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## **TOWARDS CLIMATE-RESILIENT ENERGY SYSTEMS**

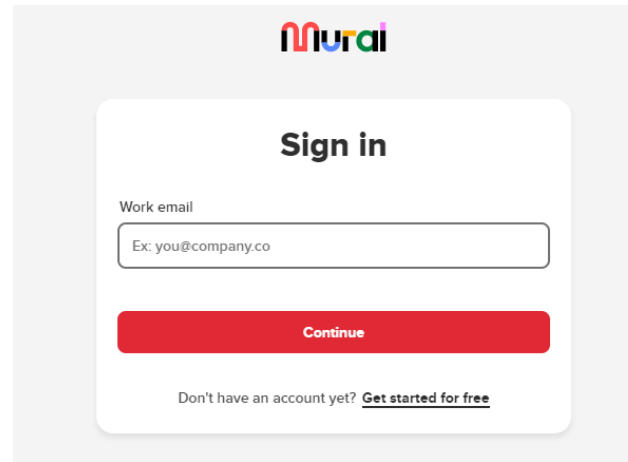
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Climate stripes (@EdHawkins)

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Trend = 1°C/century

Global

13,4 °C 14,8 °C

Trend = 1.5°C/century

France

10,6 °C 13,7 °C

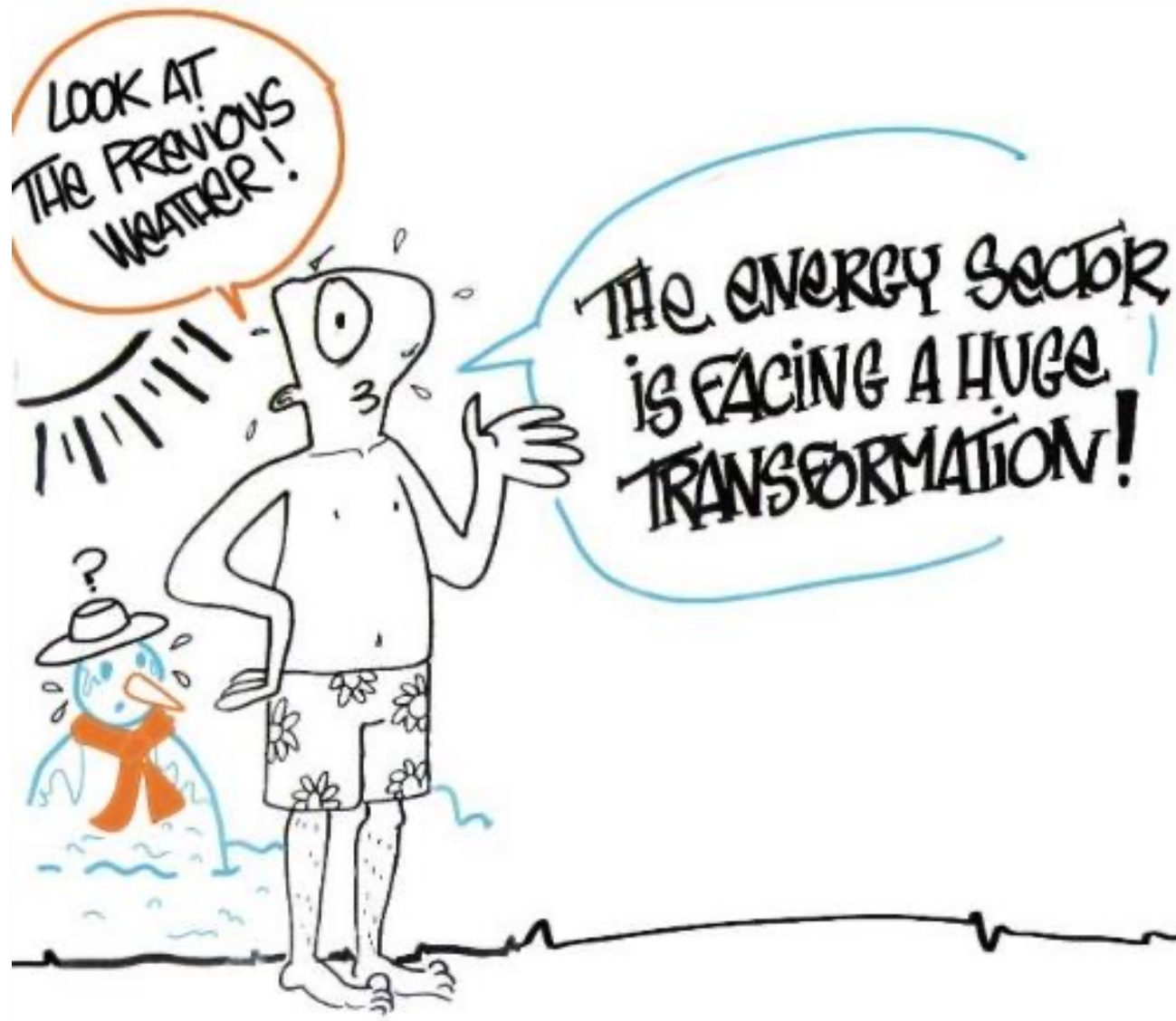
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Paris

10 °C 13,7 °C

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# Key themes

- What approach should be used for calculating the **vulnerabilities of power systems** and **assets distributed on the territory**?
- Adaptation approach from business plan to sectoral/intersectoral/national plan: **how do companies' adaptation plans meet with country plans**?
- **How** to plan adaptation actions to increase resilience of energy assets and systems where there are no scenario data or are very uncertain? What other data/approaches can be used to **integrate scenario considerations to make effective decisions**?

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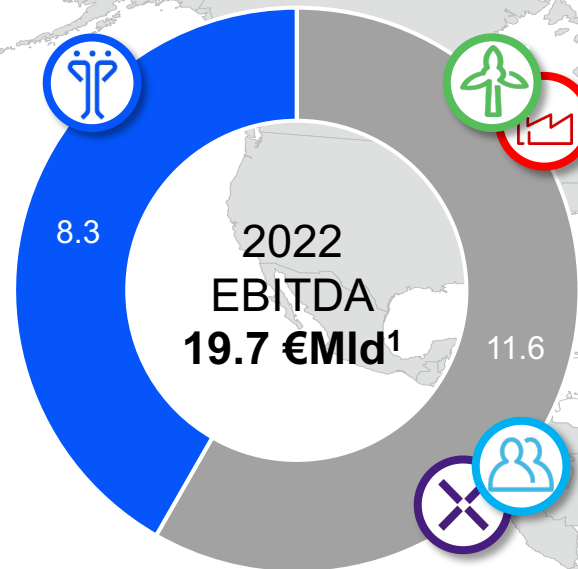
The background features a stylized illustration of various energy infrastructure elements in yellow and white outlines against a light blue sky. On the left, there is a wind turbine and a solar panel array. In the center, a large high-voltage electricity pylon stands prominently, with several power lines extending from it. To the right, there are industrial buildings with smokestacks and a modern city skyline with several skyscrapers. The overall theme is energy and urban development.

# Towards Climate-Resilient Energy Systems

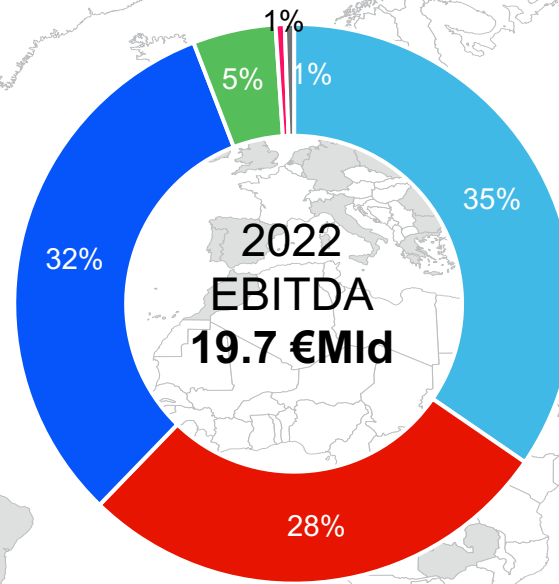
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# Enel Leadership across the Word



Integrated Business  
Grids



Italy  
Spain  
South America  
North America  
Rest of Europe  
Africa, Asia & Oceania

Global leader in renewables<sup>2</sup>

**~59 GW**  
Renewable capacity<sup>3</sup>

Main network operator<sup>2</sup>

**~73 mln users**

Customer base

**~ 67 mln customers<sup>4</sup>**

1. Data updated to FY 2022

2. EBITDA breakdown does not include "Services and other."

3. Enel's leadership in the various categories is defined by comparing the installed capacity of renewable sources, the number of end users, gas and electricity customers globally, excluding companies wholly owned by the state.

4. Includes managed capacity and batteries.

5. Includes customers in the electricity and gas market.



# Adaptation is a Global Challenge

Some of the most affected regions around the world in 2022/2023

## USA



- **Heatwaves** with temperatures as high as 47°C for the first time
- **51,000+ wildfires** burning almost 7mln acres

## Brazil



- Worst **drought** in 91 years in Q1 in the South
- *Consequences:* estimated **USD 9.2bln economic loss**

## Europe



- **2022** had the **highest average temperature** ever during summer
- **50% of territory** subject to **high drought risk**
- **94% of the Italian territory** is at **hydrogeological risk**

## Pakistan



- **Unprecedented heavy monsoon rains** with resulting **flooding**
- *Consequences:* more than **32mln displaced people**, 1.7mln homes destroyed

## China

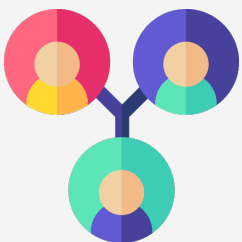


- More than **2-months long heatwave**, worst one in 60 years
- *Consequences:* **lowest water levels** since at least 1865, extreme **drought**



**Extreme events push people to relocate.** According to the World Bank, by 2050 between 125 and 216 million climate migrants could move internally in low- and middle-income countries depending on climate outcomes. Internationally the numbers could be even greater.

# Collaboration is Crucial to Adapt Effectively

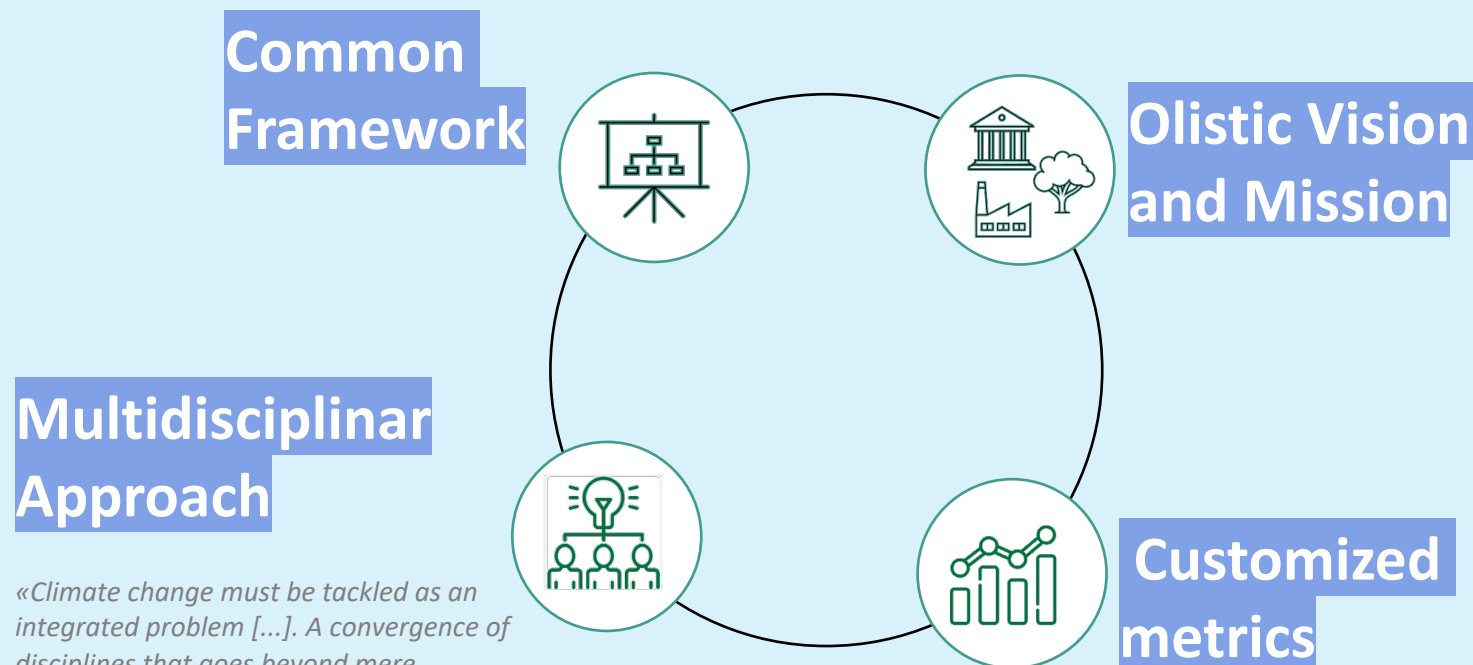


**Synergy between,  
Policymakers, Companies  
and Scientific Community is  
crucial to face Climate  
Change**

*"We must respond to the challenges of climate change as one nation, through the collective action of government agencies, individuals, businesses and the community."*

