C}$

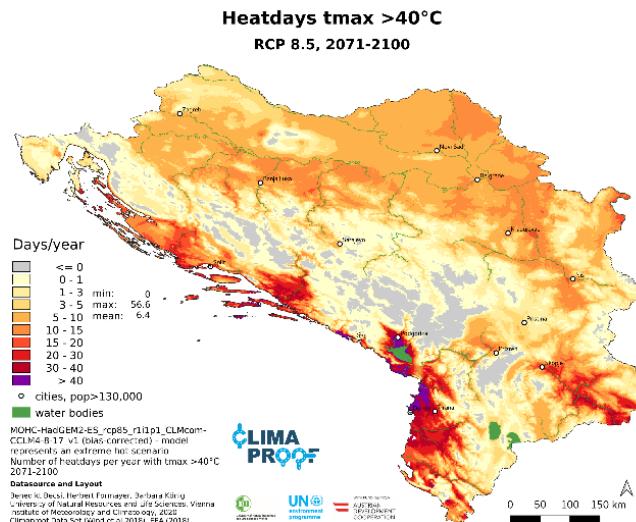
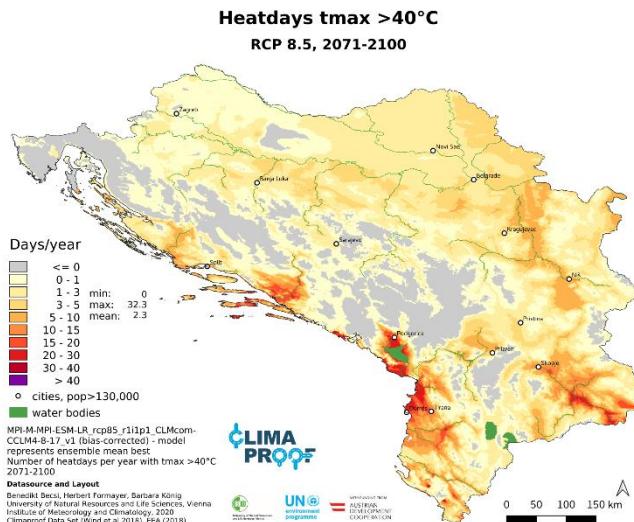
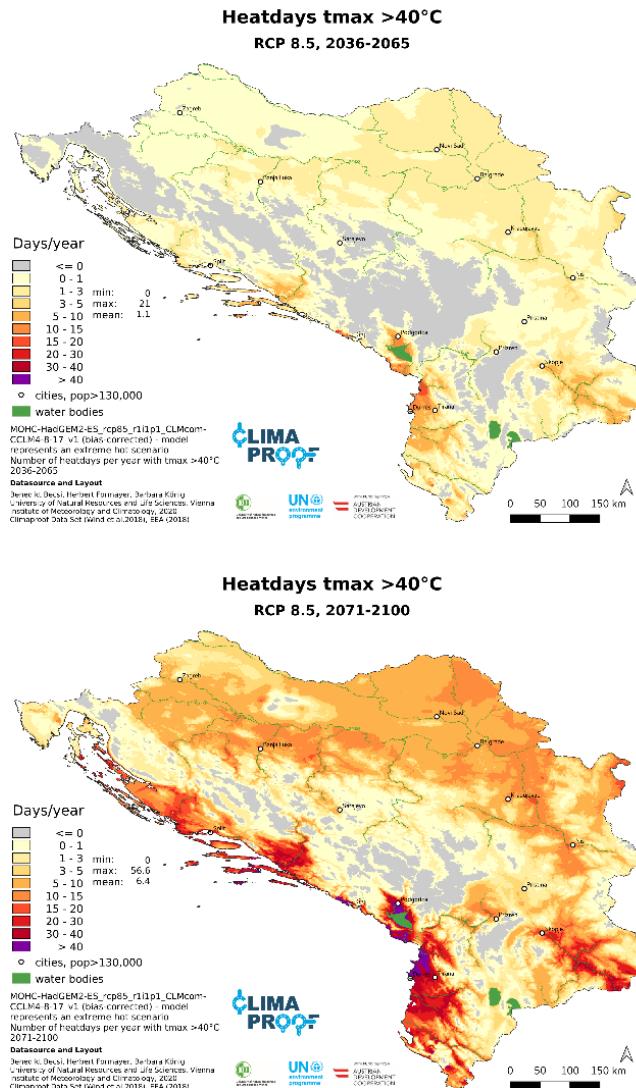
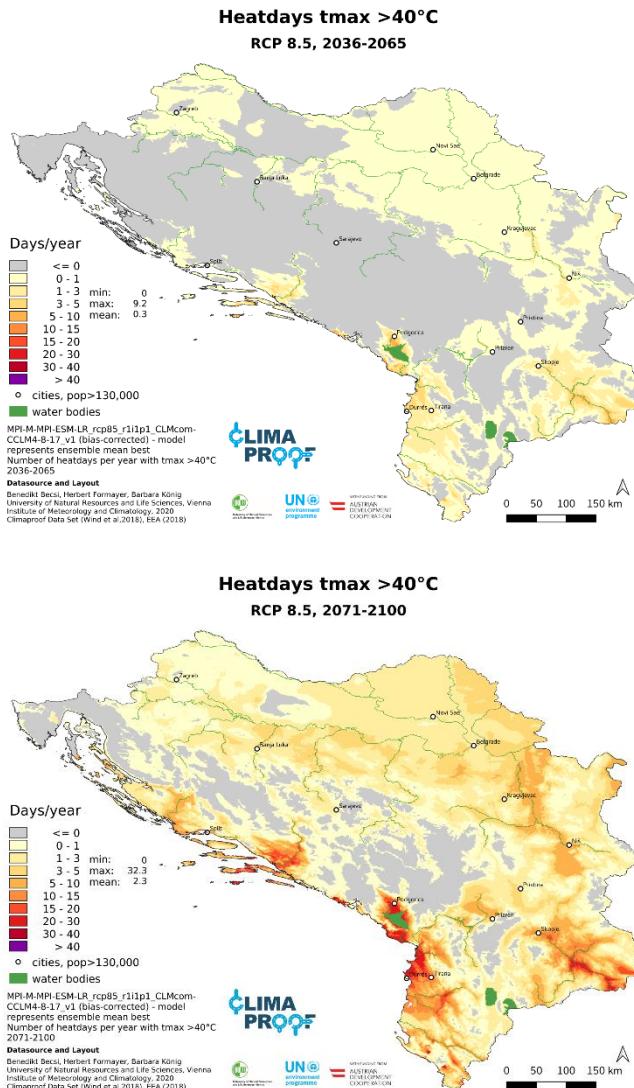
