

Climate Change

ERA5 and introduction to the Climate Data Store

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Background









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Copernicus, previously known as GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security), is the **European Programme** for the establishment of a European capacity for **Earth Observation**

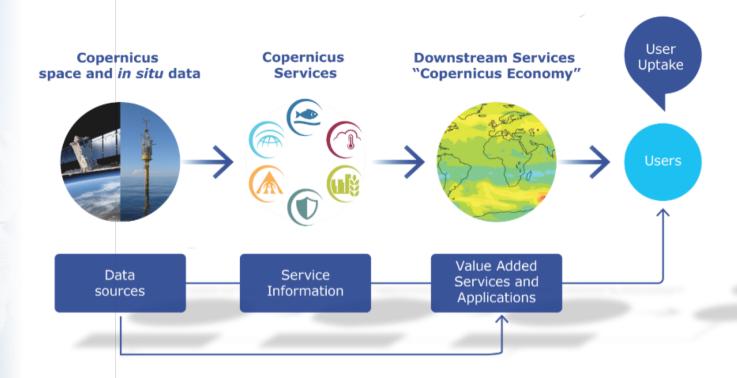






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The European Commission has **entrusted** ECMWF with the implementation of the **Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S)** and

Copernicus Atmospheric Monitoring Service (CAMS)





To support European adaptation and mitigation policies by:

- Providing consistent and authoritative information about climate
- Building on existing capabilities and infrastructures (nationally, in Europe and worldwide)
- Stimulating the market for climate services in Europe



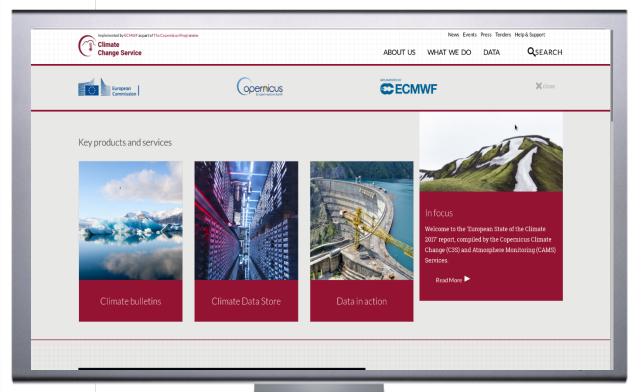








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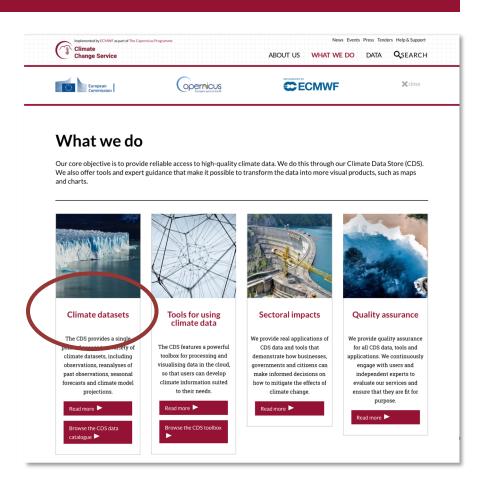






What C3S provides

- Access to climate data
- Tools needed to use the data
- Information on sectoral impacts
- Quality assurance
- User support and training
- Climate change assessments
- Outreach and communication

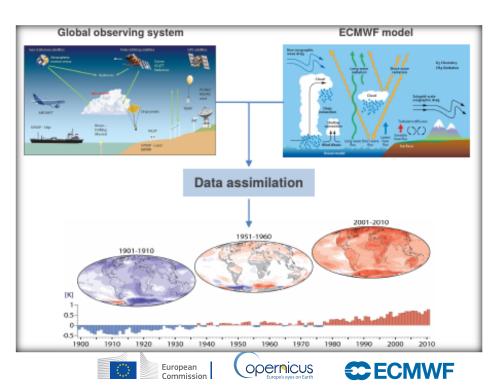




Why Reanalysis?