Singapore Climate Action Plan

Stakeholder should share:



*«Climate change must be tackled as an integrated problem [...]. A convergence of disciplines that goes beyond mere interdisciplinarity is indispensable".*

Antonio Navarra, CMCC president  
@ Festival Green&Blue 2022



# How can we Manage **Adaptation** in a Company and which are the Key Priorities?



Enel 2022 Annual Report

To **ensure** a climate change proof company, leveraging on **climate and asset data** analysis to develop effective adaptation measures both to **preserve profitability** and to foster **resilient business models** and exploit **opportunities**.



## Enel Climate Adaptation Approach

### Resiliency Actions

**Increase asset resiliency** to reduce Climate Risk **implementing adaptation measures** on existing assets and ensuring resiliency by design

### Response Management

**Be ready to response** to adverse events **leveraging on weather and climate analysis** to prioritize efforts

### Opportunities

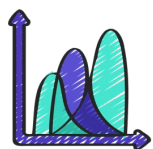
**New business or product design** to adapt to future changes in climate, so as to facilitate the adaptation of all stakeholders

# From Scenarios to Plan | Assess Hazard, Understand Vulnerabilities and Exposure, Implement Adaptation Measures



## 1. Climate Hazard assessment

Climate scenarios to assess **expected changes** in physical phenomena



## 2. Vulnerability to physical phenomena

Quantifying **potential damages** on assets and **business interruptions** function of intensity and probability of phenomena



## 3. Economic impact

Assessing the expected **economic impact** of climate change considering Hazard and Vulnerability of climate change



## 4. Adaptation Plan

Define Adaptation measures to be implemented, through Cost-Benefit analyses both for **Event Management (Response)** and **Resiliency measures**



### Keywords

Data and tools  
Probability and intensity  
Geo-resolution  
Models and Scenarios

Link functions  
Weakness Damages  
Business interruptions  
Technologies  
Asset@risk

Economic exposure  
Cost-Benefit analysis  
Overall risk assessment

Adaptation options  
CAPEX and OPEX  
Response actions  
Resiliency by design  
Opportunities

# Vulnerability: Focus on Distributed Assets



## Main issues:

- **Grids have heterogeneous components and do not benefit of technical specifications** describing the resiliency to a specific hazard
- **Evaluate climate hazard on distributed assets is more complex than for the localized ones**, usually requires a larger amount of data organized on raster to cover wide areas



## Gaps to fill:

**To improve vulnerability assessments is necessary:**

- **improve the specifications about asset characteristics**
- **tracking the adverse events impacts and their causes**  
so that the relationships between hazards and impacts will be modelled always better

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# Understanding climate change to support adaptation

*CMCC Foundation*

*Regional Models and geo-hydrological  
Impacts Division*

Giuliana Barbato

ICEM 2023, Padova, Italy



# CMCC Foundation

CMCC's mission is to **investigate our climate system** and its interactions with society to provide **scientific results** in order to **stimulate** sustainable growth, protect the environment and develop science-driven adaptation and mitigation policies.

## OFFICES

CMCC is organized in the form of a network distributed throughout Italy.

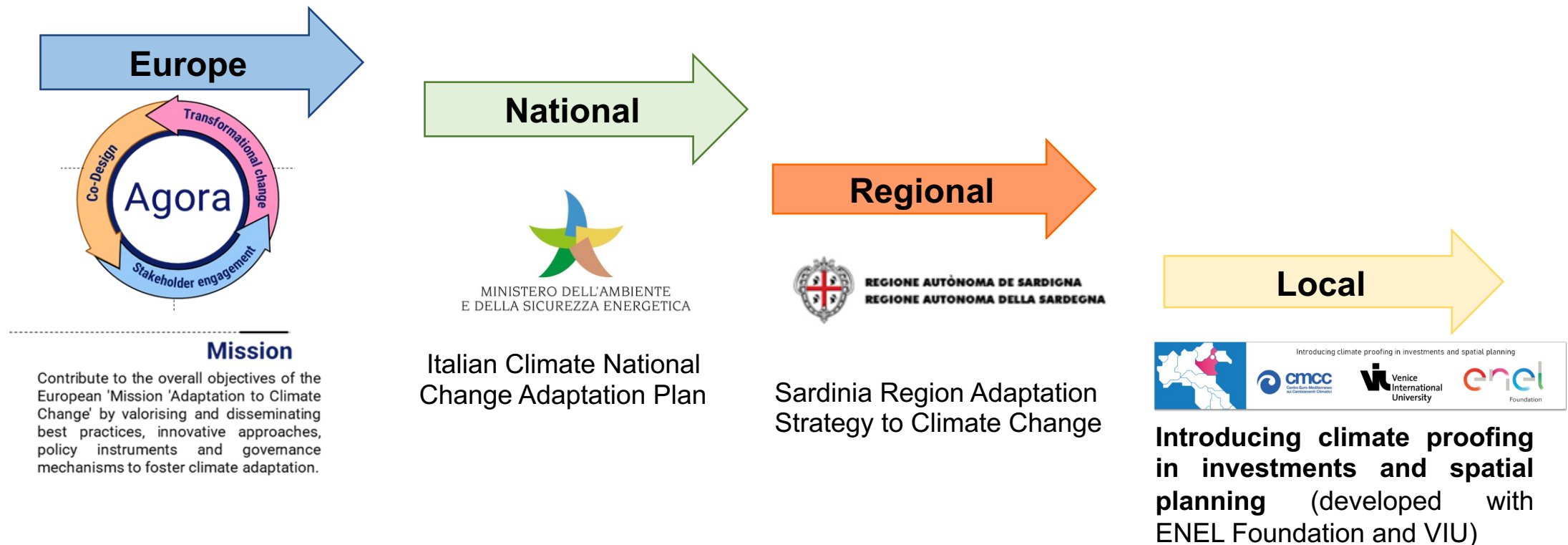


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# Experiences on the issues of climate change adaptation

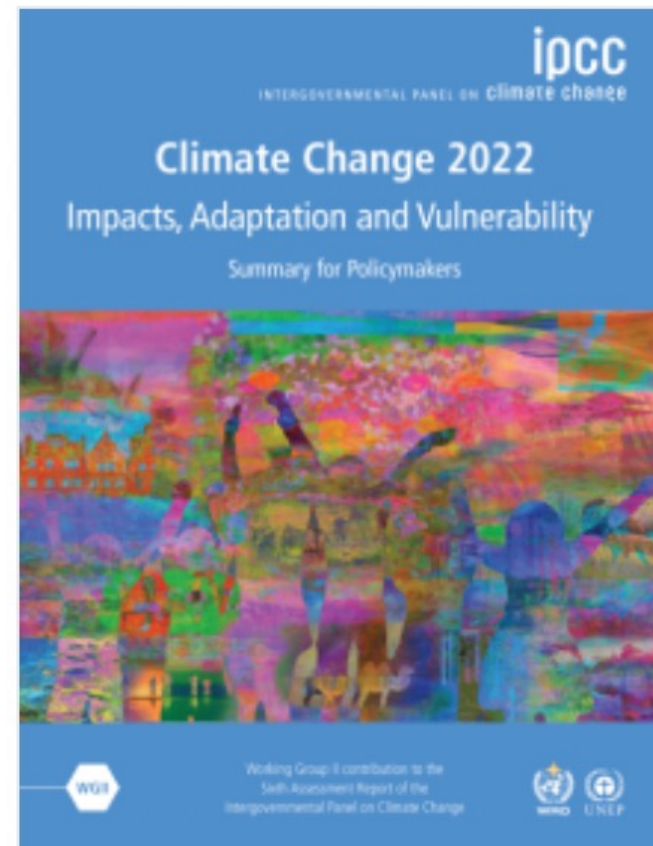
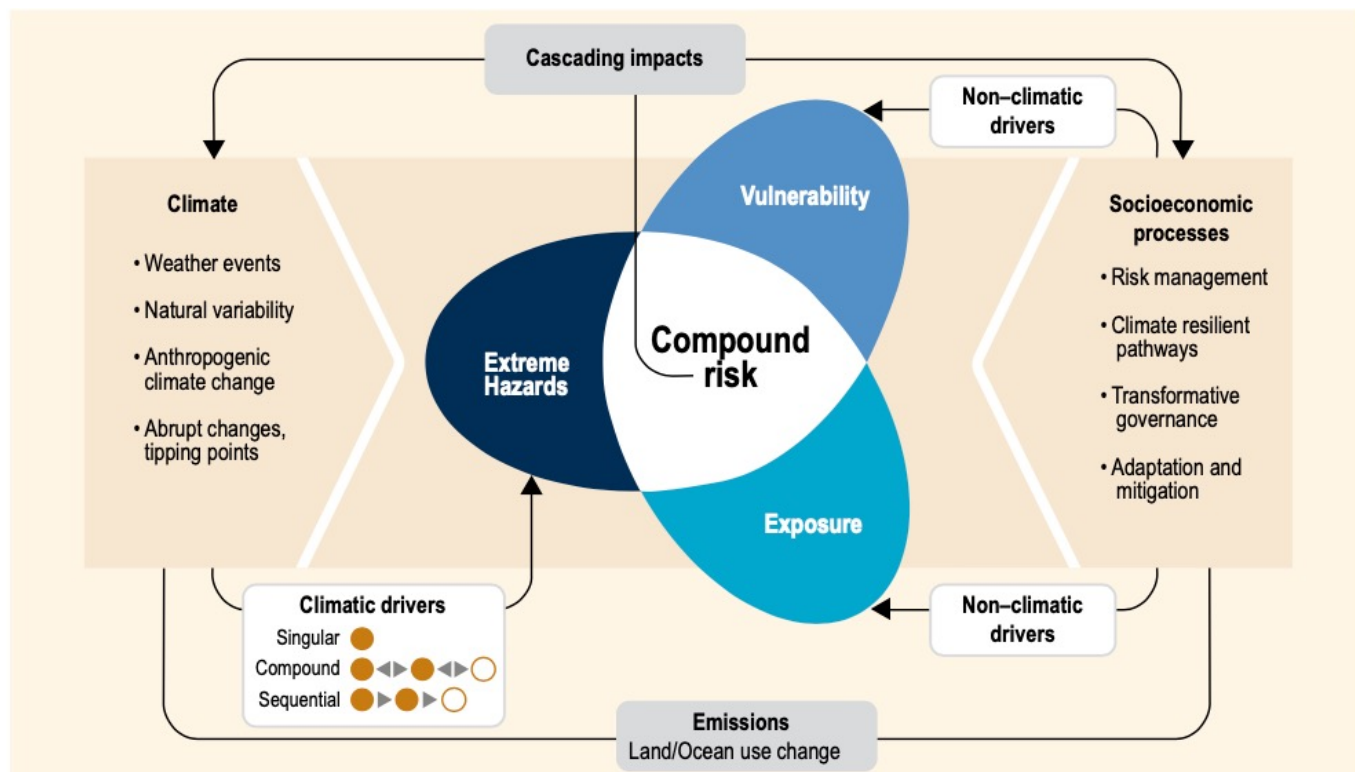
- Qualitative and quantitative evaluation of the effects of climate changes on **hazards and impacts**
- Evaluation with stakeholders of specific indices/indicators that can be considered as proxies of **climate-related hazardous events** (e.g. flood, drought, fire)
- Support the **integration of climate change adaptation** into the work of **national/regional/local authorities**





# Understanding climate change to support adaptation

The concept of risk in the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report  
(Source: IPCC 2022)



# Climate hazard assessment

Step 1: planning and design the adaptation initiative and communication/involvement actions of local stakeholder

1. Development of a common knowledge framework for local climate adaptation
2. Definition of climate hazard, exposure samples and potential risks
3. ....