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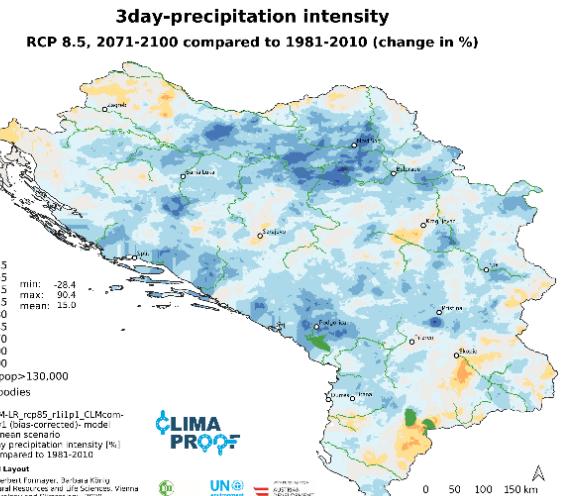
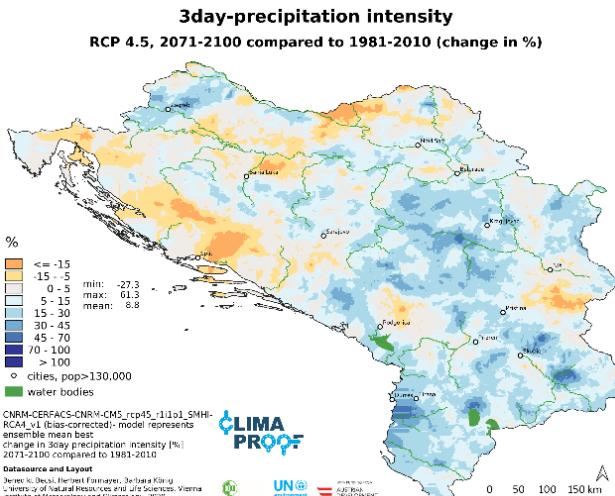