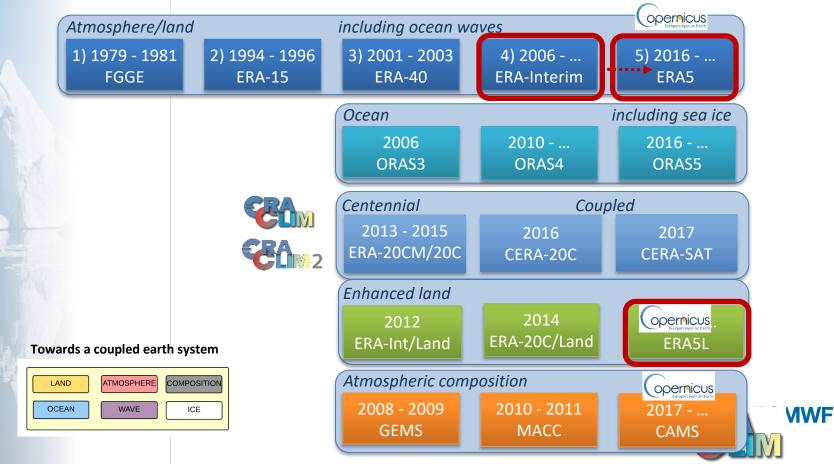
Reanalysis offers a detailed overview of the past atmosphere (and other components)

- Complete: combining vast amounts of observations into (global) fields
- Consistent: use the same physical model and DA system throughout
- State-of-the-art: use the best available observations and model at highest feasible resolution
- Reanalysis allows for a close monitoring of the Earth's climate system also where direct observations are sparse.





Reanalyses Produced at ECMWF





ERA-Interim users world wide

ERA-Interim had more than 33,000 unique users in Jan 2016- Apr 2018 alone.

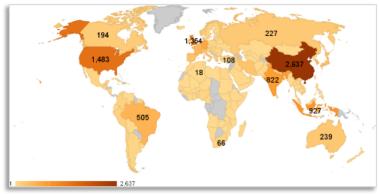
Users and stakeholders:

- Climate monitoring & provision of climatologies
- ECMWF member states
- Research and education, over 10,000 citations
- Public sector
- Space agencies
- Commercial applications

However, ERA-Interim is 10 years old and needs replacement.

Transition from ERA-Interim to ERA5 in progress.

Unique registered users in 2016







ERA5 Configuration and Performance









What is new in ERA5?

	ERA-Interim	ERA5
Period	1979 – present	1950 - present, produced in 2 phases
Availability behind real time	2-3 months	2-3 months (final product) 2-5 days (ERA5T)
Assimilation system	2006 (31r2), 4D-Var	2016 (41r2), 4D-Var, hybrid EDA providing B
Model input (radiation and surface)	As in operations, (inconsistent SST and sea ice)	Appropriate for climate, e.g., evolution greenhouse gases, volcanic eruptions, sea surface temperature and sea ice
Spatial resolution	79 km globally 60 levels to 10 Pa	31 km globally 137 levels to 1 Pa
Uncertainty estimate		from 10-member EDA at 62 km
Output frequency	6-hourly Analysis fields	Hourly (three-hourly for the ensemble), Extended list of parameters ~ 9 Peta Byte (1950 - timely updates)
Extra Observations	Mostly ERA-40, GTS	Various reprocessed CDRs, latest instruments
Variational Bias control radiosondes	Satellite radiances, RAOBCORE	Also ozone, aircraft, surface pressure, RISE
Land downscaling product	ERA-Interim land, 79km	ERA5L, 9km (forced by ERA5)



ERA5 observing system

Over 200 report types

Reprocessed data sets

Radiances: SSM/I brightness temp from CM-SAF MSG from EUMETSAT

Atmospheric motion vector winds: METEOSAT, GMS/GOES-9/MTSAT, GOES-8 to 15, AVHRR METOP and NOAA

Scatterometers: ASCAT-A (EUMETSAT), ERS 1/2 soil moisture (ESA)

Radio Occultation: COSMIC, CHAMP, GRACE, SAC-C, TERRASAR-x (UCAR)

Ozone: NIMBUS-7, EP TOMS, ERS-2 GOME, ENVISAT SCIAMACHY, Aura

MLS, OMI, MIPAS, SBUV

Wave Height: ERS-1, ERS-2, Envisat, Jason

Latest instruments

IASI, ASCAT, ATMS, CrIS, MWHS, ...