## DEFINITION OF THE CLIMATE HAZARDS

Identify the climate hazard that affect the territories of **each entity** in order to define the indicators that will be calculated through observed and future climate scenarios.

Fires

Droughts

Hydrogeological risk and flooding

Climate hazards for mountain areas (e.g. heatwaves)

Climate hazards for agriculture system

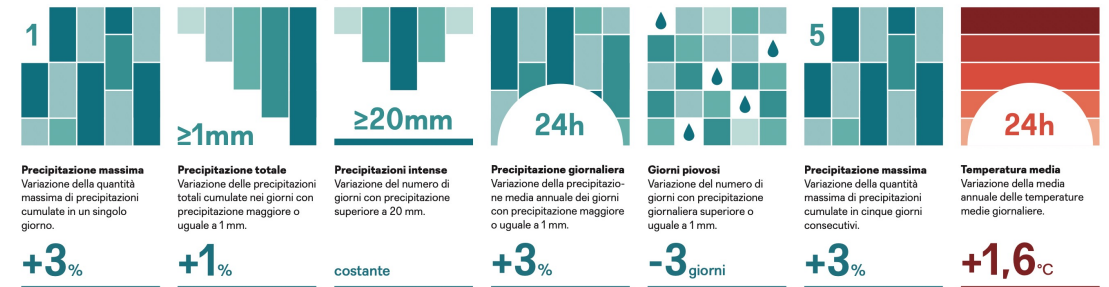
Climate change adaptation in cities

(Call for proposal «Mutamenti»)

Founded by Compagnia San Paolo Foundation in collaboration with CMCC

## Il Clima nel 2050

Condizioni climatiche attese nel 2050 nel comune di Almese in Piemonte, secondo lo scenario climatico RCP4.5



# Introducing climate proofing in investments and spatial planning (developed with ENEL Foundation and VIU)

Local Pilot project to support the **introduction of climate proofing** (process of mainstreaming climate change) in **strategic planning and decision-making to cope with climate risk**.

## Climate-related hazard assessment

### TASK 1

Definition of a database of maps on expected local climate change conditions

### TASK 2

Hazard assessment supporting risk analysis

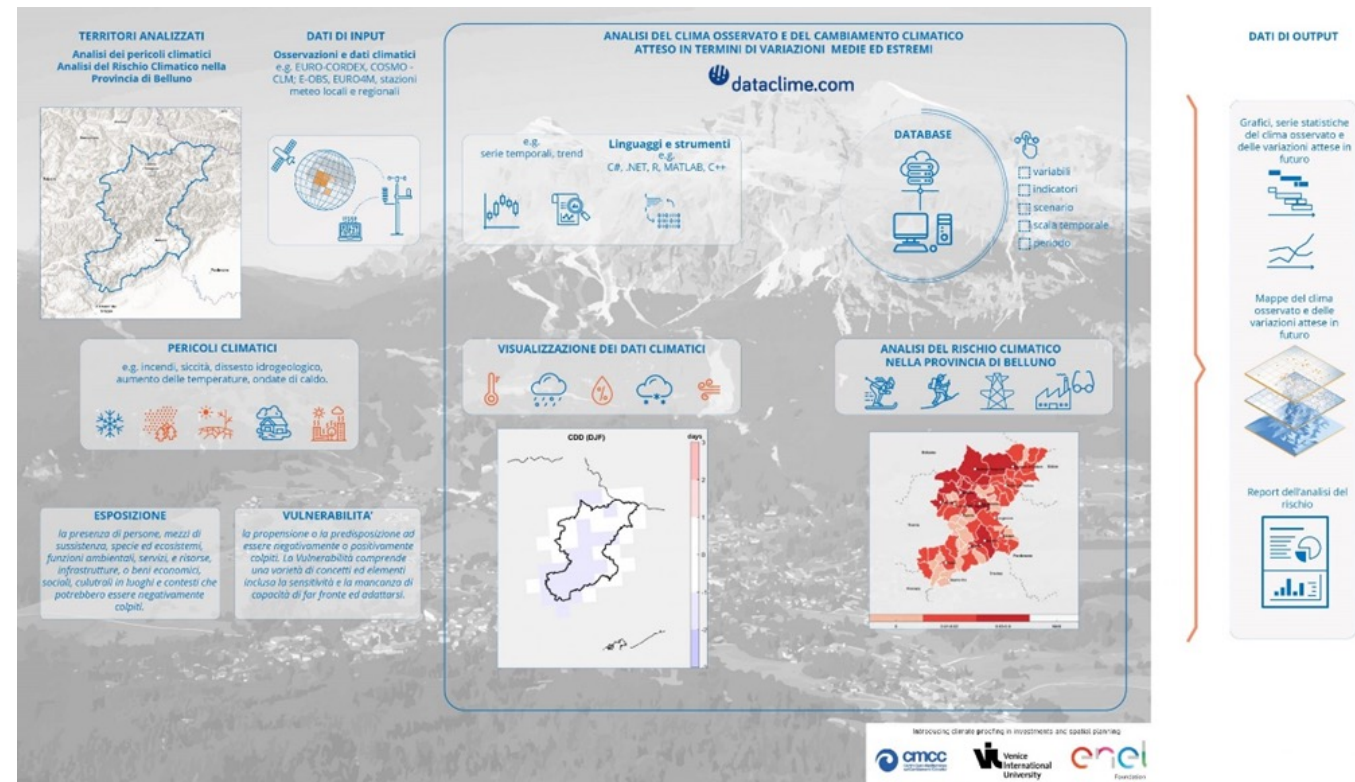
## Four main economic activities

Winter sports and events

Summer Tourism

Electricity distribution

Eyewear industries





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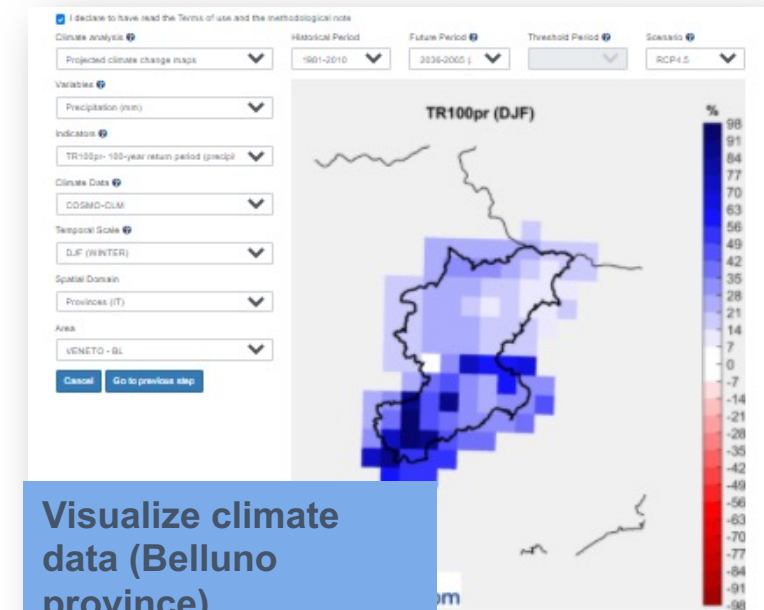
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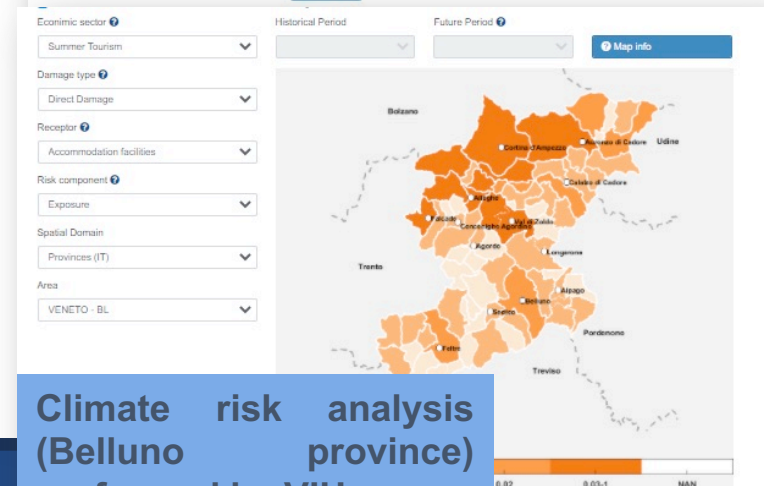
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- Provide information of the **general characteristic of the climate change** expected over the Belluno for specific indices related to selected hazardous events.
- Provide information on the **evolution of the hazards having impacts** on the **economic sectors** selected in order to provide a **local assessment of the risk evolution** considering climate change.

## DATACLIME TOOLS



Visualize climate data (Belluno province)



Climate risk analysis (Belluno province) performed by VIU



Introducing climate proofing in investments and spatial planning



# SECTOR- ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION

Summer  
Tourism

Winter  
Tourism

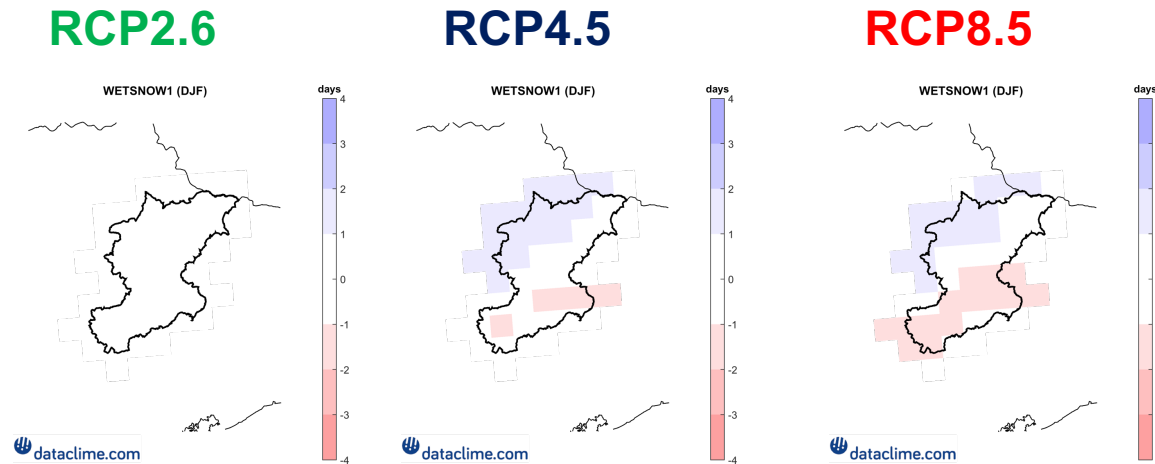
Electricity  
distribution

Eyewear  
industries

The hazardous events of interest for this sector are (i) **extreme rainfall events** that can generate landslides or flooding events with consequent damage to lines and cabins; (ii) **wind storms** that can determine the fall of trees on the energy distribution lines; (iii) the formation of **ice sleeves**, due to the combination of specific temperature and wind conditions (moderate winds, snowfall and temperatures that favour the accumulation of wet snow).