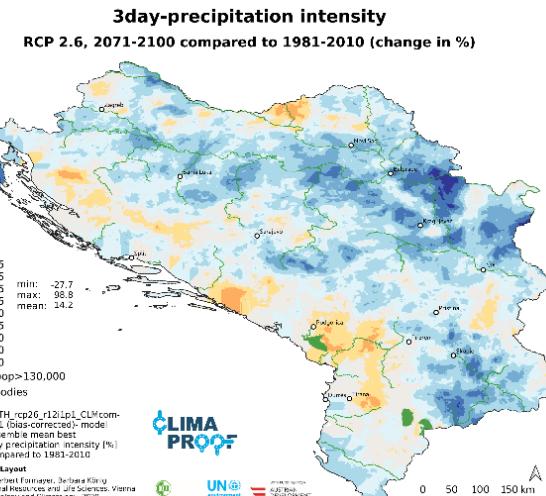
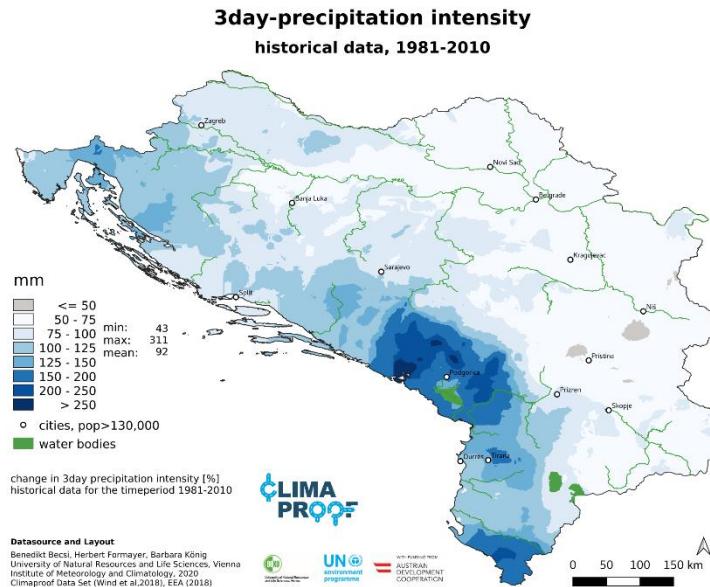
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