



South East European Virtual Climate Change Center

**Verification of operational seasonal forecasts
at RA-VI Regional Climate Center
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WMO RA VI-EUROPE RCC NETWORK SEEVCCC MANDATORY OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS:

- **Climate Data Node**
- **Lead: KNMI/Netherlands (consortium member SEEVCCC/RHMS-Serbia)**
- **South East European gridded model datasets for 1961-1990, 2001-2030, 2071-2100 first version RCM-SEEVCCC (ready) 1971-2000, 2071-2100 new RCM-SEEVCCC (in progress, NMMB)**

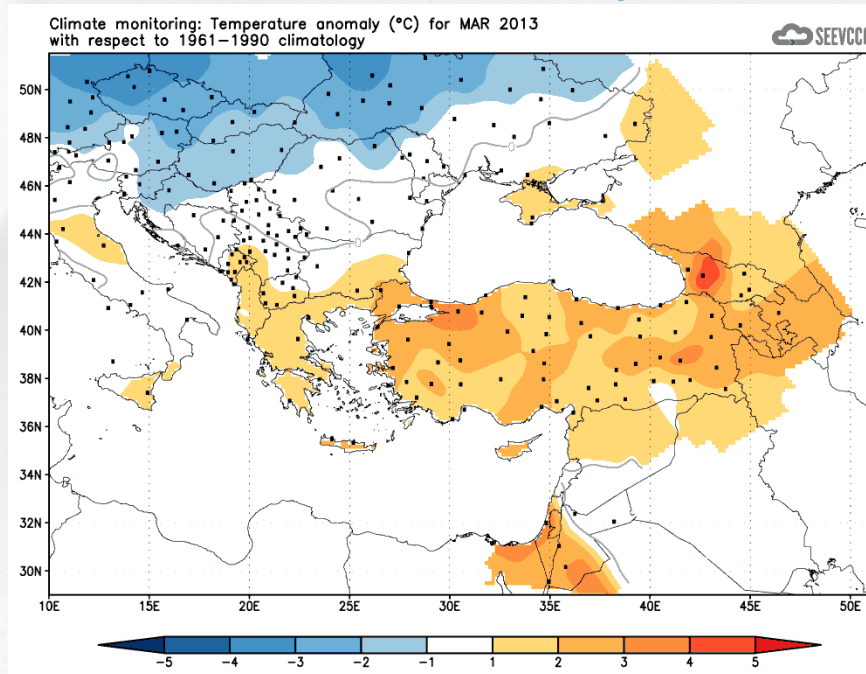
- **Climate Monitoring Node**
- **Lead: DWD/Germany (participate SEEVCCC/RHMS-Serbia)**
- **Collecting data from stations (monthly, 400-500 stations)**
- **Main source for data KNMI-ECA&D, other climate bulletins NCDC**
- **Mean temperature and accumulated precipitation,**
- **Temperature anomaly and precipitation percent of normal,**
- **All available monthly/three-monthly**

- **Long Range Forecast Node**
- **Lead: Météo-France & ROSHYDROMET (participate SEEVCCC/RHMS-Serbia)**
- **Once a month ensemble run of a regional long range forecast - 7 months ahead: dynamical downscaling ECMWF 51 ensemble with RCM-SEEVCCC**

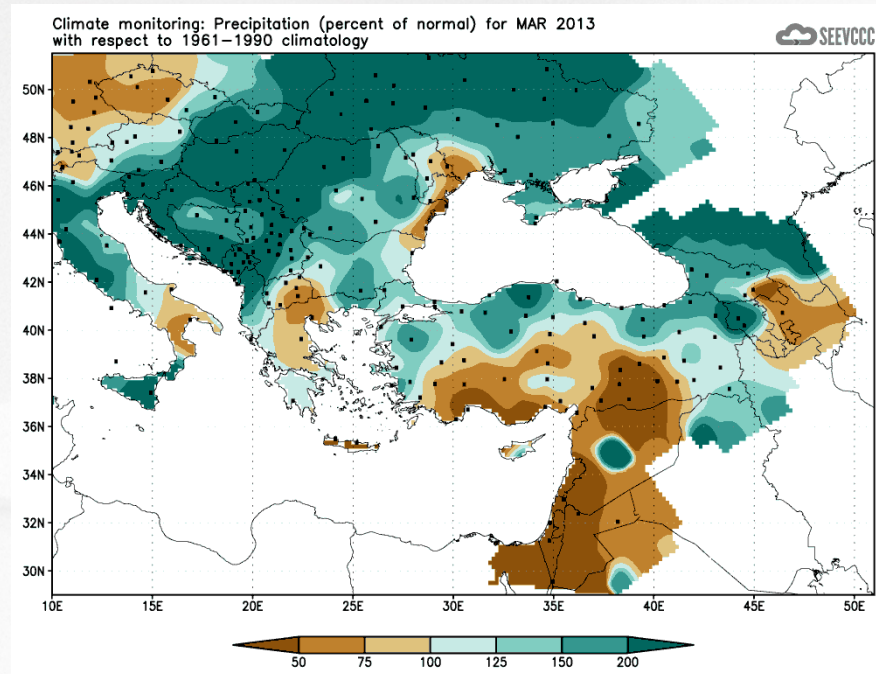
Climate monitoring node

Climate Watch advisory for SEE

Temperature anomaly



Precipitation (percent of normal)



- available maps: for each month and for next 3 months:
 - mean 2m temperature, acc. precipitation,
 - temperature anomaly, precipitation percent of normal (with respect to 1961-1990)



Monitoring – NCAR/NCEP reanalysis

- Daily and monthly available
- Available at the beginning of the month

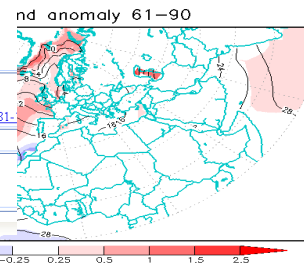
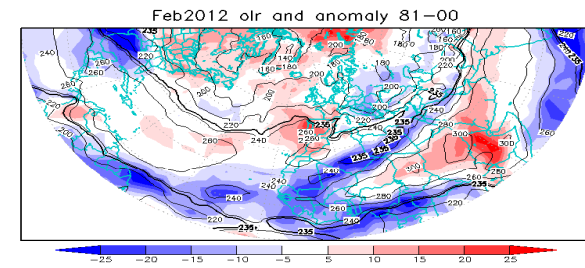
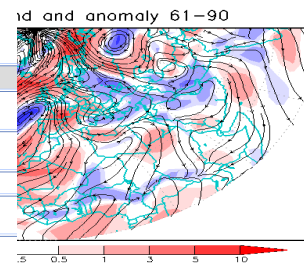
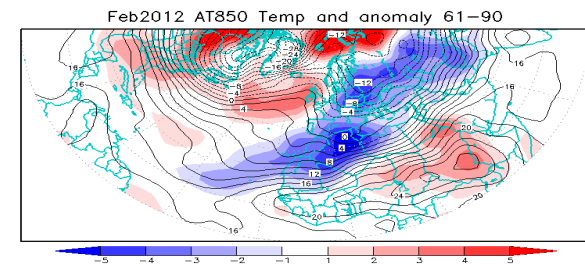
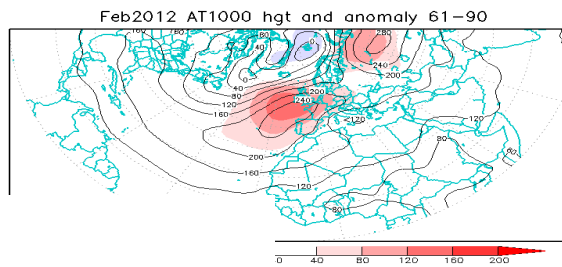
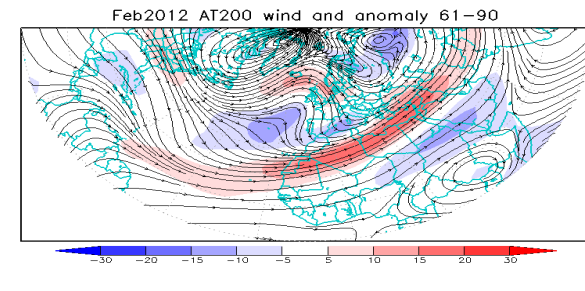
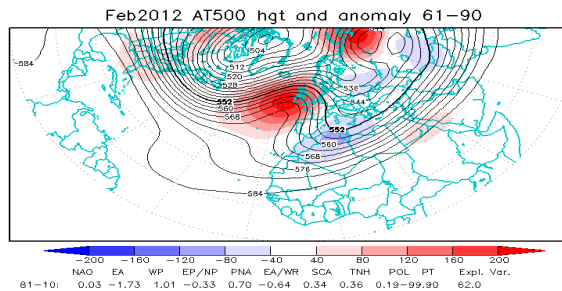
Z500; u,v200; T850; SST; olr...