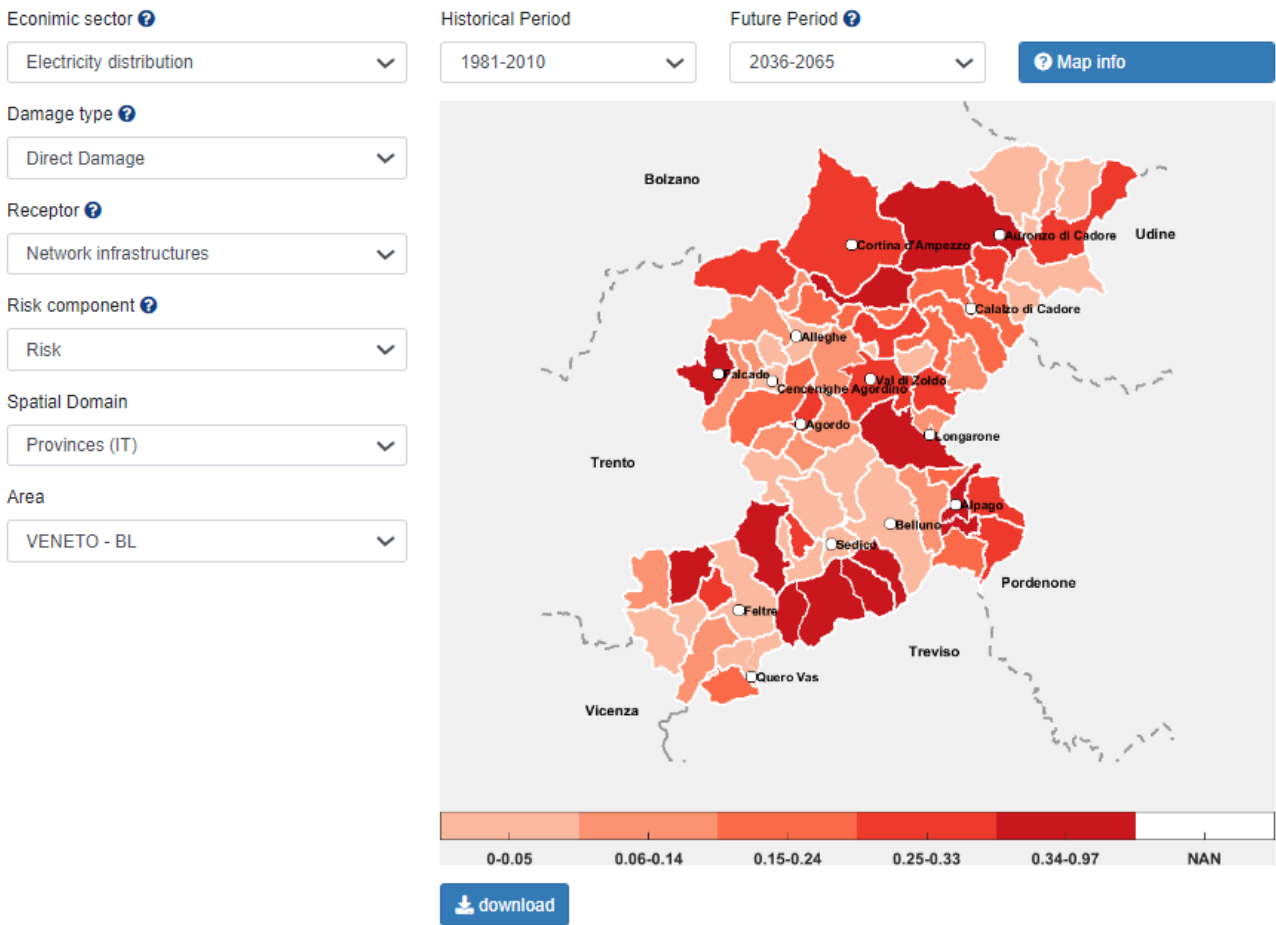
Several indicators have been selected for the hazard assessment, tailored accounting for the comprehensive risk assessment procedure and specific user's requirements

2036-2065 vs 1981-2010 (WINTER)



**EURO-CORDEX** (Jacob et al., 2014). The models, developed under the EURO-CORDEX program, cover all Europe with a spatial resolution of about 12 km.

# SECTOR- ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION



## ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION, DIRECT DAMAGE, NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURES

In the analysis of the electricity distribution sector, the climatic hazard refers to **wet snow events** which can cause ice accretion on electrical cables, under particular atmospheric conditions of temperature, wind and precipitation, **with a return period of 100 years**. The infrastructure exposed to the climatic hazard therefore consists of medium and low voltage overhead electricity distribution networks. Risk is calculated depending on the frequency with which the climatic hazard can have a direct physical impact on infrastructures. An overall 6.2% increase in the future risk is detected in comparison with the historical one, associated with a level of uncertainty that ranges, in the different parts of the province, between 2 and 9%. Such an increase is mainly due to climatic anomalies which locally show a limited but positive trend in the northern part of the province.



Technical Article Utility Practice & Experience

Impact of Climate Change on Power Systems & Electrical Insulation: Experience in Italy

October 19, 2019 Climate, Maintenance, Power Systems 37 min read

# Climate services through dataclime platform: Support Decision-Makers with customized climate info

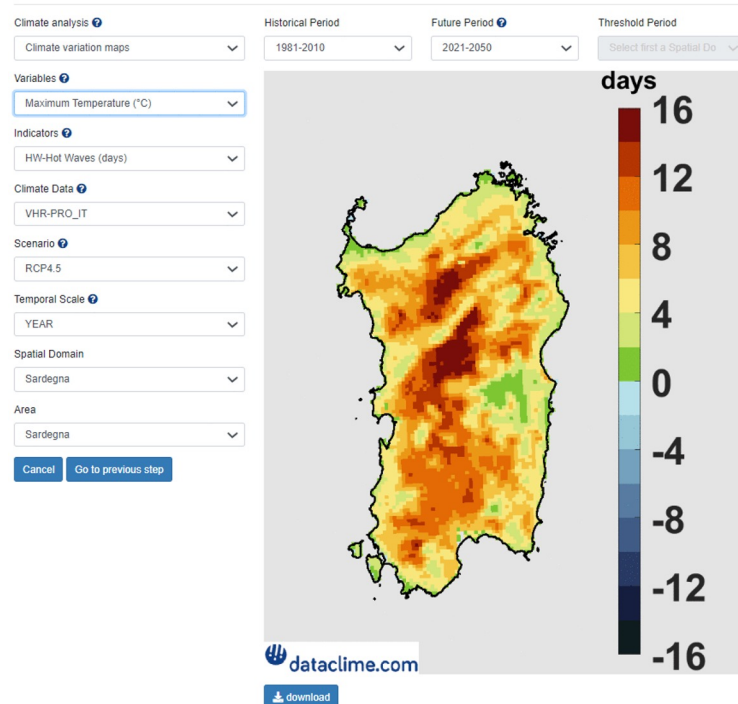
Among the different tools developed there is **Dataclime**:

- Dataclime enables the provision of data and information for both the society and scientific community.
- Dataclime facilitates climate analysis at the European and national levels, contributing to initiatives such as the National Adaptation Plan.
- Over 500 users are registered on the platform, benefiting from its capabilities.

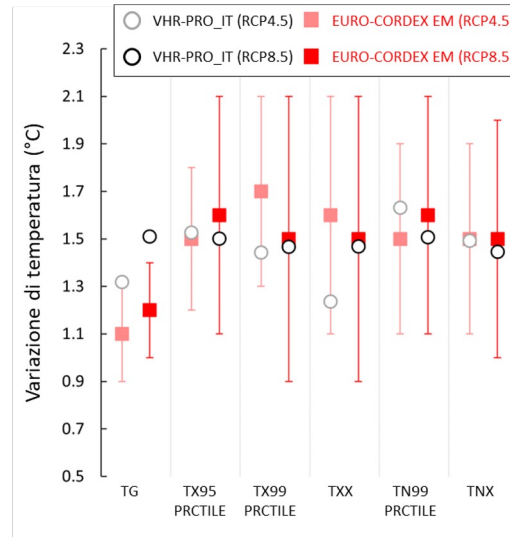
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## SRACC – Sardinia Region

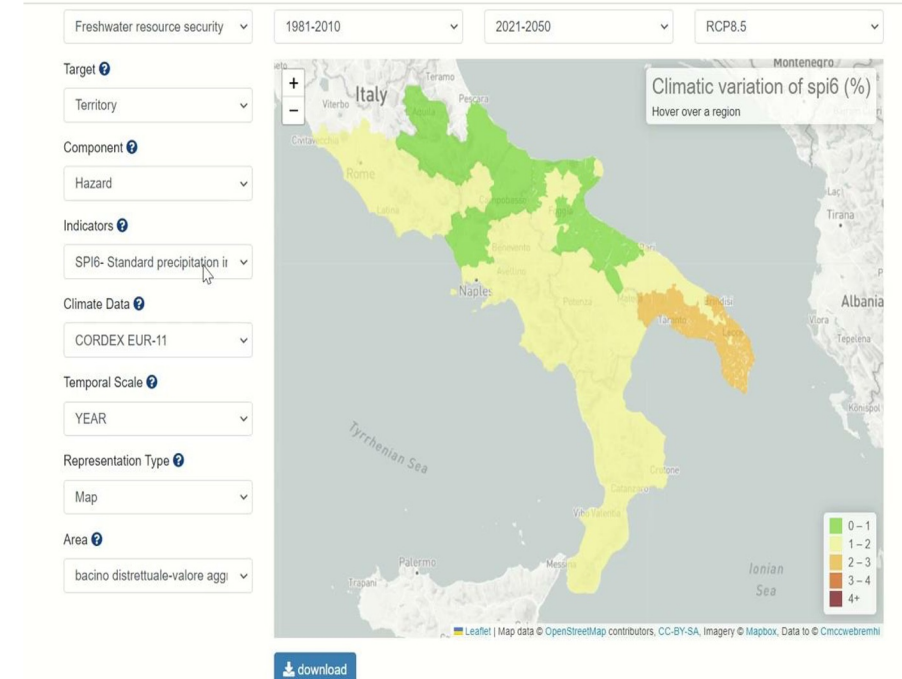


Tailored climate indicators and analysis with climate projections and re-analysis at 2 km.



Climate projections over Sardinia Region (comparison of the 2km projections with EURO-CORDEX).

New Dataclime functionality: dynamical maps (for visualizations of indicators up to NUT3 Levels).