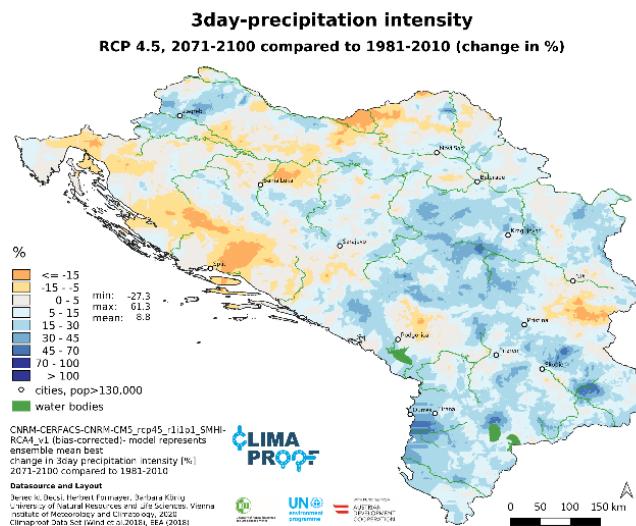
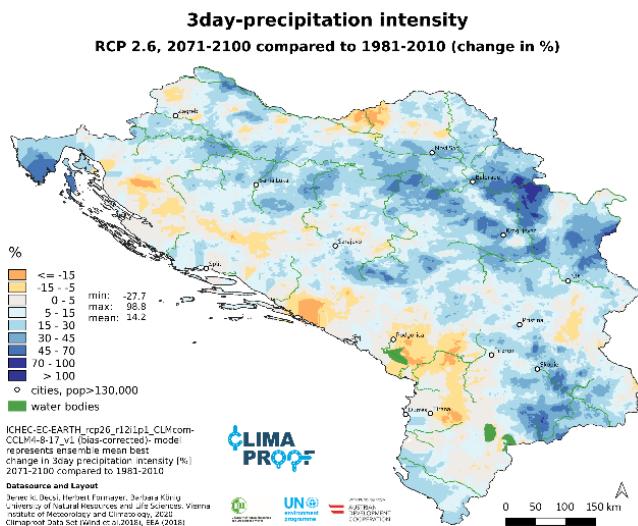
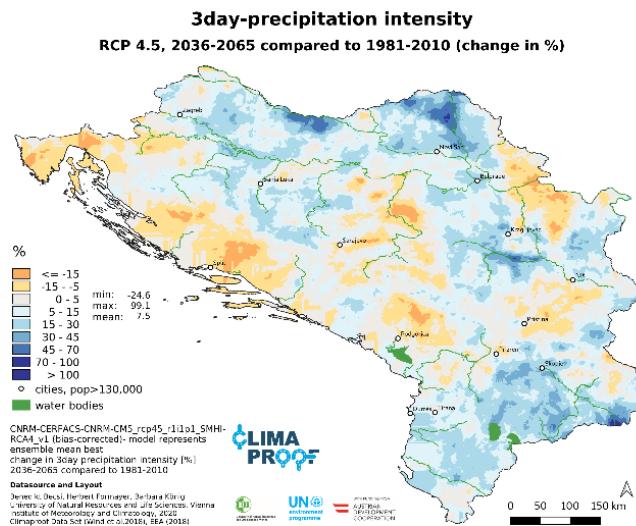
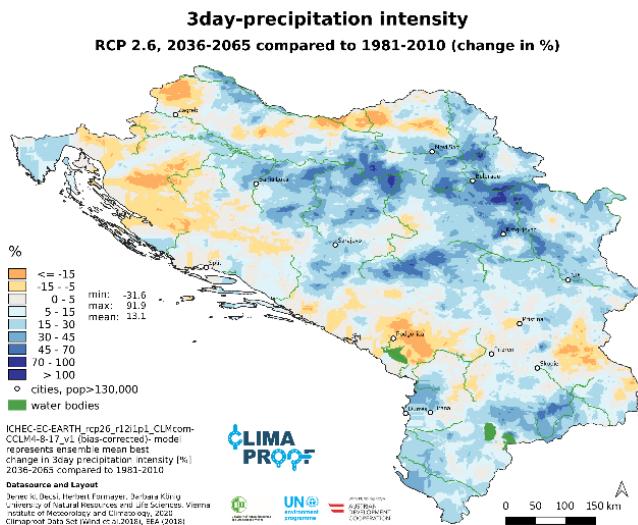