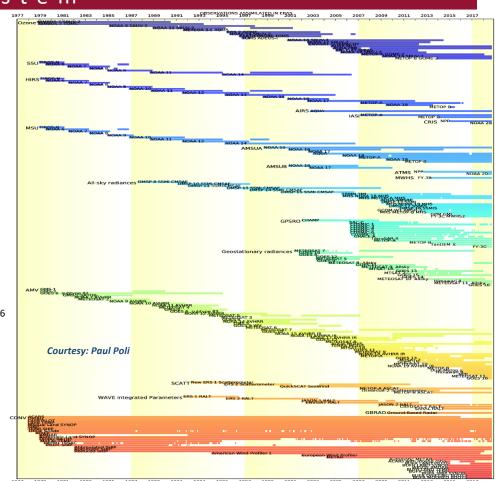
Latest Satellites

MET-11, Himawari, NOAA-20, GOES-16

Improved data usage

all-sky vs clear-sky assimilation, latest radiative transfer function, corrections, extended variational bias control

How to monitor all this?





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ERA5 data usage compare to ERA-Interim

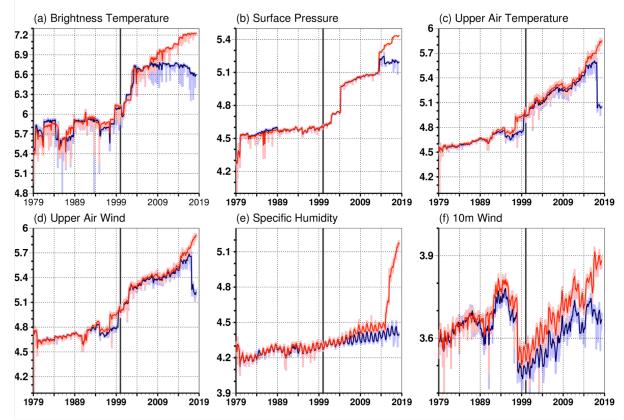
ERA5 data usage has increased from 0.75 million/day (1979) to

21 million/day (2018)

ERA-Interim is progressively getting outdated. It is not able to:

- use the latest instruments
- respond to changes in data format (like the ongoing transition to BUFR format for conventional data)

Number of used observations per day (10log scale) for **ERA5** and **ERA-Interim**





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ERA5 Performance and Status

Improvement of forecast skill: up to one day gain with respect to ERA-Interim

Publicly available in the C3S Climate Data Store:

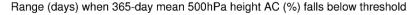
Currently: 2000 onwards, 2-3 months behind real time

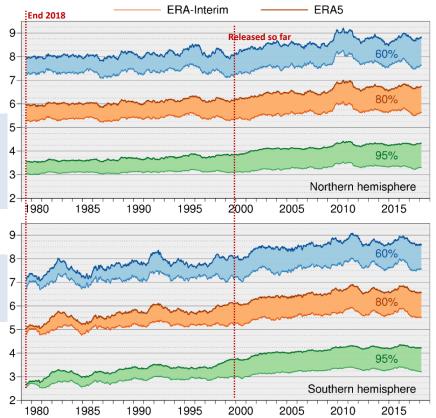
By end 2018: 1979-1999, and ERA5T

Back-extension from 1950 to 1978: has already started.

ERA5 land already in production.