NOAA(sst,olr) and NCEP/NCAR(T,hgt,wind)Reanalysis

| sevccc | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1961-1990 | Jan 61-90 temp 10mb | Feb 61-90 temp 10mb | Mar 61-90 temp 10mb | Apr 61-90 temp 10mb | May 61-90 temp 10mb |
| 1971-2000 | Jan 71-00 temp 10mb | Feb 71-00 temp 10mb | Mar 71-00 temp 10mb | Apr 71-00 temp 10mb | May 71-00 temp 10mb |
| 1981-2010 | Jan 81-10 | Feb 81-10 | Mar 81-10 | Apr 81-10 | May 81-10 |
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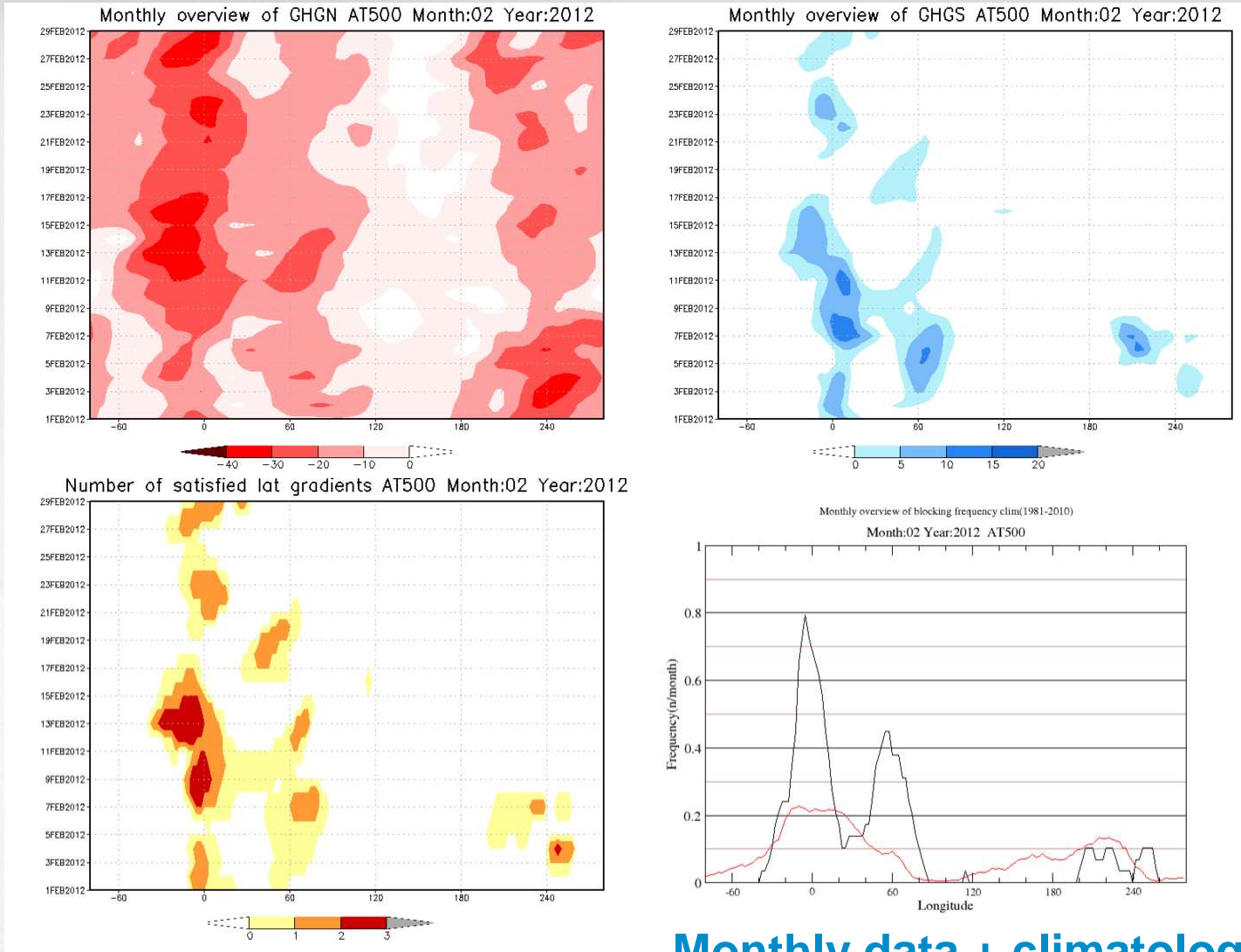
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Monitoring – blocking (Tibaldi & Molteni, 1990)

Daily data



Monthly data + climatology (in red)

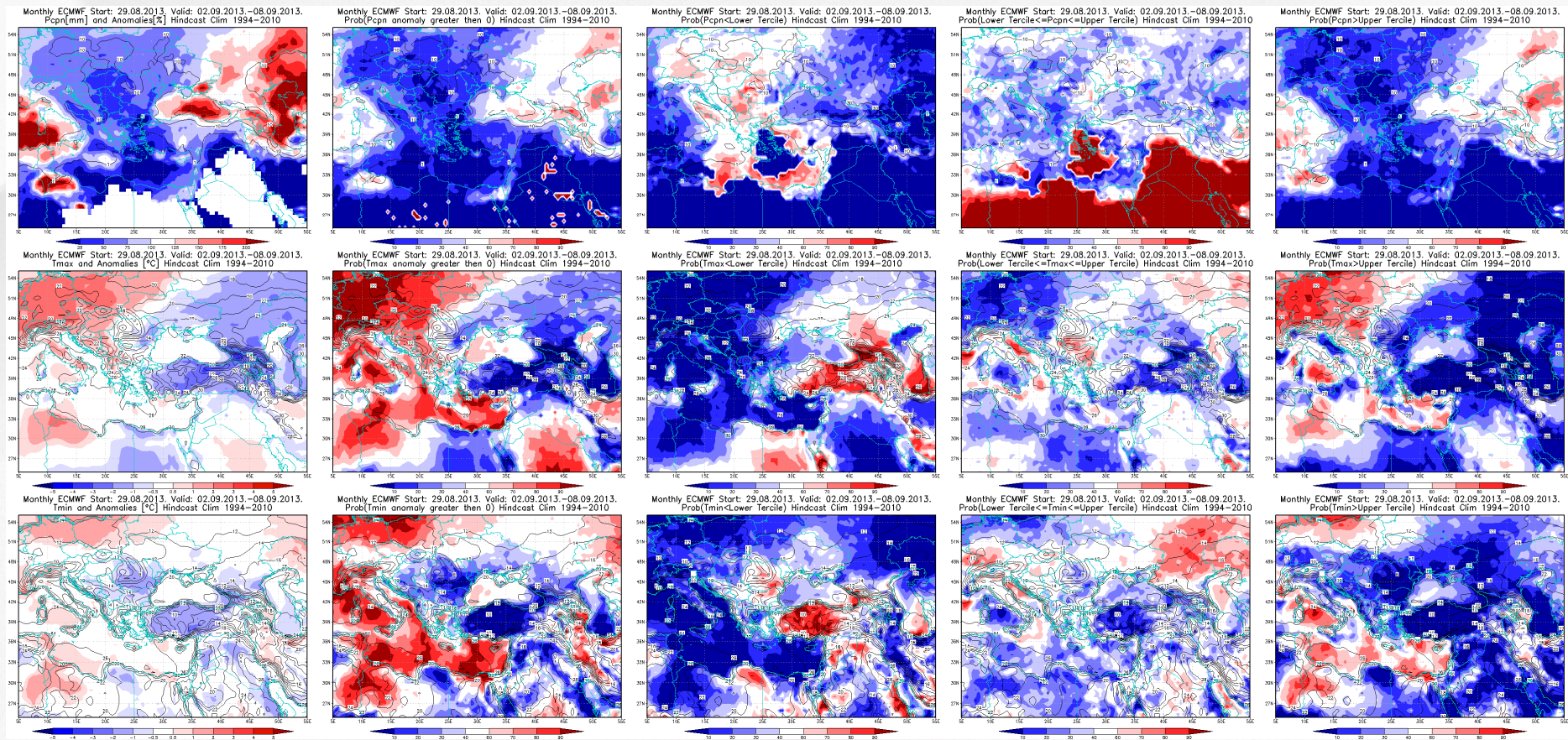


Monthly forecast - ECMWF

Weekly / monthly basis – Tmin, Tmax, precipitation

Probabilistic forecast – terciles and median

Model climatology – 1994 – 2011; 5 ensemble members



Forecast issued 29.08.2013.; valid 02-08.09.2013.