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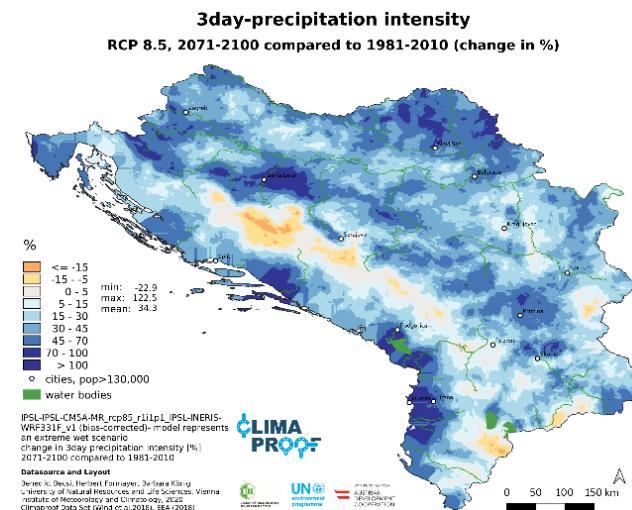
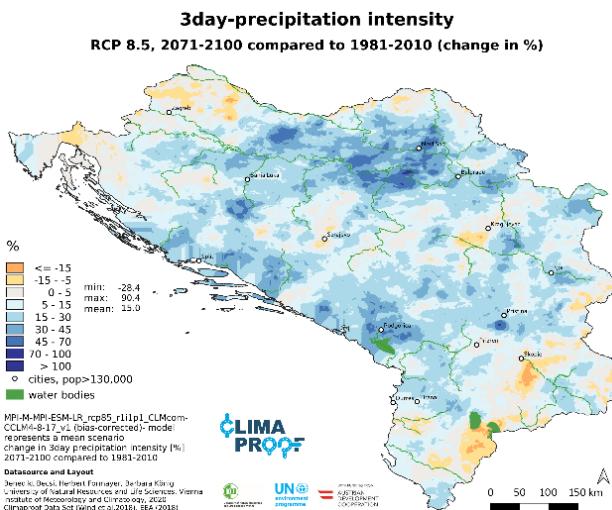
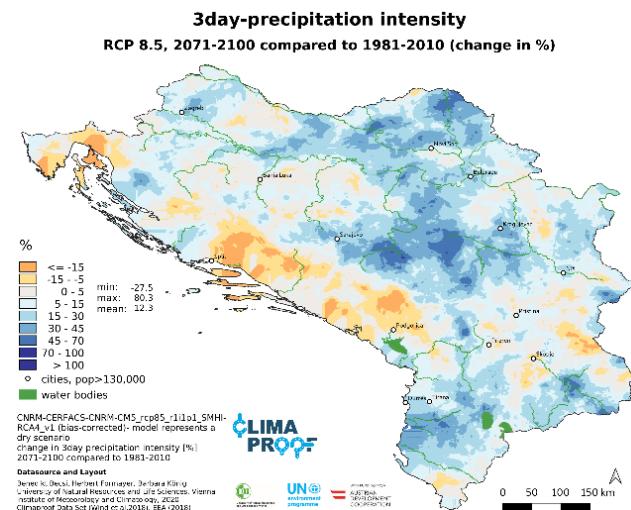
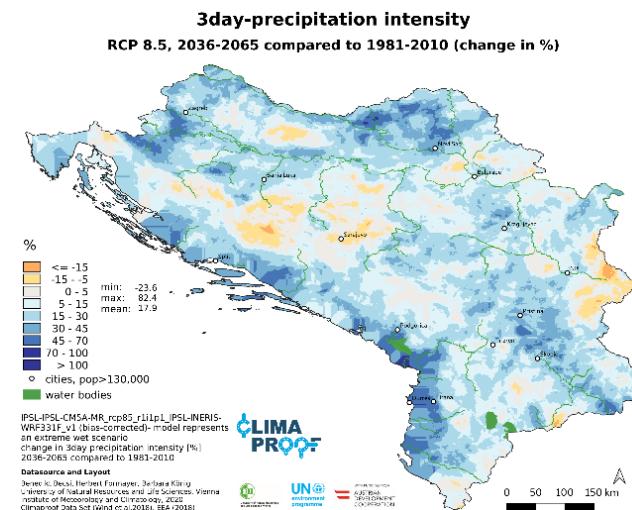
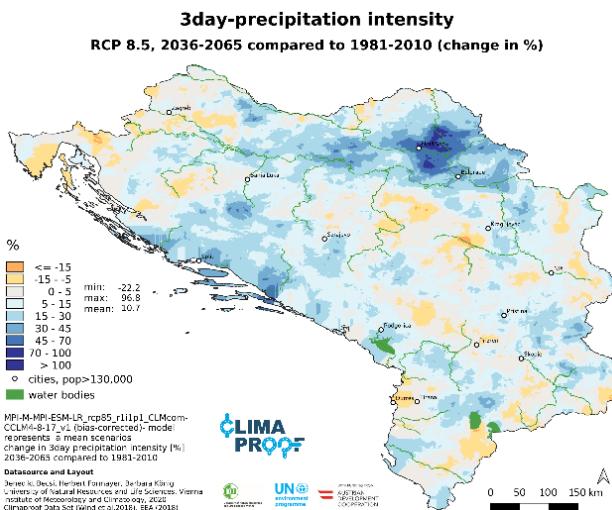
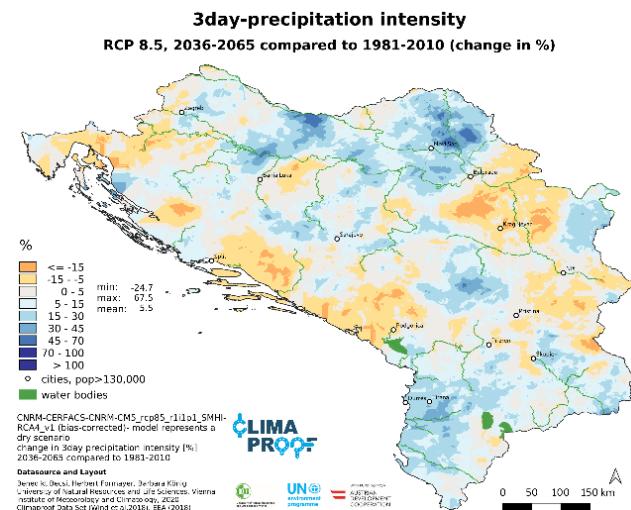