Note: ERA-Interim production will not be supported after mid 2019



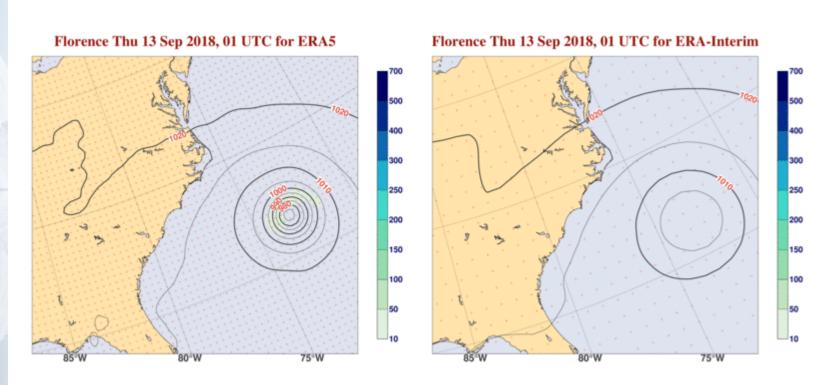






Horizontal resolution and depiction of tropical cyclones

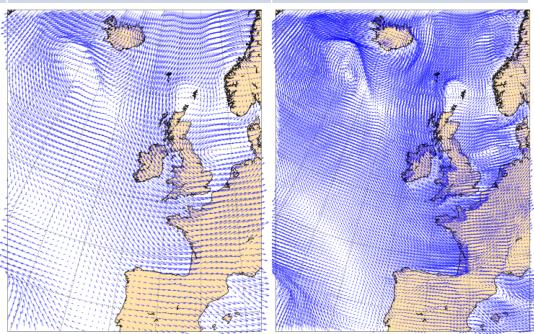
Better model, better and more observations, higher resolution **New:** hourly output





Comparison with Merra-2

	Merra-2	ERA5
Spatial resolution	0.5 x 0.625 degrees 72 levels to 1 Pa	0.28125 x 0.28125 degrees 137 levels to 1 Pa
Assimilation system	3D-Var FGAT, 6-hour window	4D-Var, 12-hour window
Output frequency	Hourly	Hourly



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ERA5 will replace ERA-Interim.

As part of the Copernicus Climate Service, at ECMWF, the production of ERA5 is well underway:

- 31km global resolution, from 1950, hourly output, uncertainty estimate.
- To date ERA5 2000-2018 is publicly available
- Release of other periods will be done in stages; data access via the Climate Data Store.
- By end 2018: 1979 onwards.
- C3S User service Desk, Knowledge Base, FAQ's, user support.

The performance of ERA5 is very promising in the troposphere.

- improved global hydrological and mass balance;
- reduced biases in precipitation;
- refinement of the variability and trends of surface air temperature.

In parallel, at ECMWF reanalysis activities are focused towards a coupled Earth system

- Benefit to reanalysis (ERA6)
- and the ECMWF system as a whole









The Climate Data Store (CDS)