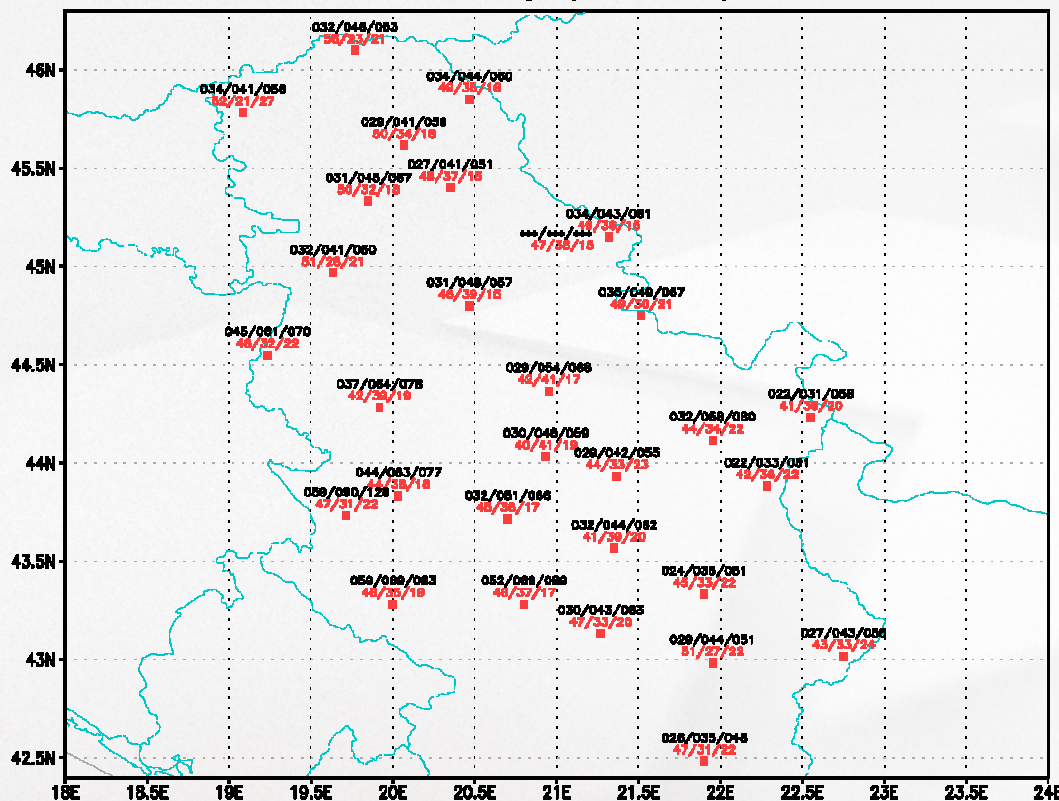
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Verovatnoće anomalije padavina po tercilima



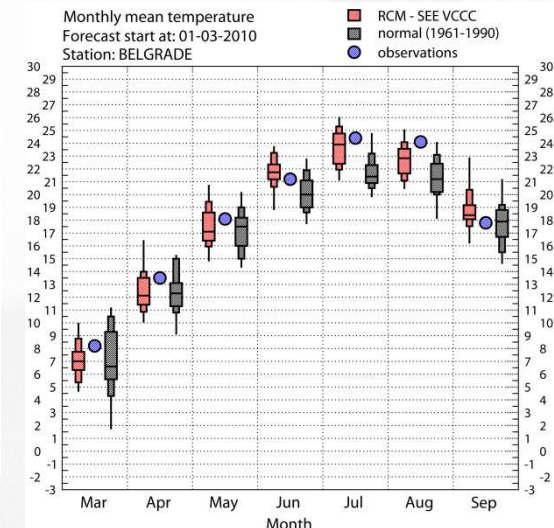
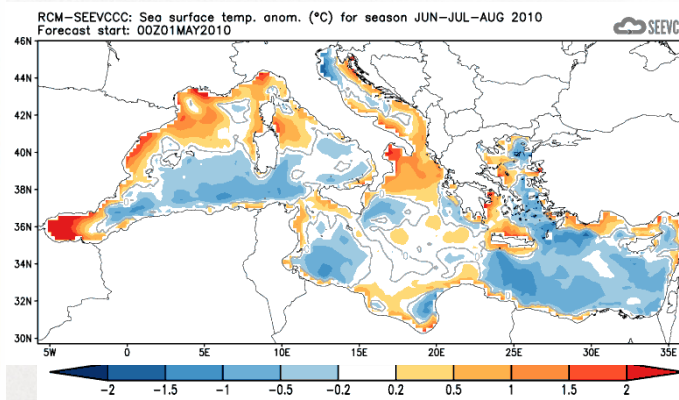
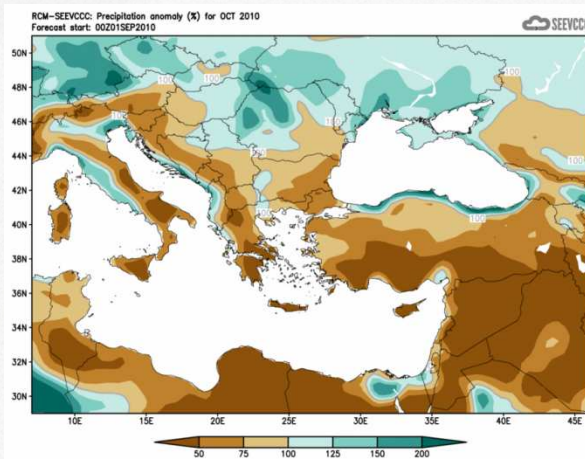
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Long Range Forecast / Seasonal forecast



- **Probabilistic forecast** provides statistical summary of the atmosphere and ocean state in forthcoming season.
- **RCM-SEEVCCC LRF** regional dynamical downscaling using fully coupled atmosphere-ocean Regional Climate Model
 - model start: 08th of each month; operational since June 2009.
 - forecast duration: 7 months (~215 days)
 - model resolution: ~35km atmosphere ; ~20km ocean
 - model domain: Euro - Mediterranean region
extended towards Caspian Sea
 - 51 ensemble members
 - initial & boundary conditions: ECMWF, ~75km
 - winter hindcast (1981-2010) – December run, 7 months
- operational forecast available in GRIB via WIS-DCPC-Belgrade