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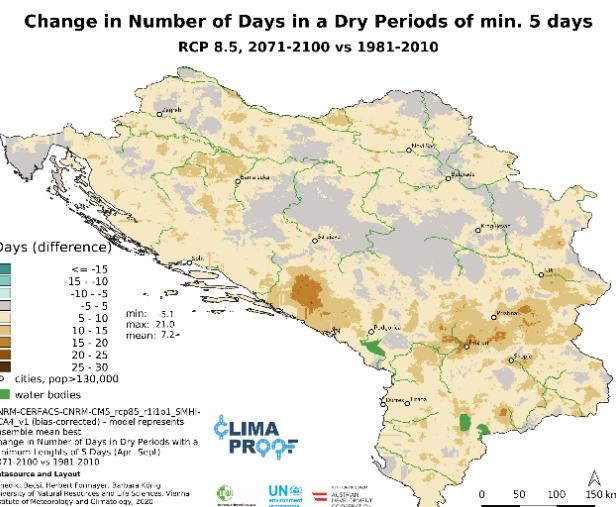
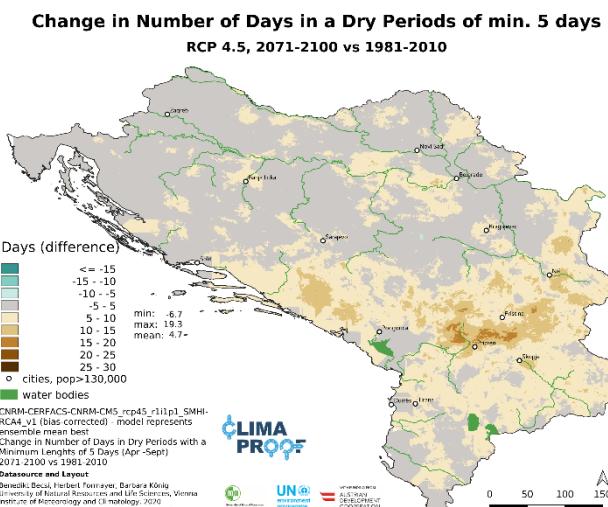
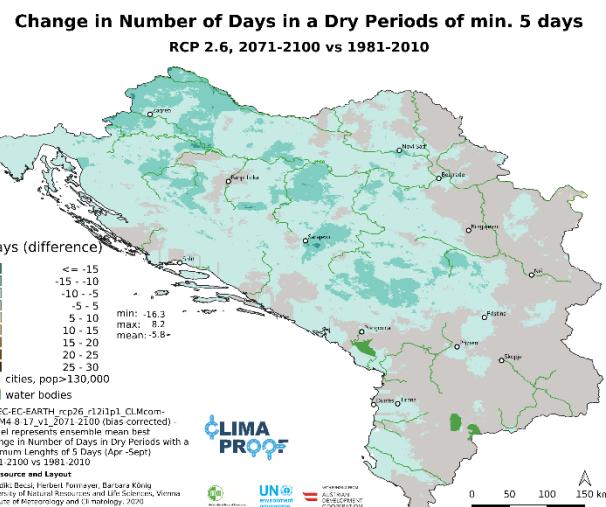
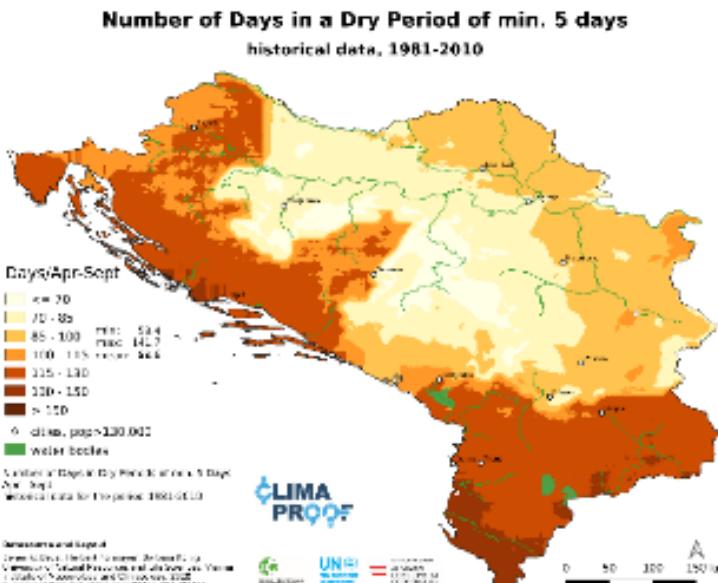
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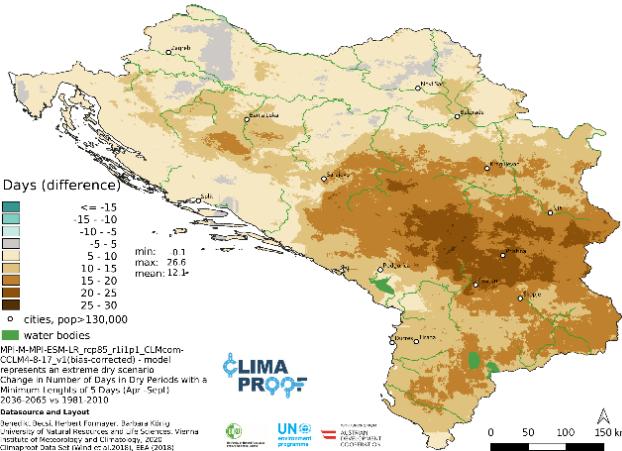