Dataclime users







**AGORA is a HORIZON project started in January 2023. It supports the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change promoting societal transformation and empowering local communities to address the climate crisis through a multidisciplinary and integrated approach and four living laboratories all around Europe. Just as its inspirational name suggests, the project aims at building a wide community of aware and informed citizens, who can actively participate in public life giving their contribution to ensure a safe and sustainable local development.**



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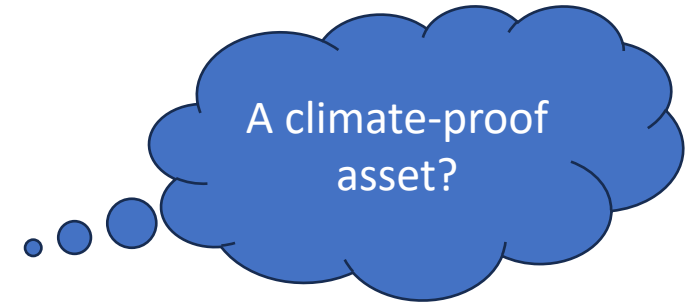
# The role of multidecadal climate variability and climate change in designing future highly renewable power systems

Dr. Jan Wohland | 27/06/2023 | ICEM

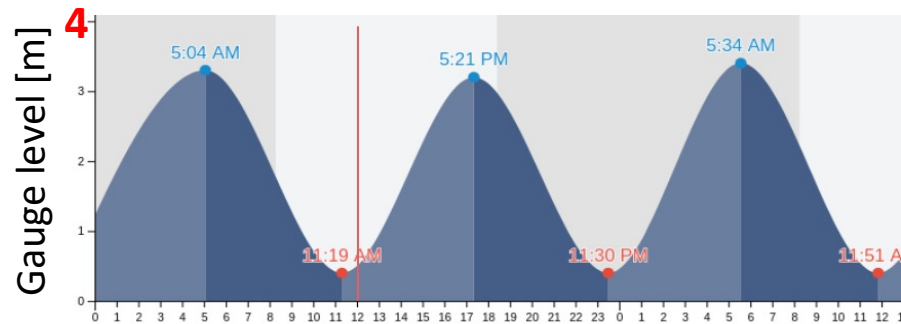


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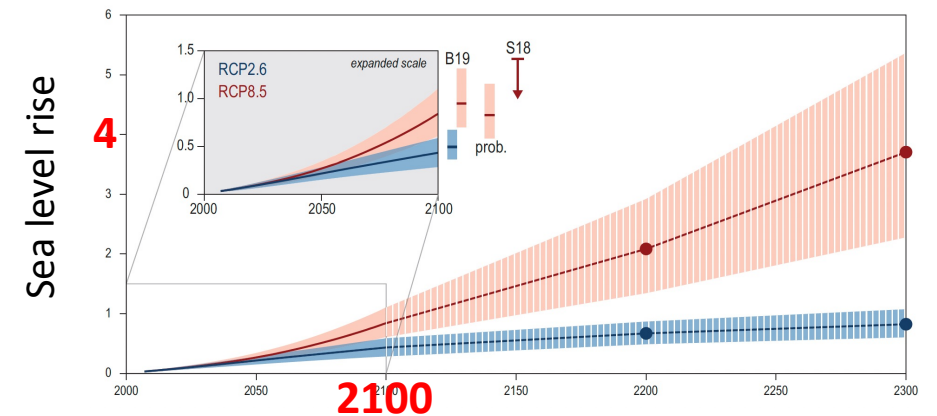


## Climate variability:



## Climate change:

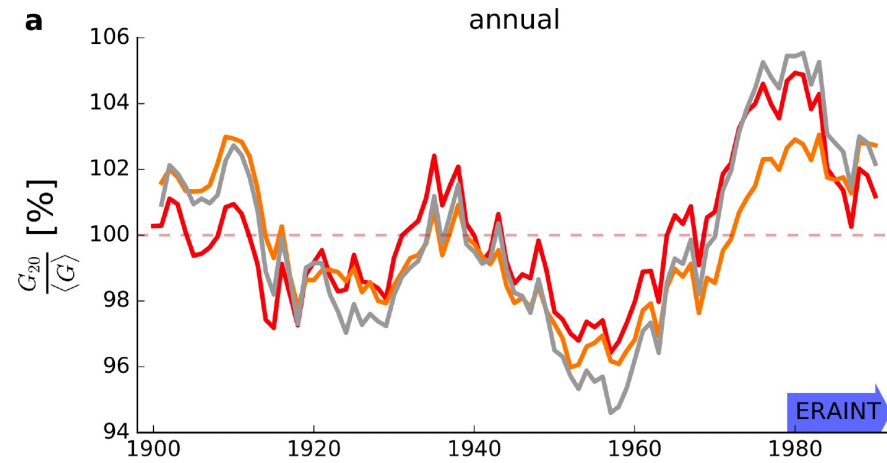
[IPCC, 2019]



Energy system planning must include risks from variability and climate change!

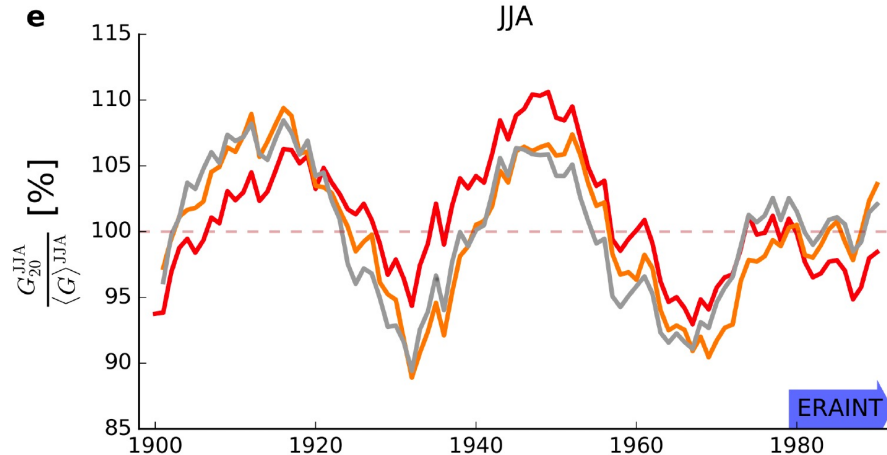
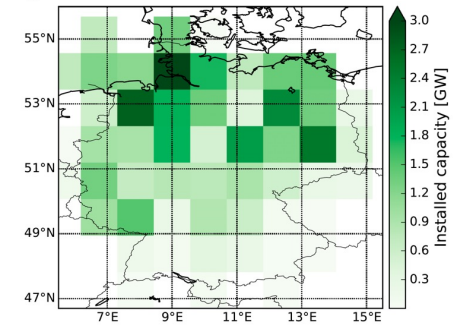
# Part 1: How wind and solar potentials varied since 1900

# Case study: German 20y mean wind power generation

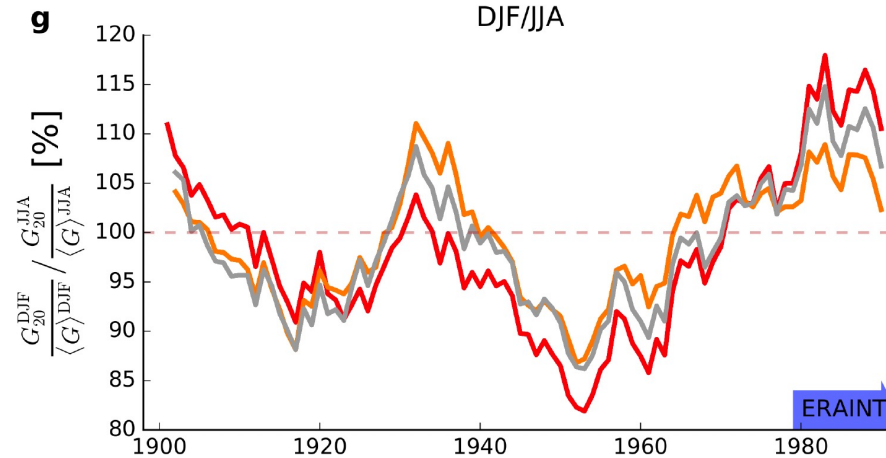


— ERA20C — 20CR — CERA20C

Spurious trends in  
(C)ERA20C removed



Commissioning year



Commissioning year

[Wohland et al., 2019b]

Multi-decadal fluctuations in lifetime energy generation up to  $\pm 5\%$  (whole year),  $\pm 10\%$  (summer),  $\pm 15\%$  (winter-to-summer ratio)



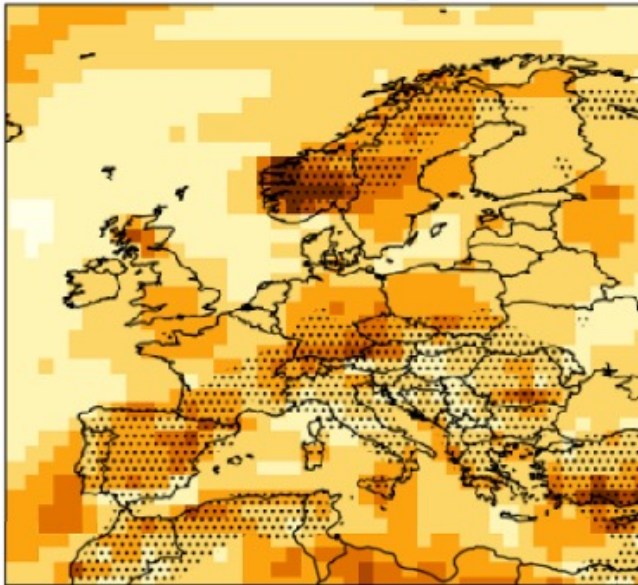
# European picture

1905-2004

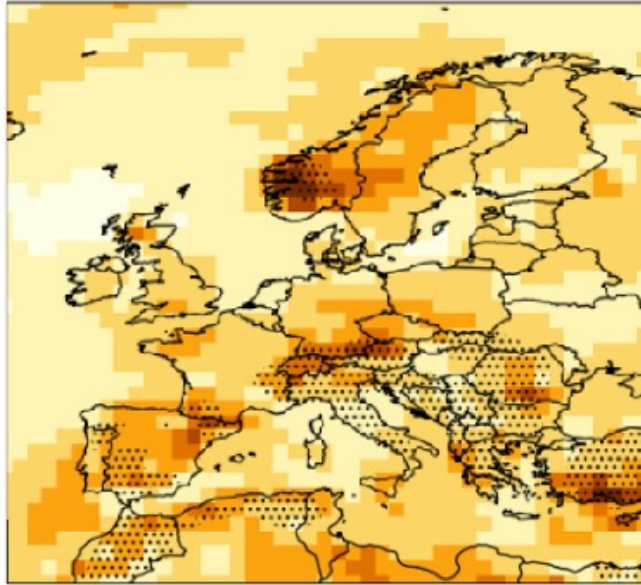
Method:

Combination of 20CRv3 and CERA20C,  
using 100m winds as input

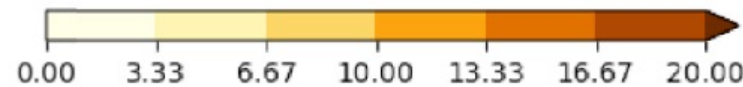
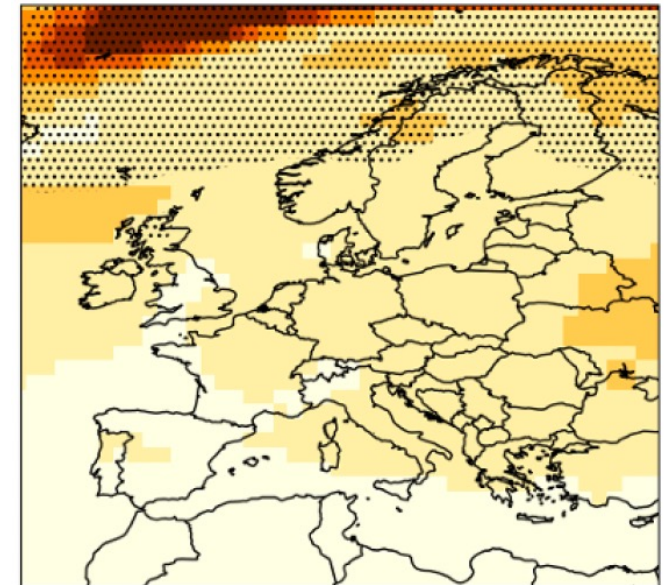
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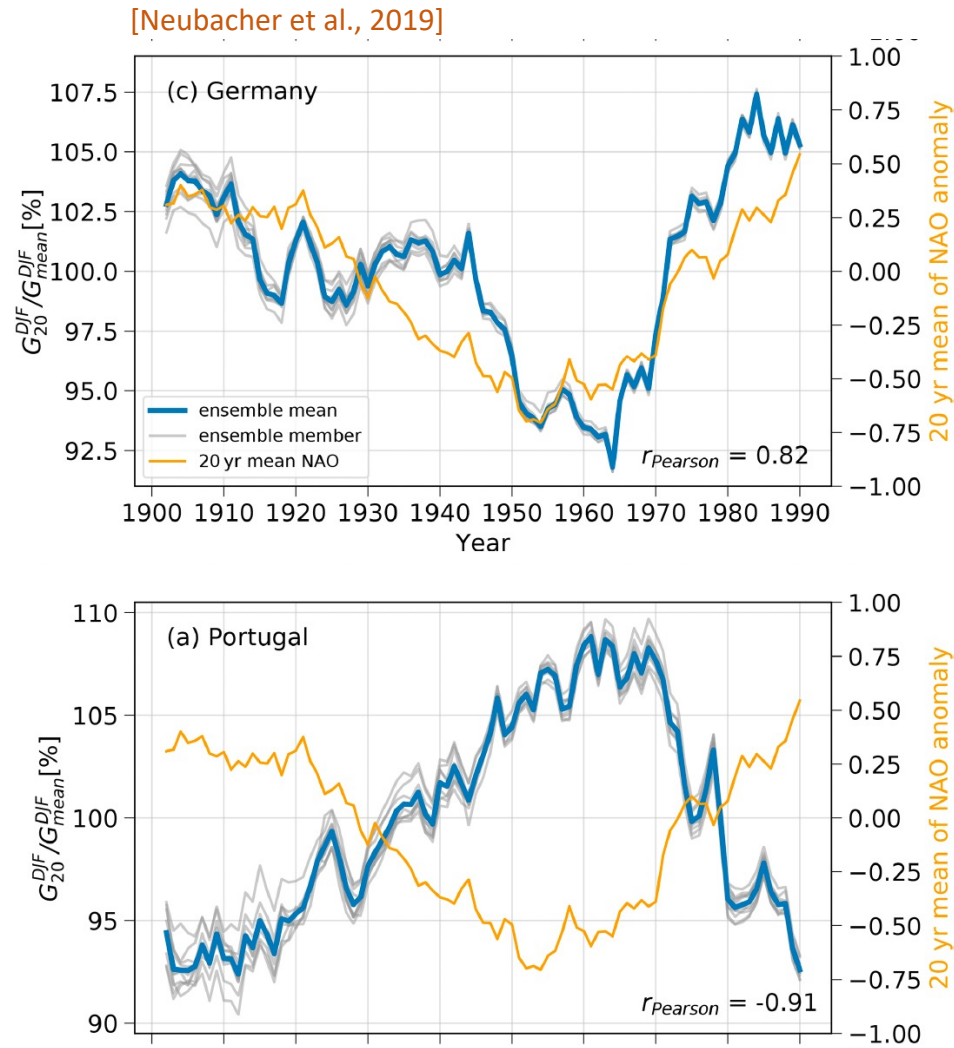


Amplitude of multidecadal variability [%]

[Wohland et al., 2021]

10% amplitude means: the best consecutive 20 years had 10% mehr yield than the worst 20 years

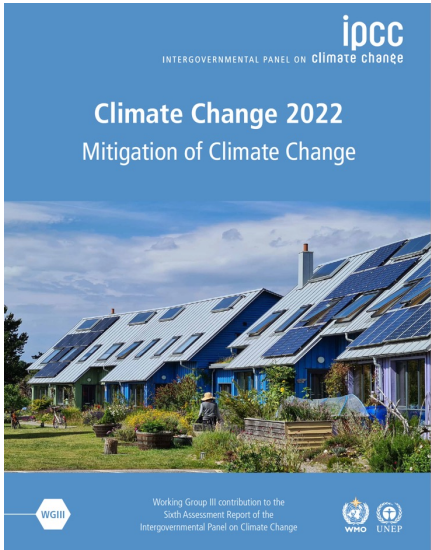
# Early evidence for inter-country balancing potential



**Spreading capacity over the continent can be a successful risk minimization strategy**

Part 2: How will climate change impact renewable potentials and system integration?

And why this is a complex question



### 6.5.2.2 *Wind Energy*

Climate change will not substantially impact future wind resources and will not compromise the ability of wind energy to support low-carbon transitions (*high confidence*). Changing wind variability may have a small to modest impact on backup energy and storage needs (*low confidence*); however, current evidence is largely from studies focused on Europe.

Long-term global wind energy resources are not expected to substantially change in future climate scenarios (Karnauskas et al. 2018; Yalew et al. 2020; Pryor et al. 2020).

Don't panic

Don't chill to  
hard

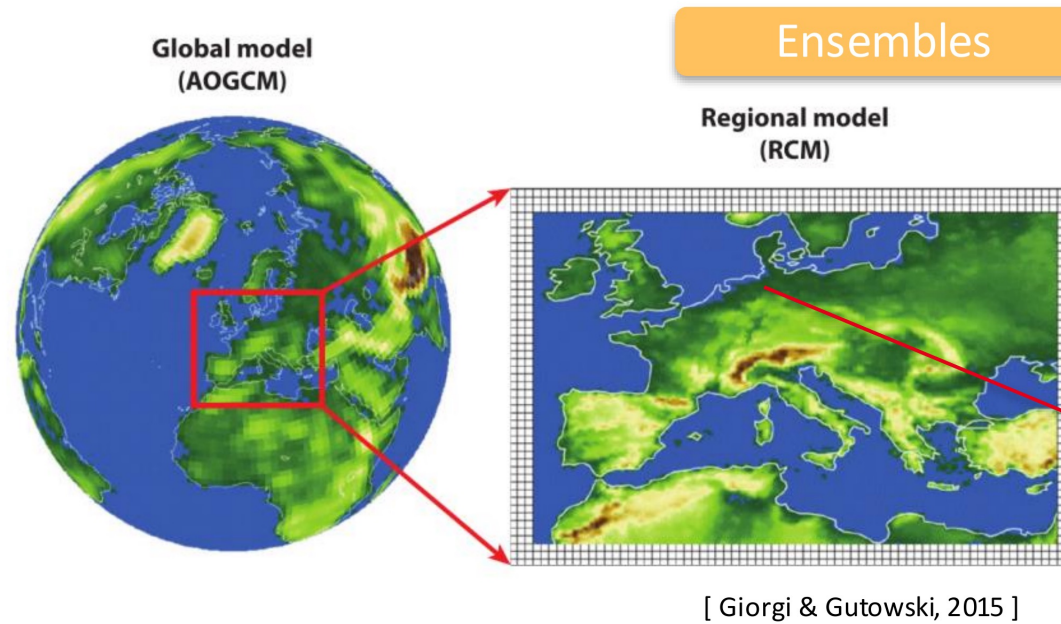
**And:** Some things remain poorly understood.



# The climate modeling chain

## Scenarios

- ↗ Greenhouse gases
- ↗ Land use change
- ↗ Aerosols
- ↗ etc.