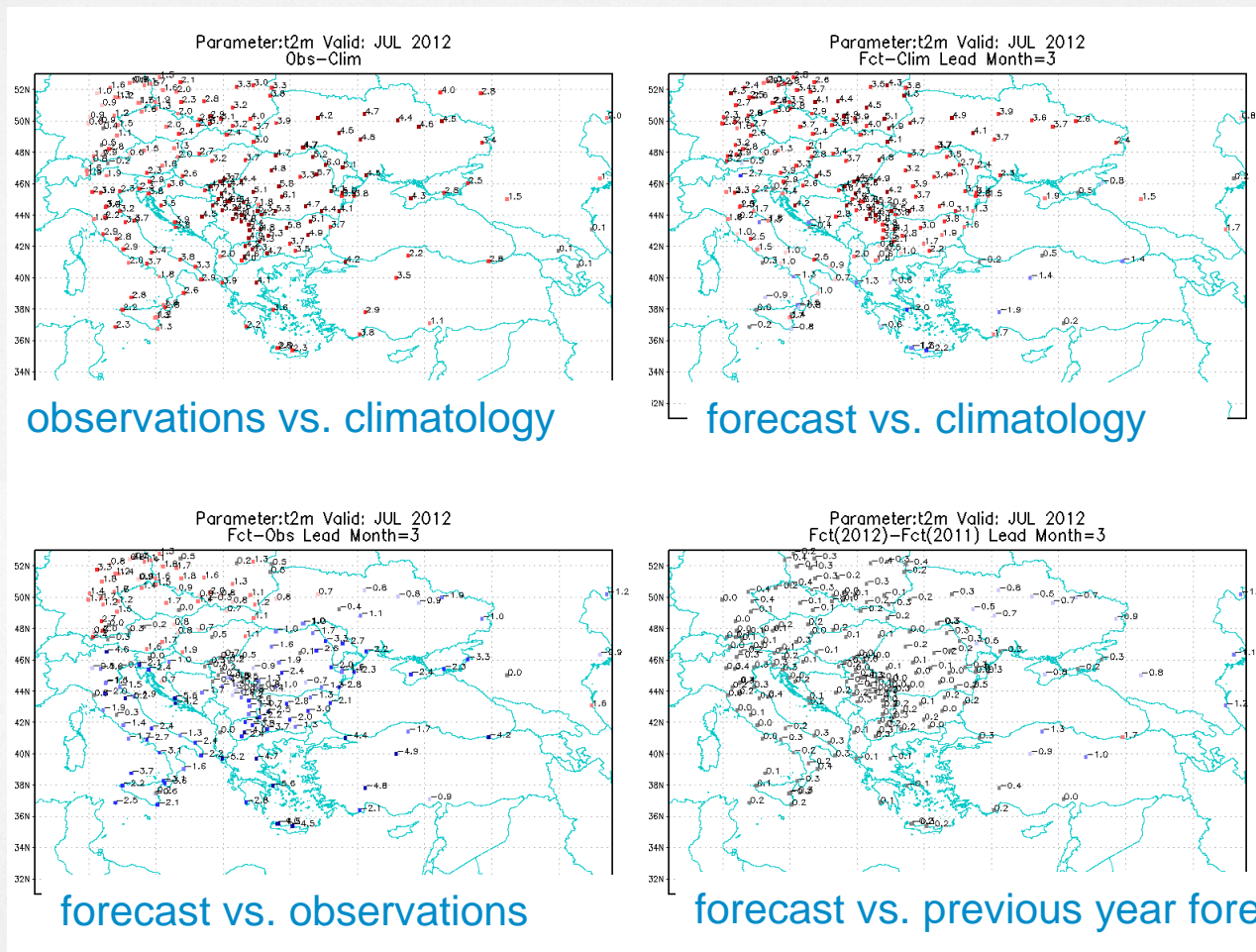




LRF- seasonal forecast - verification



- Operational forecast verification 2009-2013 - **monthly**
- Probabilistic and deterministic verification – in situ observations ECA&D

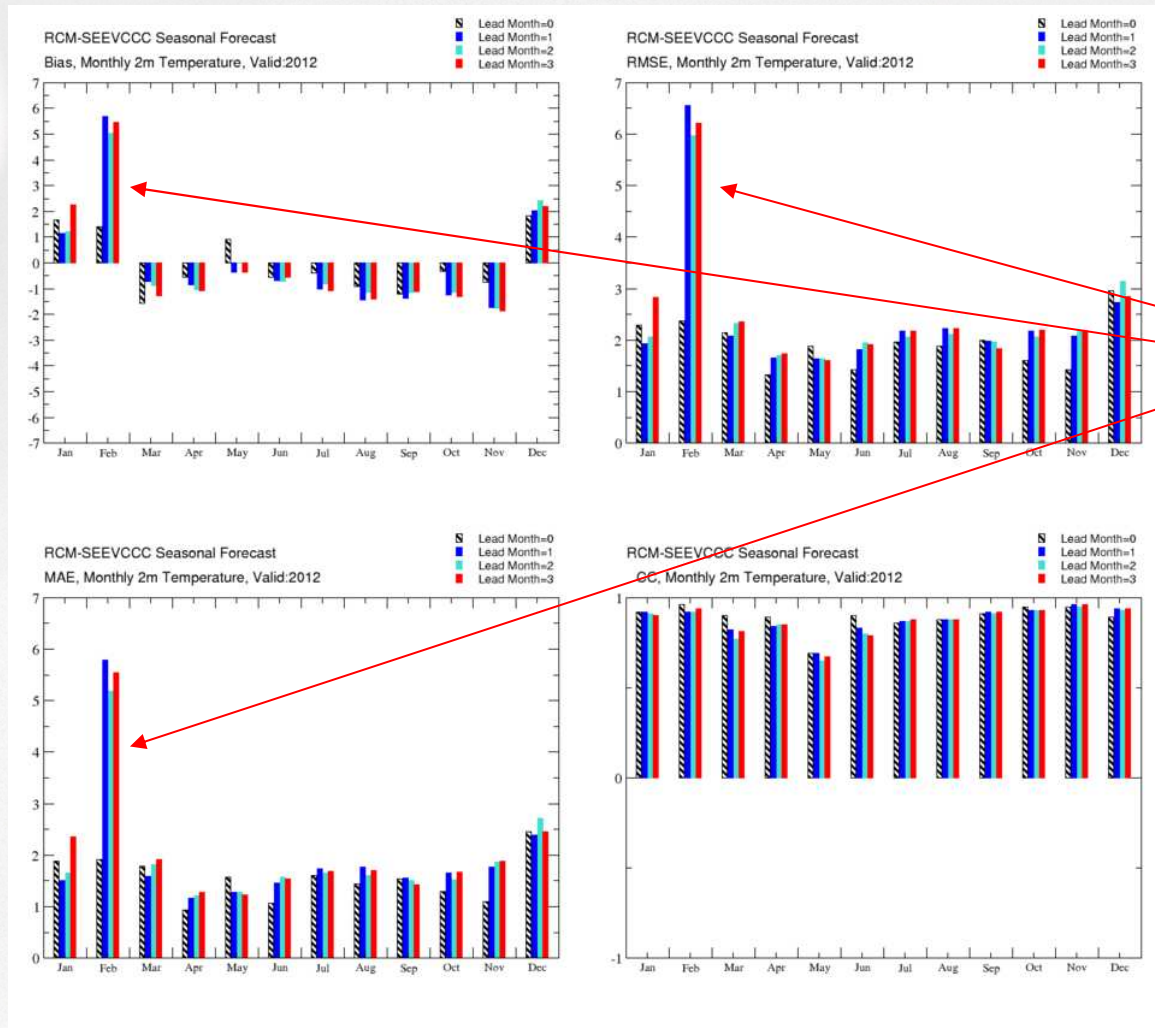




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- Bias, RMSE, MAE, Correlation Coefficient – spatial