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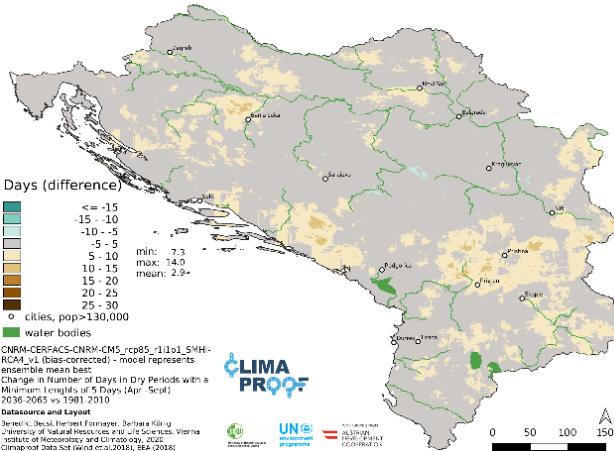


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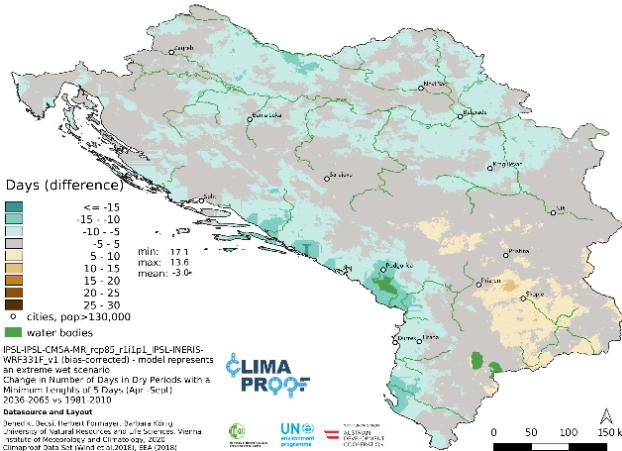
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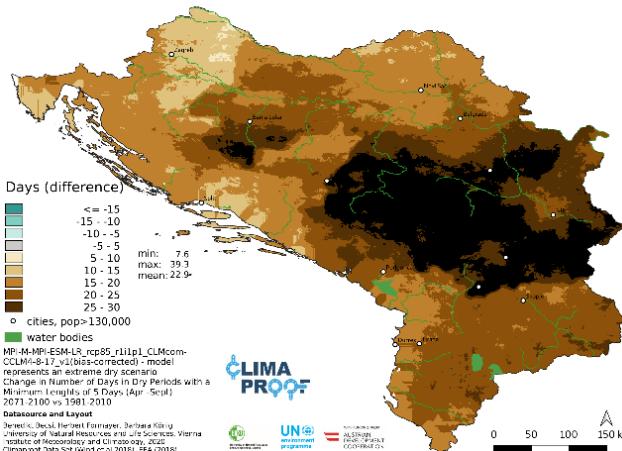
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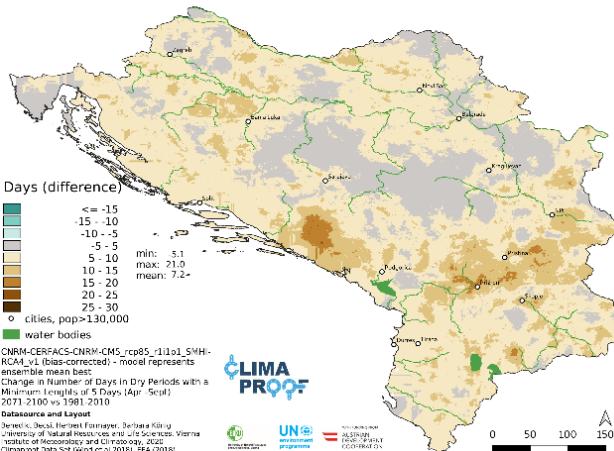
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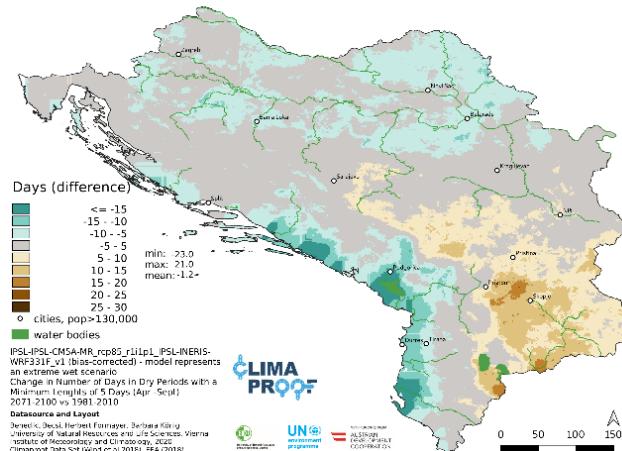
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# Combination of indicators