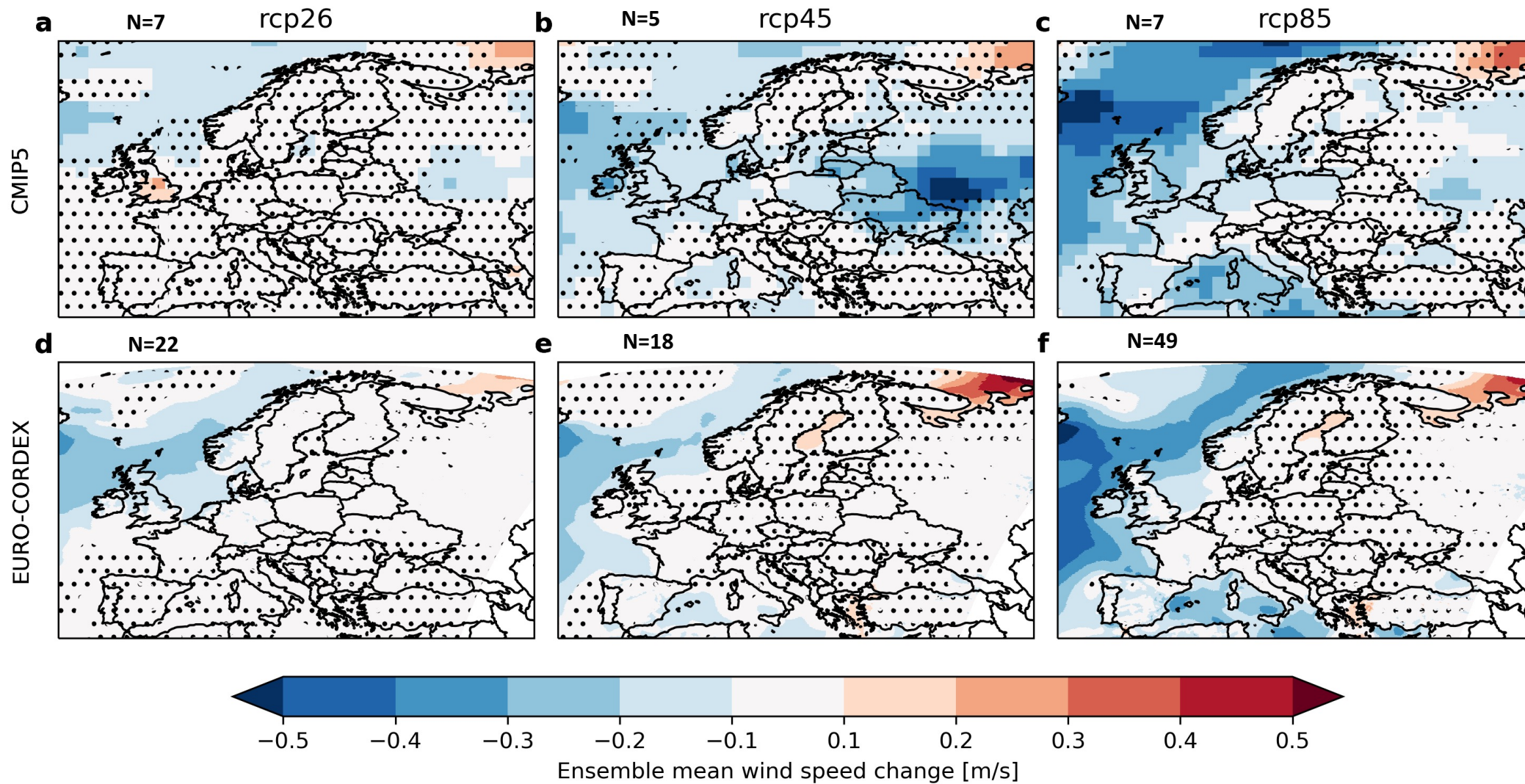
## Impacts



Method: Analyze large ensemble of regional and global simulations

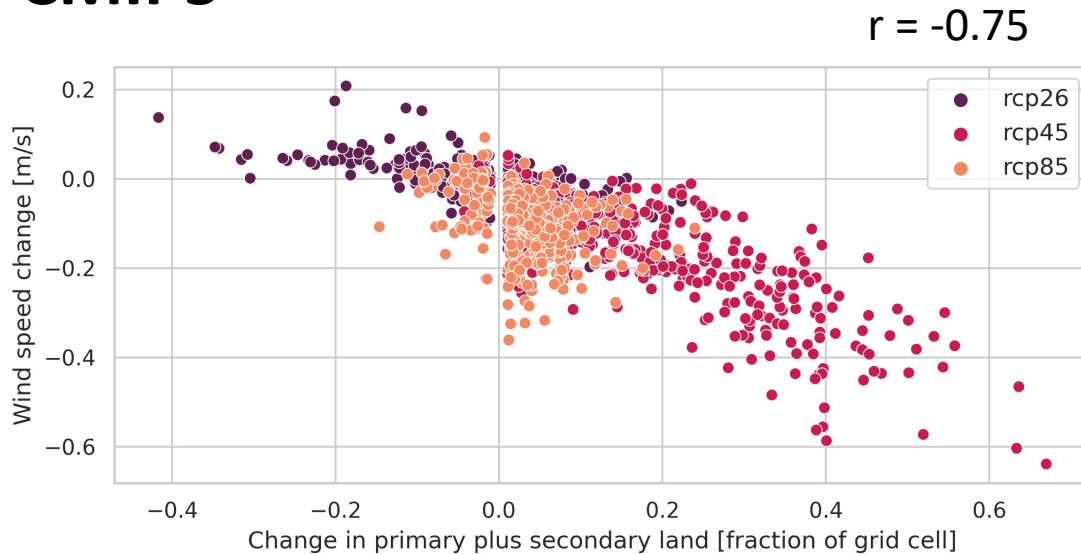


# Changes in 10m wind speeds (2080-2100 minus 1985-2005)



# Onshore: Land use change reduces winds in CMIP5 but not in EURO-CORDEX

## CMIP5



Rcp45 is the strong change scenario

## EURO-CORDEX

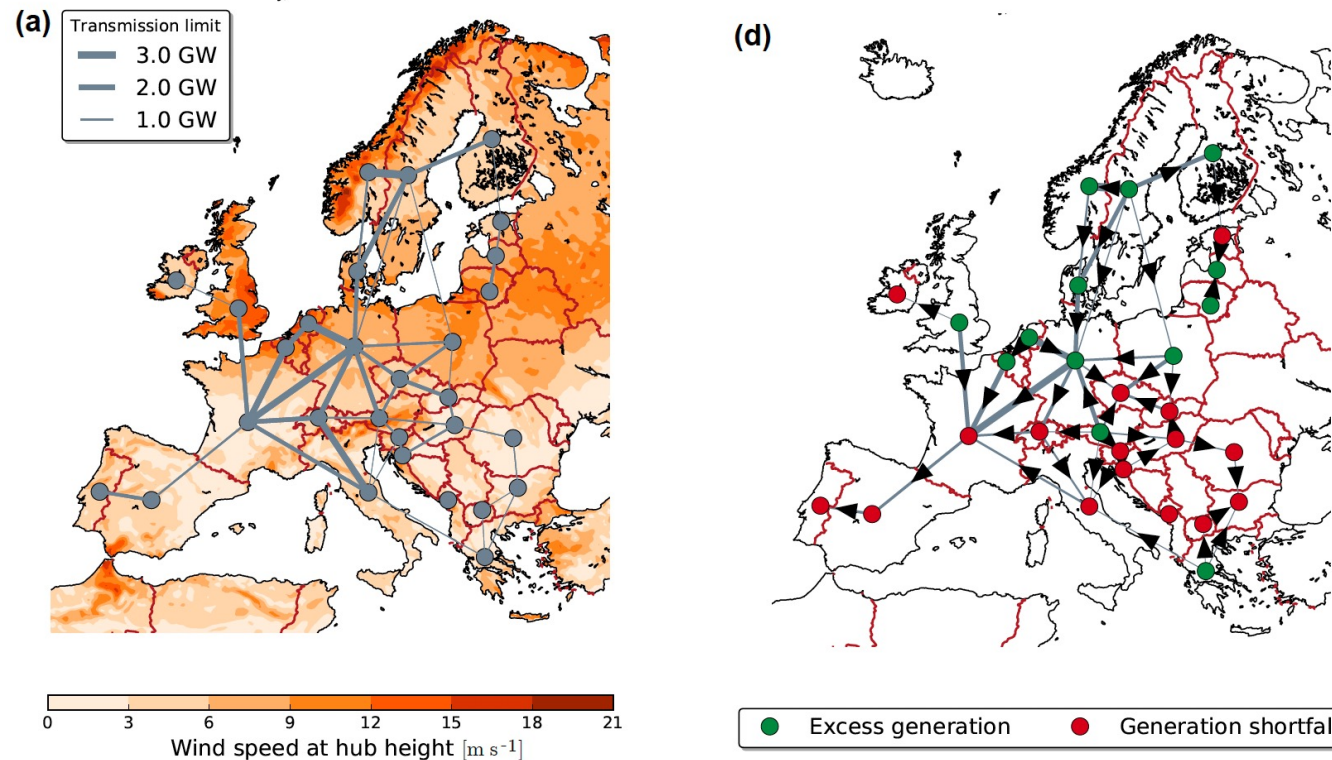
- Constant land use
- Unclear whether time-varying land use applied in CMIP6 downscaling

Scenario assumptions are different in regional and global climate models!

(also relevant for other techs, e.g., Gutierrez et al., ERL, 2020; Boe et al., Climate Dynamics, 2020)

[Wohland, 2023]

# Climate change impacts beyond the mean: system integration of wind energy



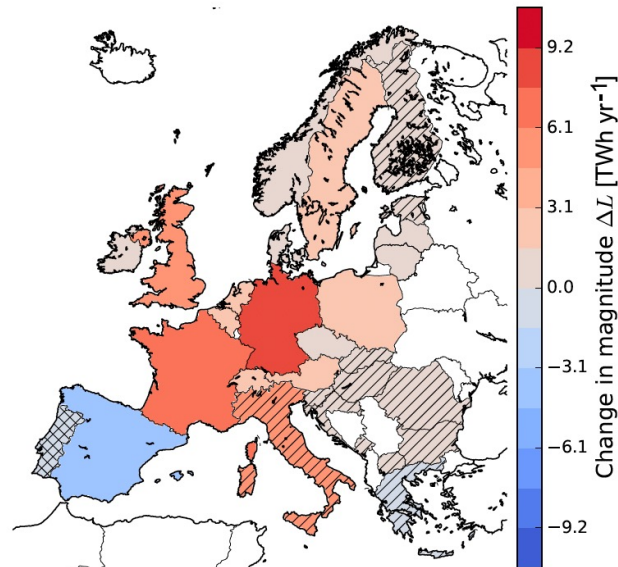
Using a strong climate change scenario and EURO-CORDEX data

[Wohland et al., 2017]



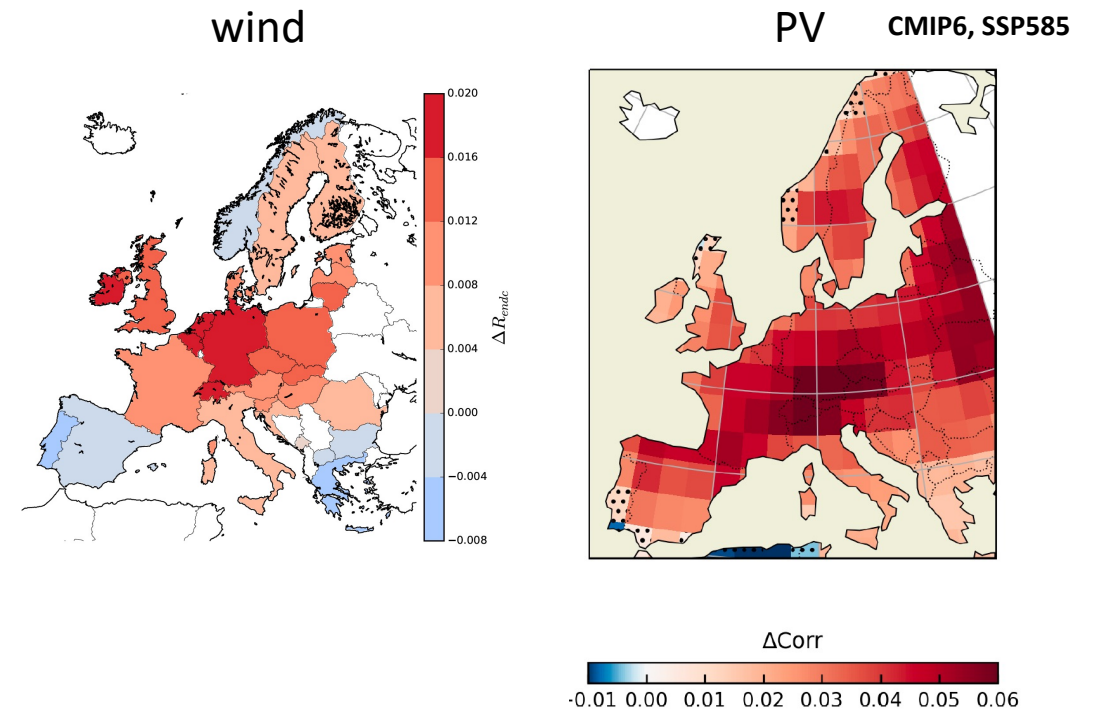
# Climate change causes more uniform generation patterns

How much more energy does a country want to import during European-wide wind scarcity?



[Wohland et al., 2017]

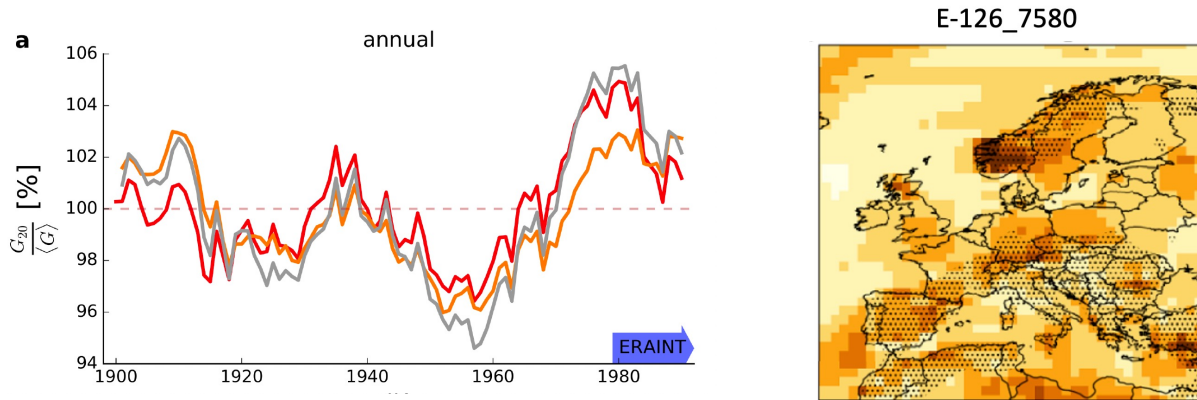
How does correlation between generation in one country and all others change?