1-4 lead months

February 2012

Year 2012

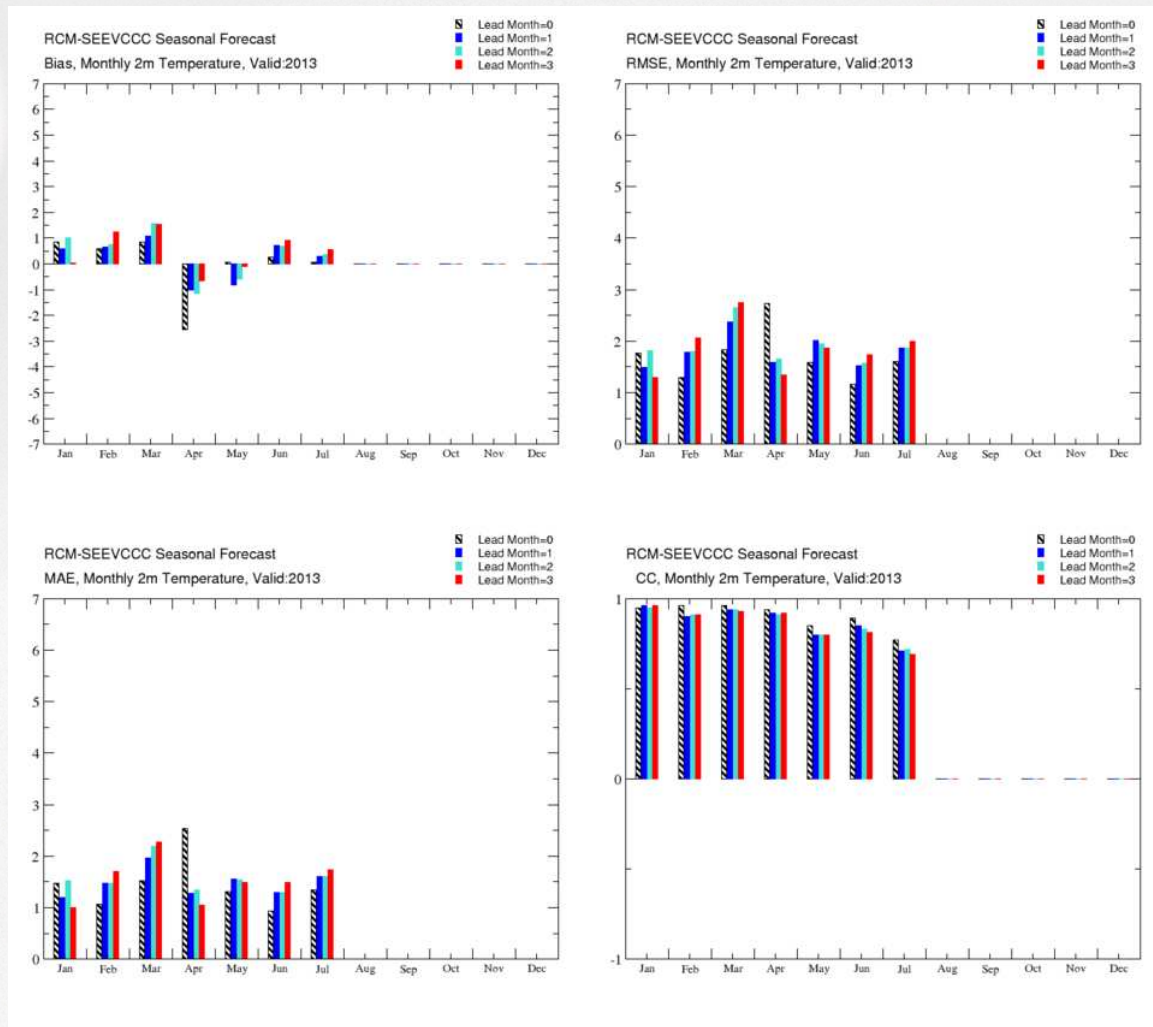
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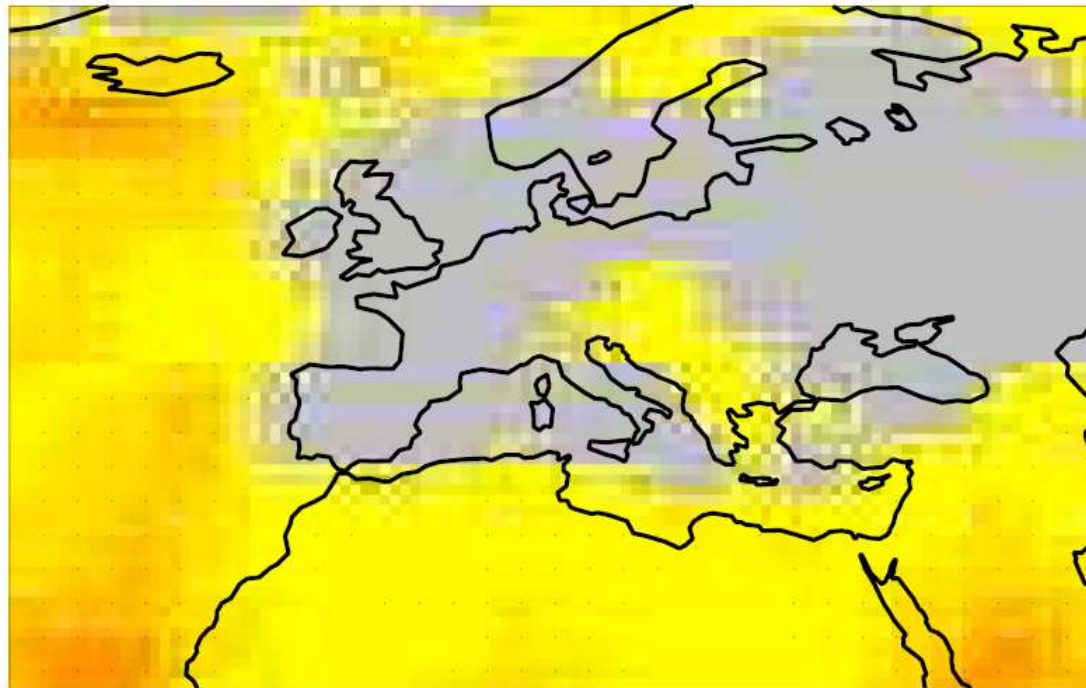
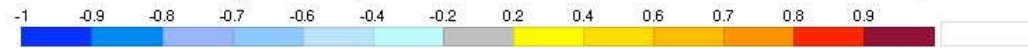
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ECMWF ACC – hindcast JFM

Lower predictability for winter season

Anomaly Correlation Coefficient for ECMWF with 15 ensemble members
Near-surface air temperature
Hindcast period 1981-2010 with start in December average over months 2 to 4
Black dots for values significantly different from zero with 95% confidence (1000 samples)

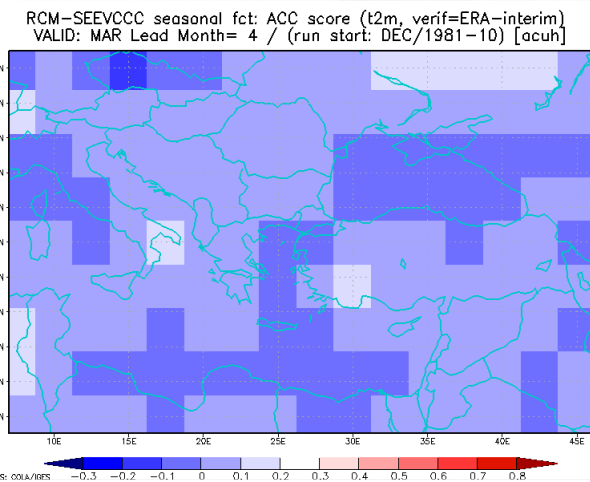
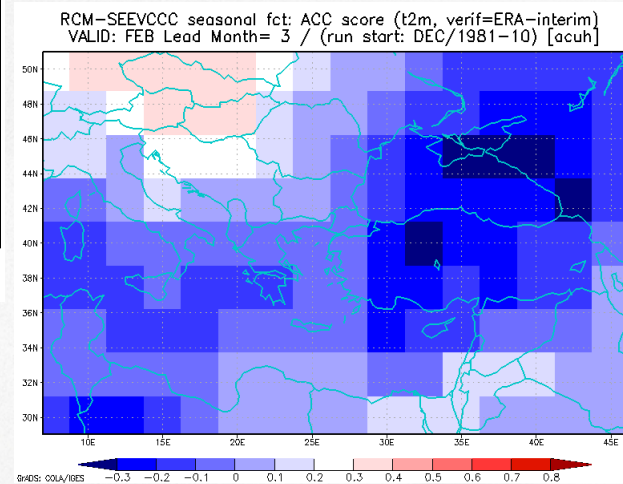
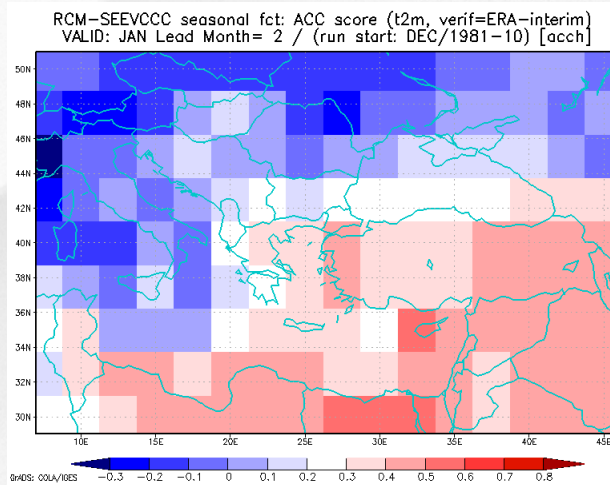




Long Range Forecast / Seasonal forecast



- Hindcast period 1981-2010
- Start December – 7 lead months
- Probabilistic and deterministic verification – in progress