- meteorological indicators
  - Heatdays and Dry spell (consecutive dry days) – risk of forest fire
- meteorological indicators and topography
  - Heavy Precipitation and topography – risk of landslides
- meteorological indicators and demographic data
  - Heat and age of population – risk for elderly people

# Indicators with relevance for (road)infrastructure – scientific results

*based on Asian Development Bank, 2011; Bessembinder, 2015; Bles, et al., 2010; and Jiricka-Pürer et al., 2014*

- Heavy precipitation (one-day or several days)
  - Flooding
  - Erosion
  - Weakening of road embankments
  - Overloading drainage systems
- Annual or seasonal precipitation sum
  - Structural integrity of roads, bridges and tunnels (soil moisture levels)
  - Risk of floods, landslides and slope failures (if change in precipitation pattern)
- Snowfall
  - Increased maintenance costs (snow removal)
  - Snow avalanches
  - Flooding from snowmelt
- Drought
  - Increased risk of wildfires threatening transport infrastructure
  - Threats from areas deforested by wildfires (decreased soil integrity)

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- Heatdays and Heatwaves
  - Pavement integrity (Rutting, cracking and blow-ups of asphalt; migration of liquid bitumen)
  - Thermal expansion in bridge expansion joints and pavements
  - Increased risk of forest fires incl. embankment flora
- Cold spells
- Frost & Forst-Thaw-Cycle
  - Cracking due to weakening of the road base
  - Increases risk of stone chipping
- Extreme wind speed
  - Threat to stability of bridges
  - Trees, windmill, noise barriers and trucks falling on the road and reduced vehicle control

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Excusus:

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# Discussion

When using environmental assessment instruments (EIA, SEA or equivalent):

- Are interdependencies between EU Directives (i.e. national equivalent regulations) and assessment instruments (EIA, SEA) being considered?
- Are interdependencies with regards to climate change being considered?

If not: Where do you see the main obstacles for implementation?

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