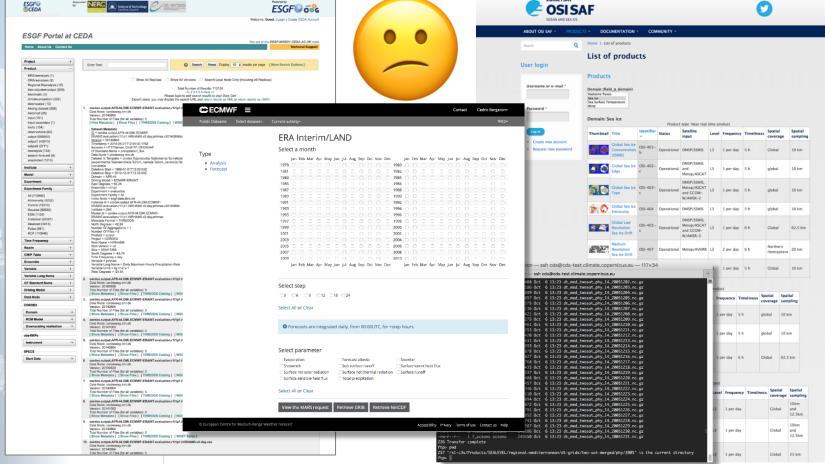




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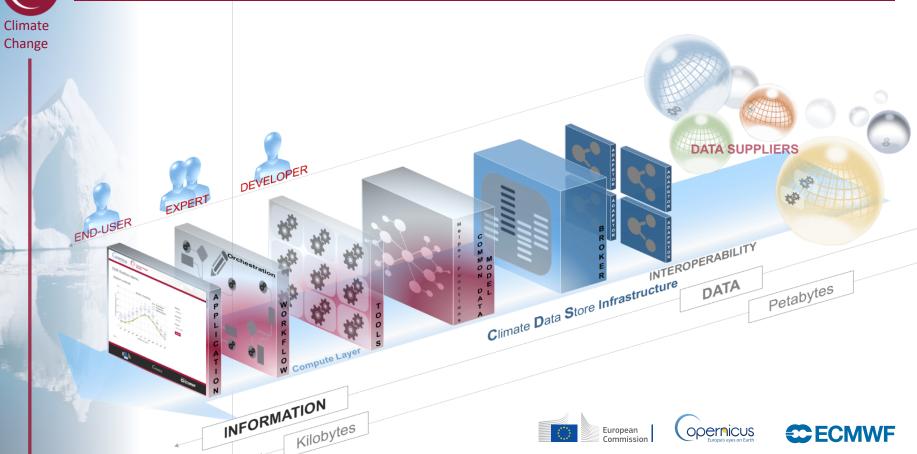
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Data access before the CDS...





Concept





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CDS inventory



Scientific basis:

- Essential Climate Variables as defined by GCOS
- GCOS Status Report and Implementation Plan
- IPCC, CMIP

Observations

Global estimates of ECVs from satellite and insitu observations

Reprocessed CDRs, reference observations

Support for data rescue, climate data collections

Climate reanalysis

Global atmosphere, ocean, land

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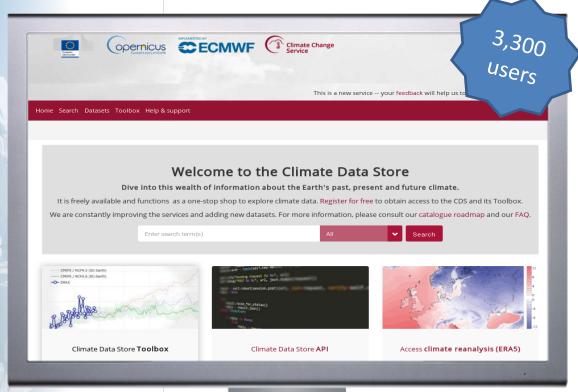
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Climate Data Store



The CDS contains **observations**, global and regional **climate reanalyses**, global and regional **climate projections** and **seasonal forecasts**. It also contains generic and **sectoral climate indicators**.

The CDS is designed as a distributed system, providing improved access to existing datasets through a unified web interface.



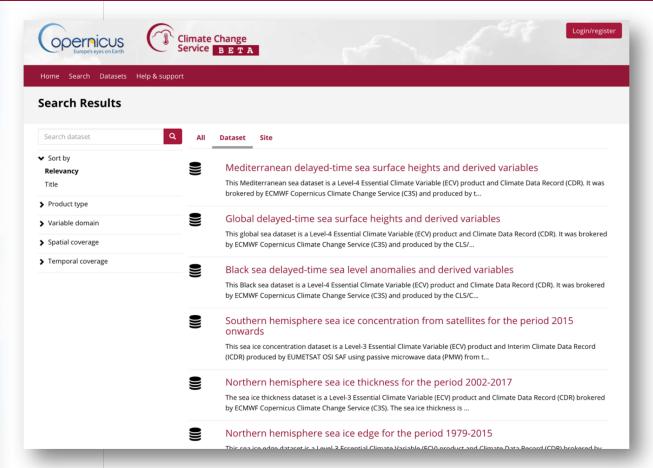






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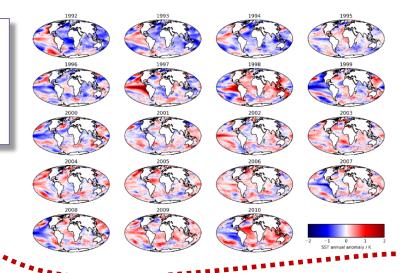
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ECV products: What is in CDS