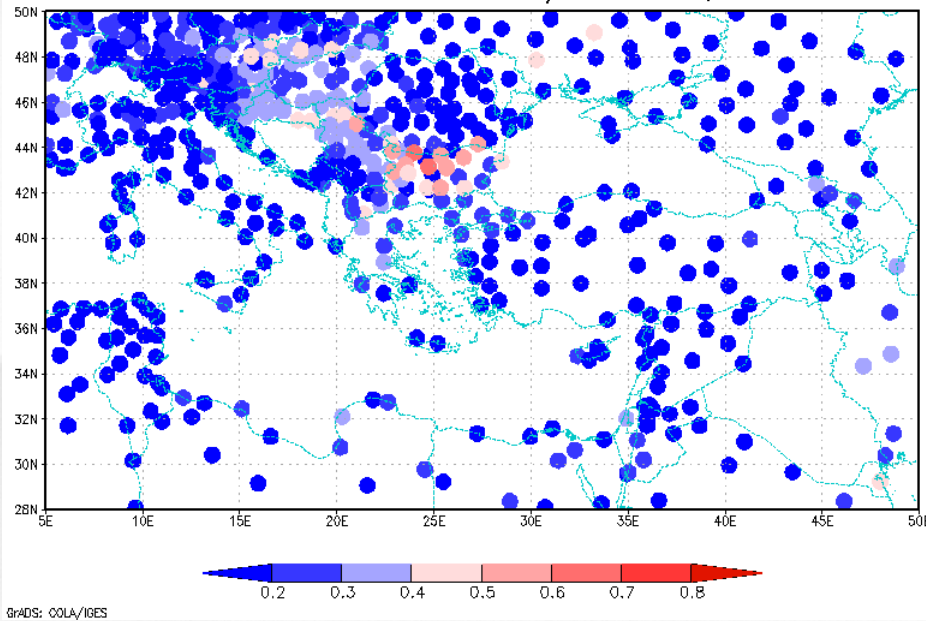
Ensemble mean ACC score for T2m
with respect to ERAInterim

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RCM-SEEVCCC ACC – hindcast JFM

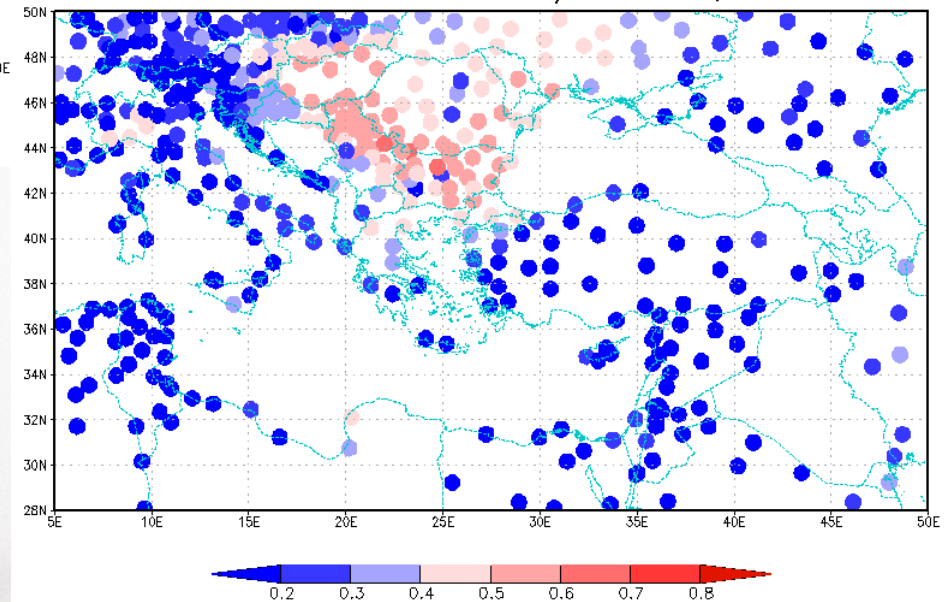
Anomaly Correlation Coefficient for Ensemble Average t2m
RCM-SEEVCCC Hindcast start Dec/1981-2010, valid JFM



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1981-2010

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RCM-SEEVCCC Skill Score – hindcast JFM

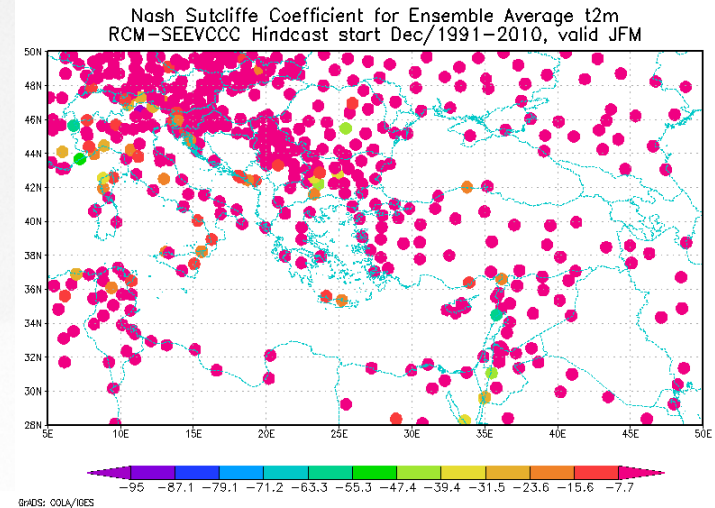
Inflation of variance – correction

Climatological variance of ensemble members should be the same as climatological variance of observations

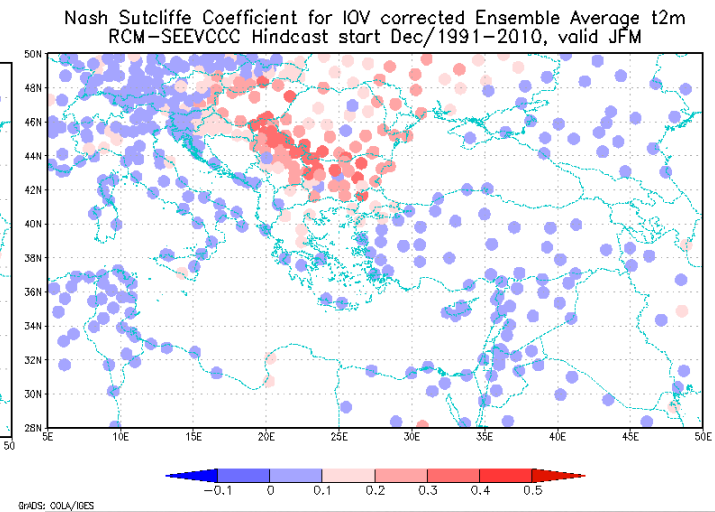
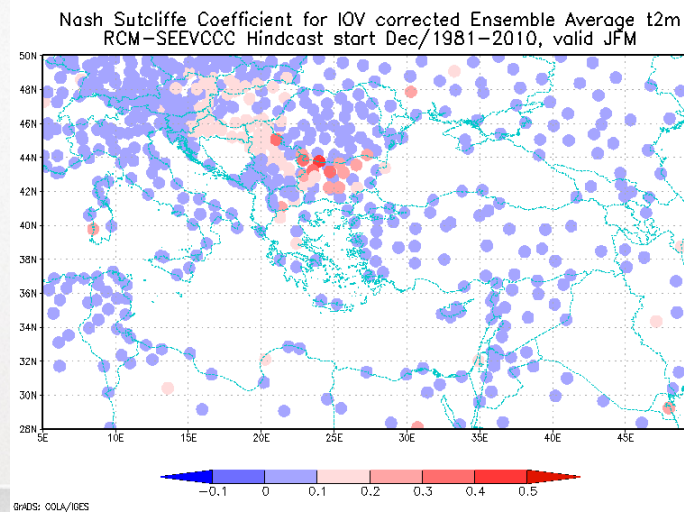
$$\text{Skill Score (SS)} = 1 - \text{MSE}/\text{MSE}_{\text{clim}}$$