Sea Surface Temperature (TVUK)

- Ready now: daily 1991-2010 at 0.05 deg resolution (CCI phase I)
- Later: CCI phase II, ICDR <5 days



Ozone (BIRA)

- Ready now: various CCI datasets, total column, profiles, single instr., merged
- Later: reprocessing, further back, ICDRs









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Climate Indicators

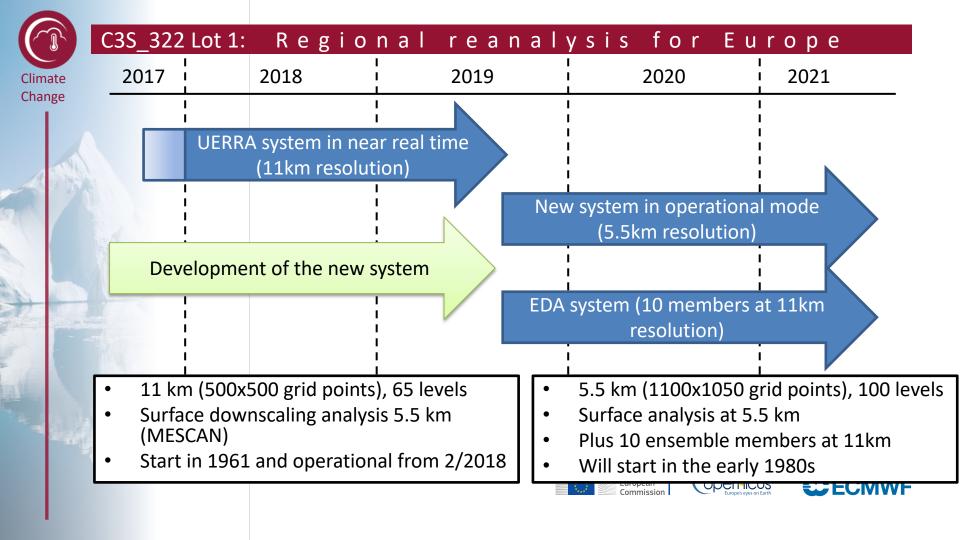
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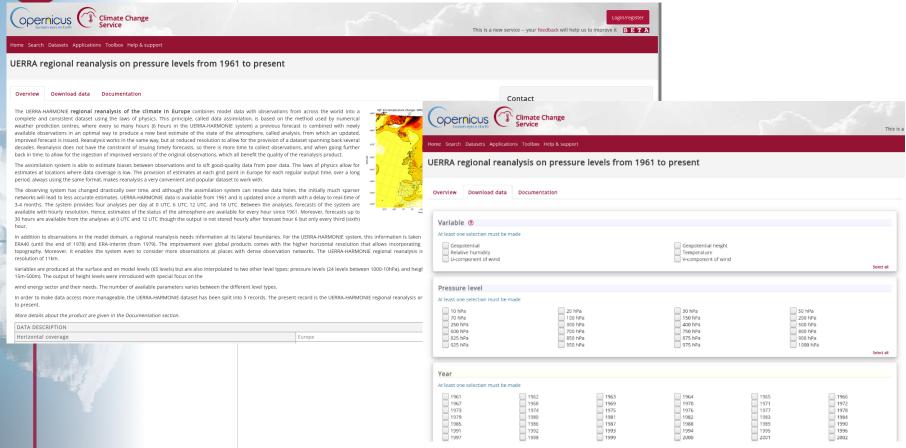
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C3S_322Lot1: Regional reanalysis for Europe



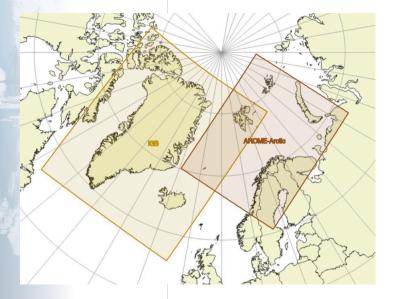


C3S_322 Lot 2: Regional reanalysis for the Arctic

- Warming in the Arctic (observational records and future scenarios) roughly twice as high as global average
- Need for understanding and management of change processes
- Increased economic activity in the region

(Animated gif: NASA)





Coverage in two domains, main areas of interest in the European sector of the Arctic

High resolution (2,5 km) adds value to global products Extensive use of satellite data

Use of local surface observation datasets available in the partner countries

Special emphasis on NWP schemes and observations for the handling of "cold surfaces": Snow, sea ice, glaciers



The Toolbox









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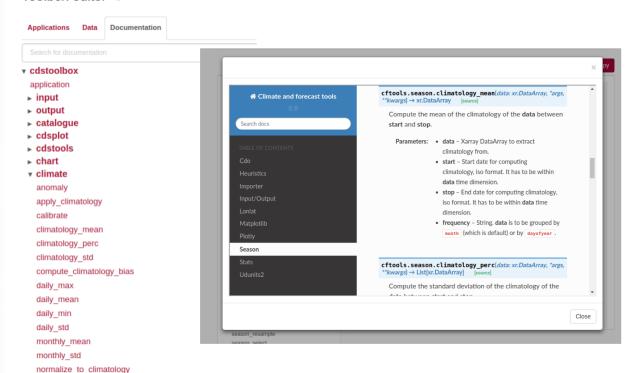
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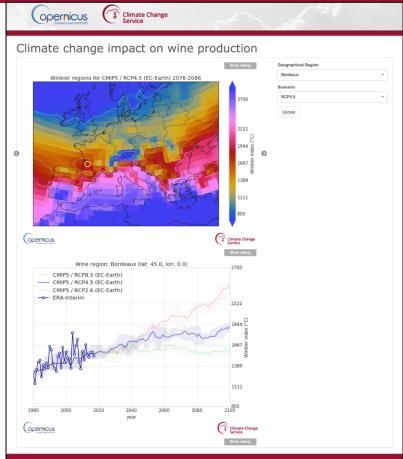






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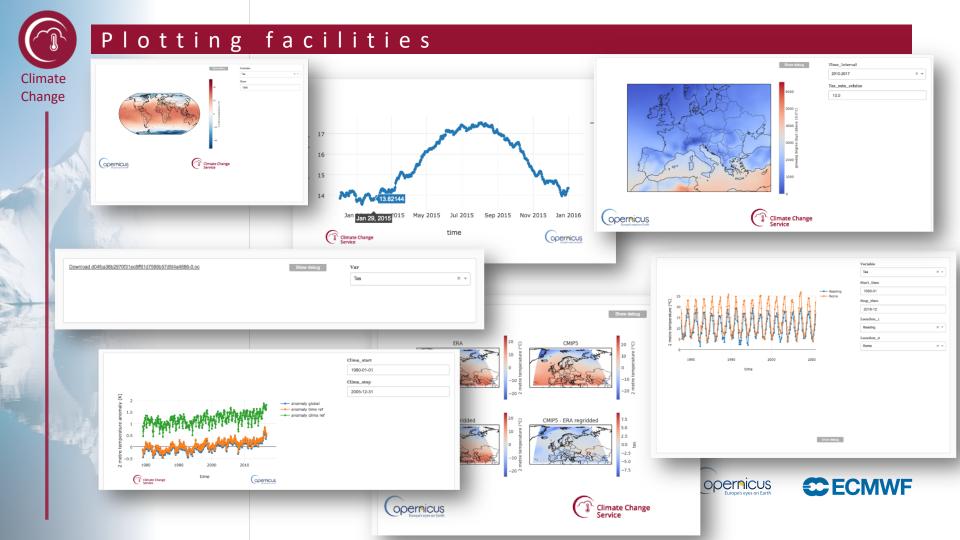














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