SS=0 for climatological forecast

raw forecast

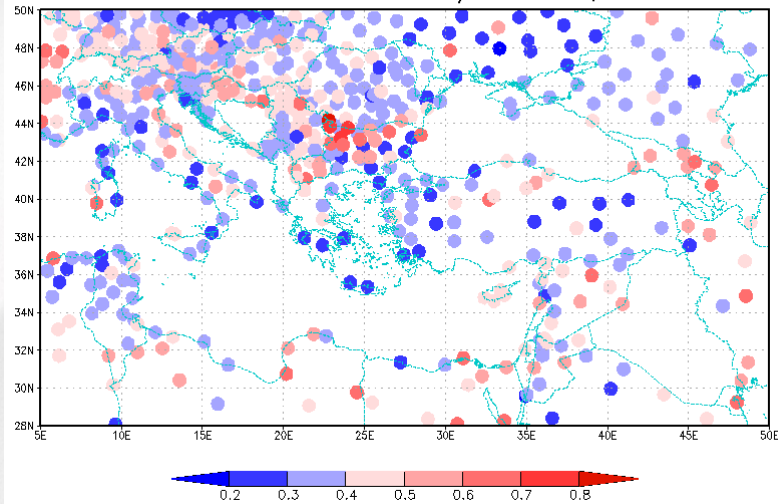


corrected forecast



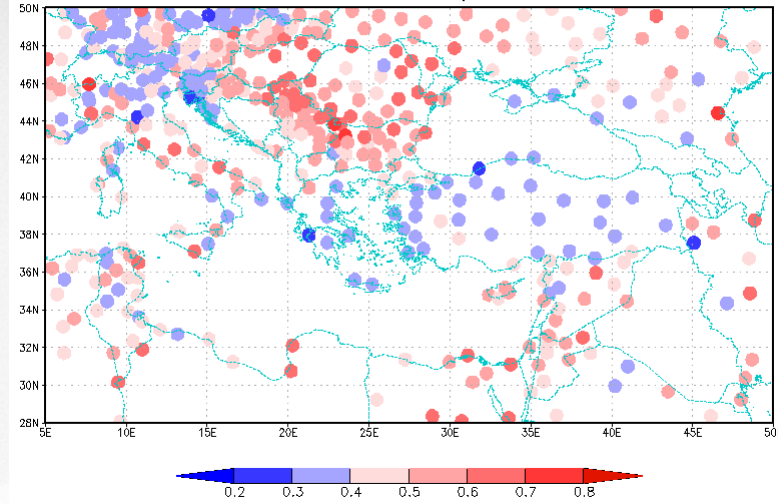
RCM-SEEVCCC ACC best ens. member – hind. JFM

Anomaly Correlation Coefficient for best ens.member t2m
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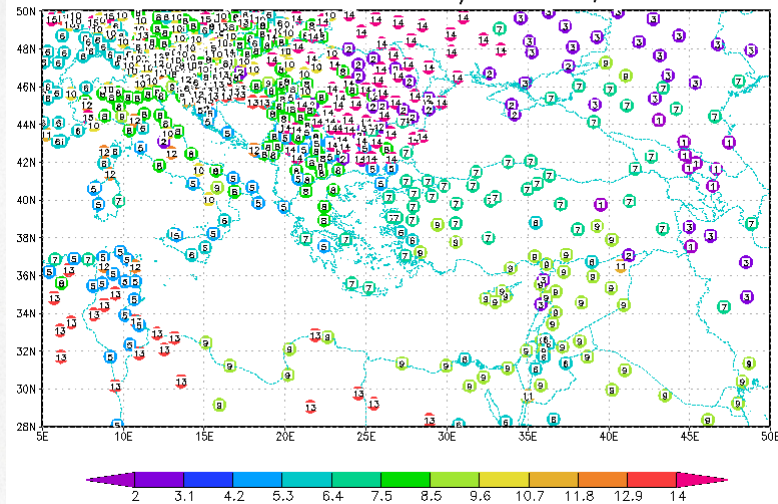
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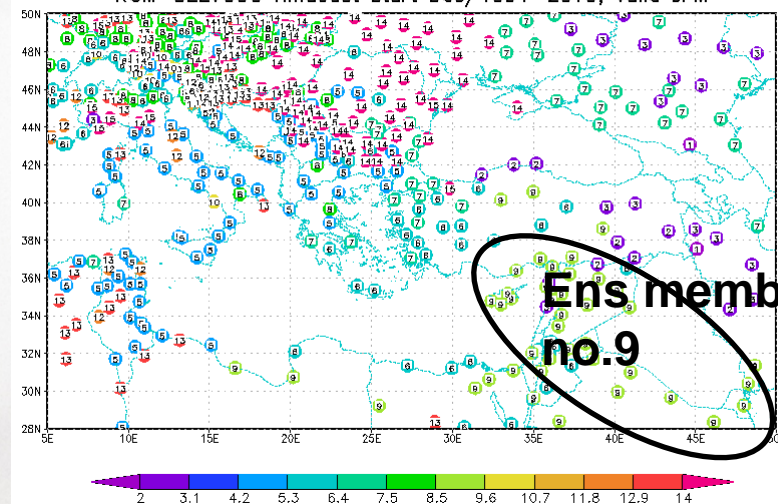
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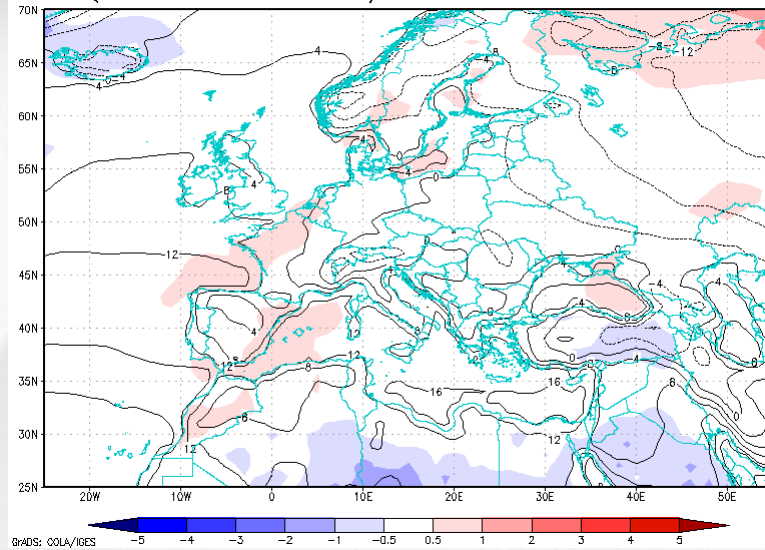


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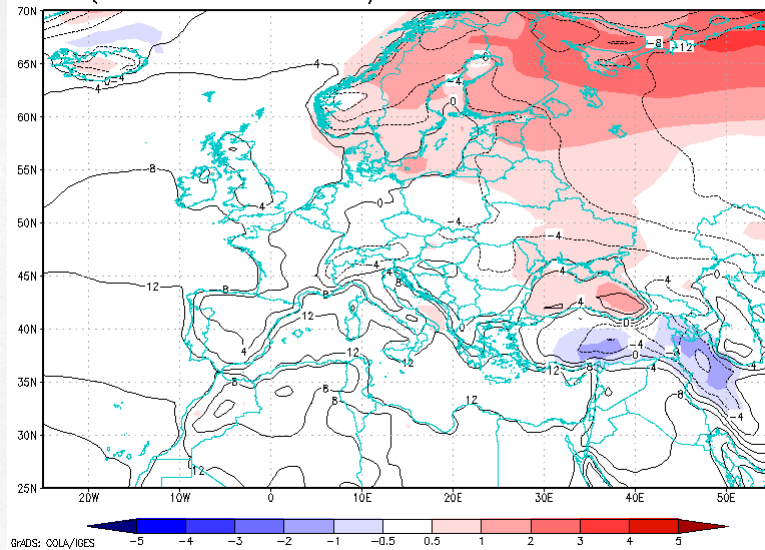
ECMWF seasonal forecast for DJF 2013

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(Hindcast Clim 1981-2010) Fcst start: NOV Lead Month= 1

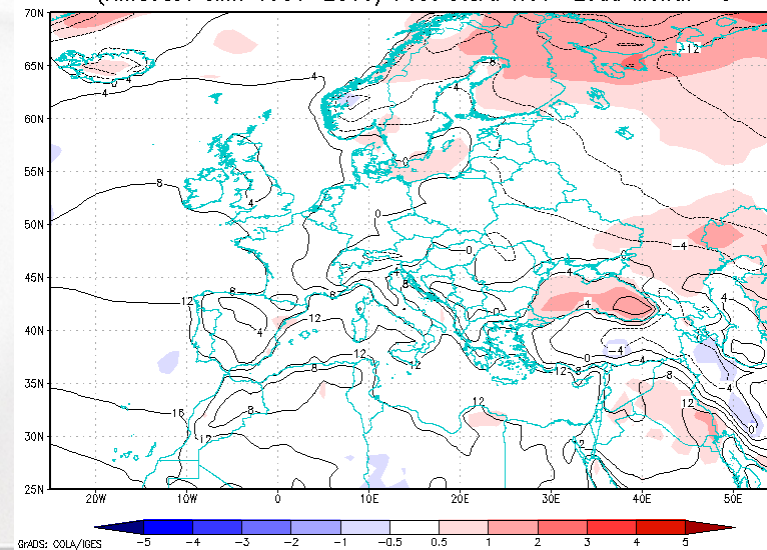


forecast issued November 2013

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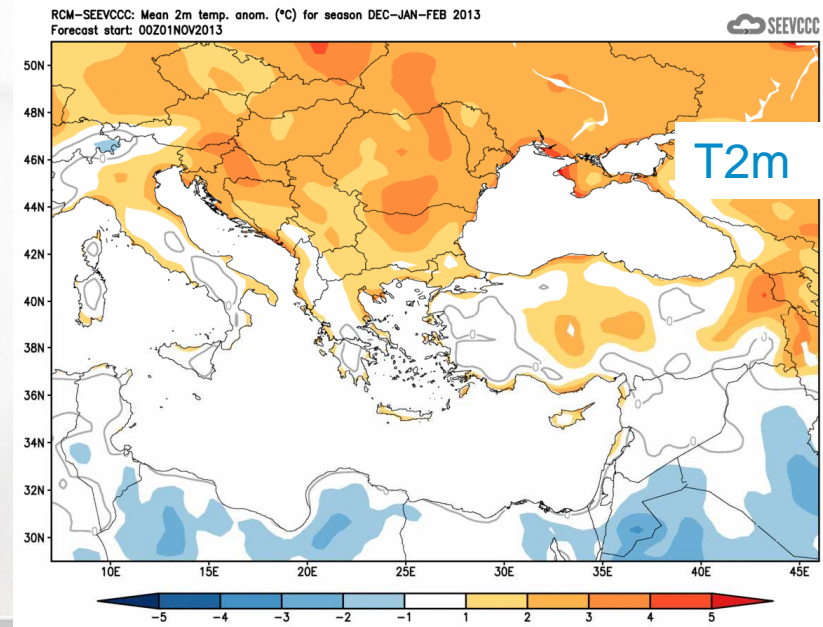
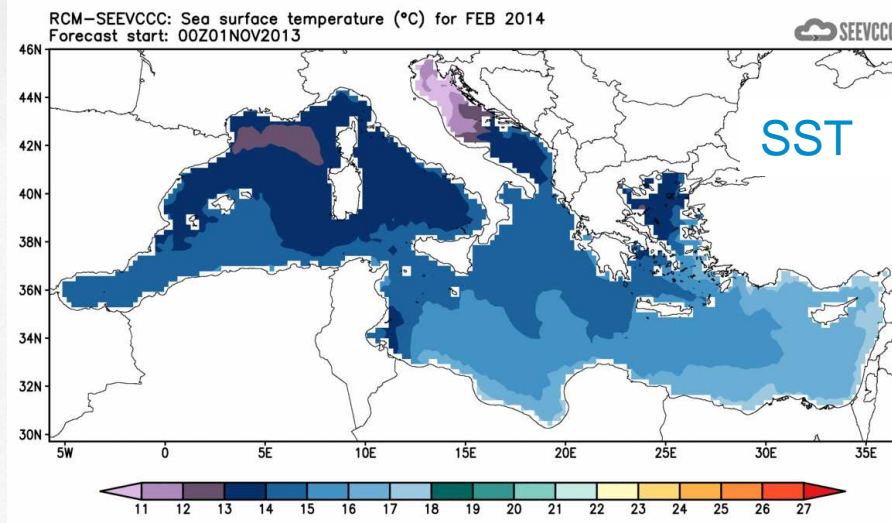
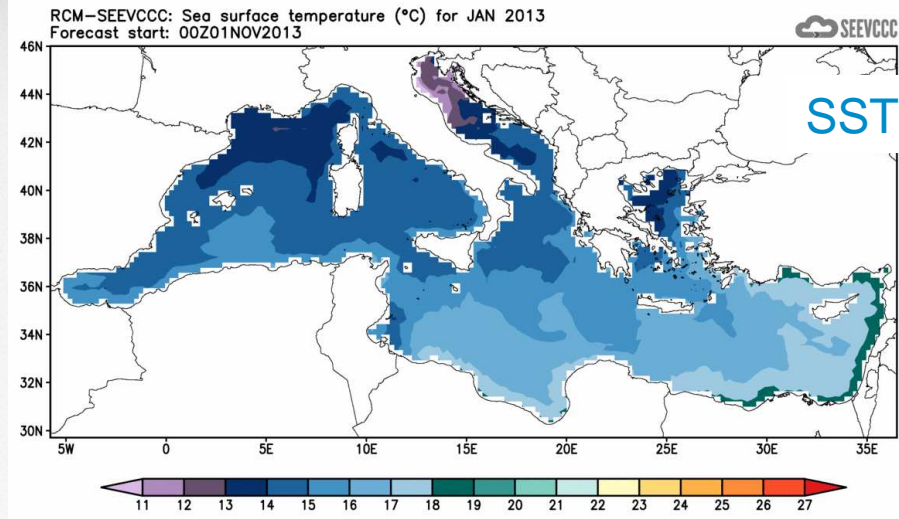
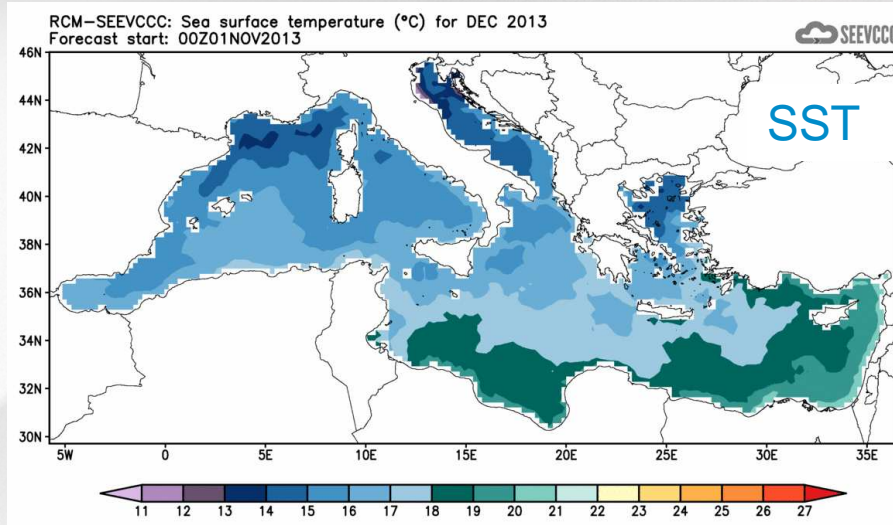
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RCM-SEEVCCC seasonal forecast for DJF 2013

forecast issued November 2013





WMO RA-VI RCC nodes – Climate Watch System

Climate Watch (Serial No.: 20120630 – Number)

Initial/Updated/Final

| | | | |
|--|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Topic: Drought/Fire | Warning: | 0 | No particular awareness |
| Organization issuing the statement: Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia | | 1 | Potentially dangerous |
| | | 2 | Dangerous |
| Issued/ Amended / Cancelled | 11-09-2012 12:00 P.M. | 3 | Very dangerous |
| Contact: | E-mail: x.y@hidmet.gov.rs Phone: +3811XXXXXXX Fax: +3811XXXXXXX | | |
| Valid from – to: | 10-09-2012 – 24-09-2012 | Next amendment: | 18-09-2012 |
| Region of concern: Western Balkans | | | |

Monitoring

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In the region of Western Balkans, in the period from September 2nd to 8th, mean temperature anomaly ranged from +1°C to +5°C compared to the 1981-2010 normal. There was no significant precipitation in most of the region, except in the biggest part of C to 25 mm was recorded.

Impacts – Conclusion

During the same period in Serbia mean temperature anomaly compared to the 1981-2010 normal. The recorded precipitation : mm.

Warmer and dry period is expected to continue, which will bear an impact on agricultural production, water quantity in hydro-accumulations and elongation of the period of increased forest fire risk.

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According to preliminary data, during the previous two months, over seven thousand fires were recorded in the region (six thousand in Serbia), and first estimations show that the inflicted damage amounts to over 60 million Euros (Serbia – 50 millions, Montenegro – 10 millions).

CWS issued by SEEVCCC

Monitoring based on DWD-GPCC

Forecast based on ECMWF monthly and RCM-SEEVCCC seasonal forecast

<http://www.seevccc.rs/CWS>

Data archived in MARS (ECMWF) in SEEVCCC/DCPC (WMO WIS)

- Seasonal forecast – ensemble long range forecast using RCM-SEEVCCC model
- Regional 3 and 5 day forecast – using WFRNMM model
- Dust forecast – with and without assimilation using DREAM model
- Global forecast – using GNMMB model
- Climate projections – for A1B and A2 scenarios using RCM-SEEVCCC model
- Regional observations in BUFR format
- Projects: Aral sea, Iran, Sintex-G, Hadley center climate simulations, etc.

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