[Hou et al., 2021]

# Physical climate change risk for the energy sector has 2 parts:

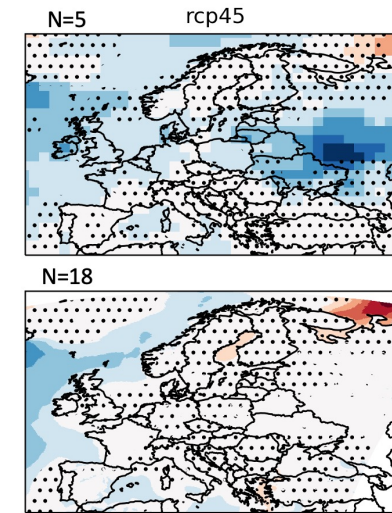
## Climate variability matters



Magnitude depends on location, turbine and season

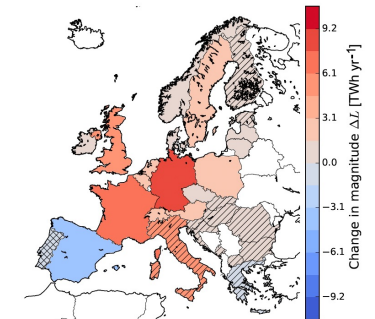
Implication: Need long input data to quantify risk

## Climate change impacts on renewable potentials small-ish but large enough to require attention



Climate model selection critical

Negative impacts on system integration





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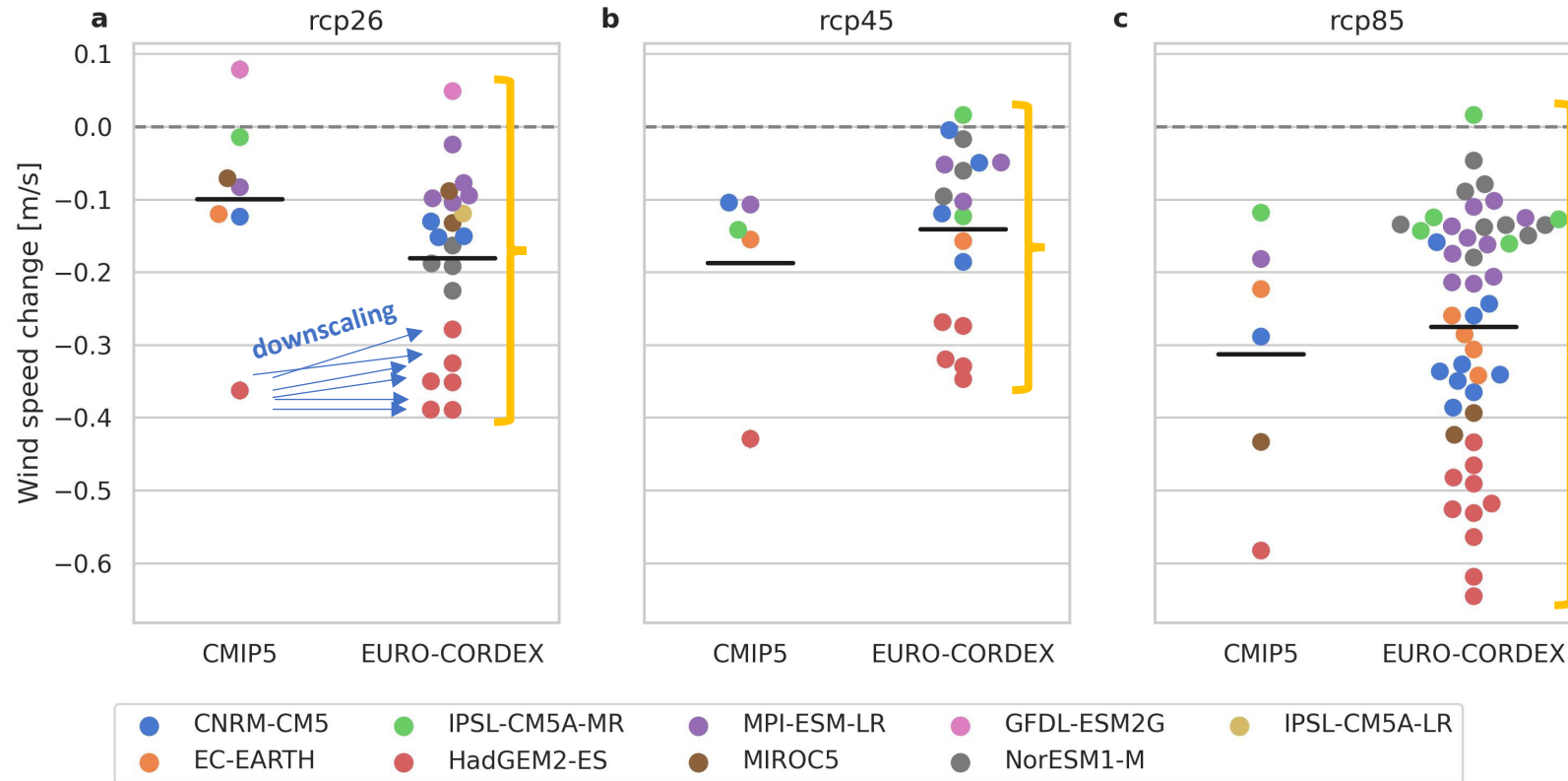
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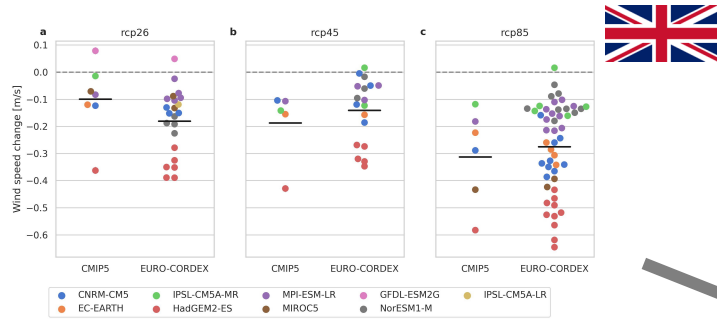
# Appendix – what happens offshore

# Offshore example: UK winds weaker but uncertainty is large

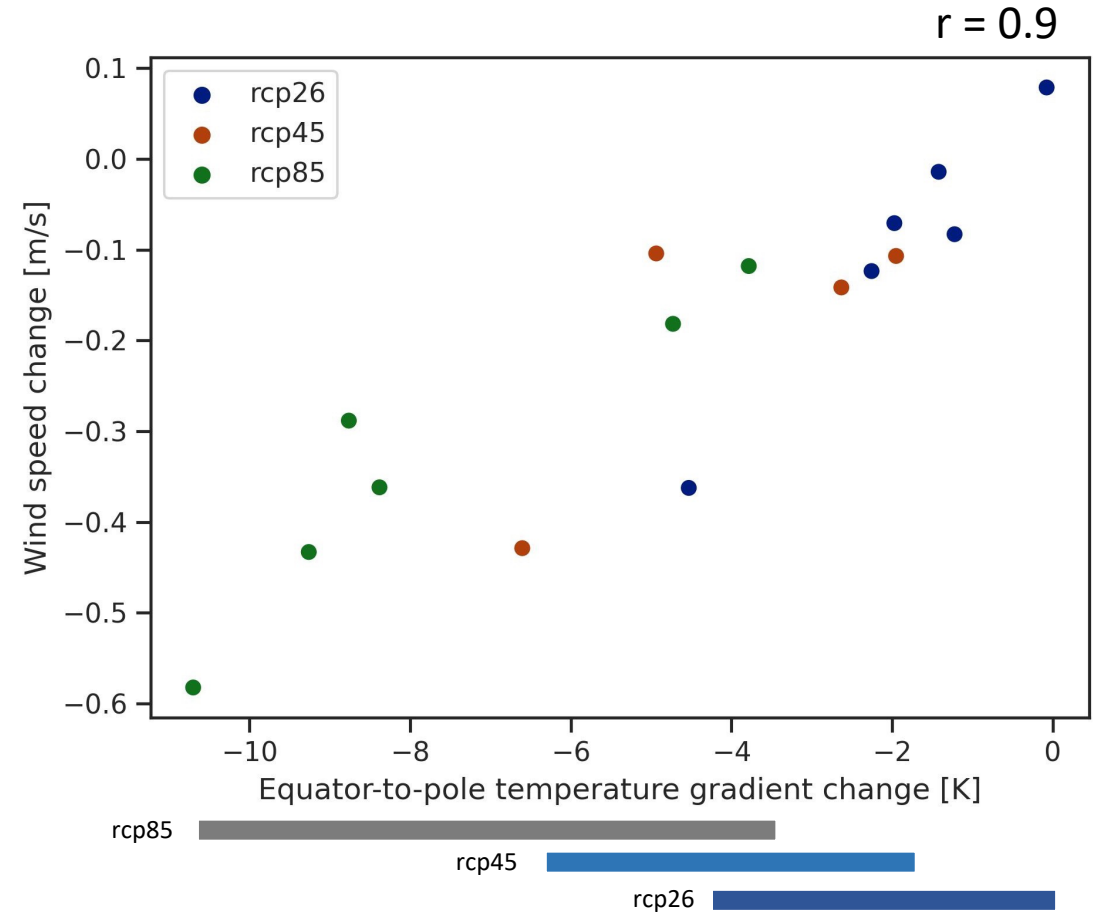


- Large spread often including zero
- Extreme ends (-0.6 m/s) would be highly relevant for wind energy

# Uncertainty is linked to equator-to-pole temperature gradient



CMIP5



ERA5: about -4K change from 1940 to today

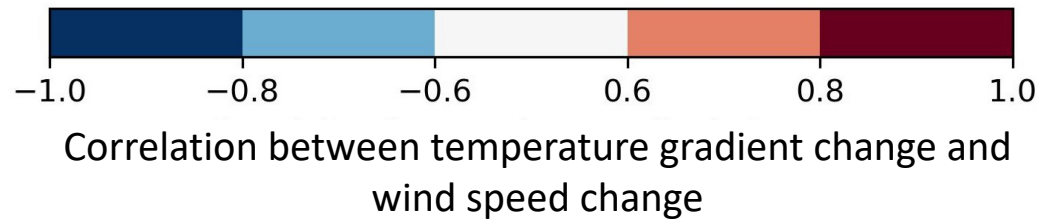
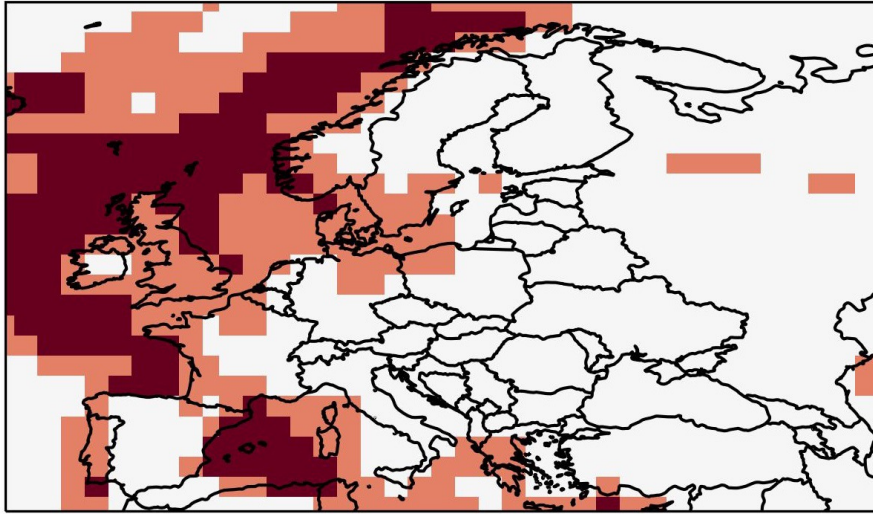
CMIP5 GCMs agree fairly well on wind reduction per temperature gradient!

[Wohland, 2023]

# Arctic amplification threatens European offshore wind energy

CMIP5 sub-ensemble

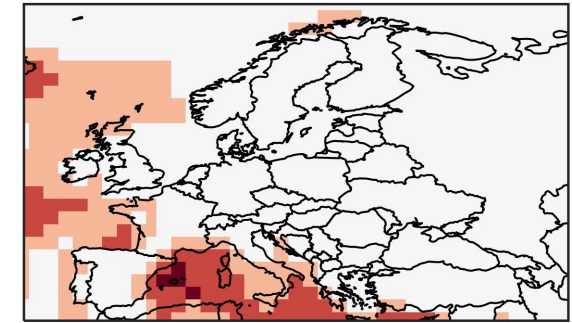
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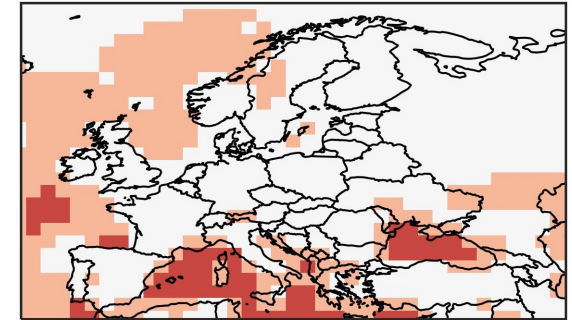
Relationship holds in most locations suitable for offshore wind energy

Full ensembles

CMIP5



CMIP6



Patterns similar but less strong in full CMIP5/6 ensemble



# Agenda

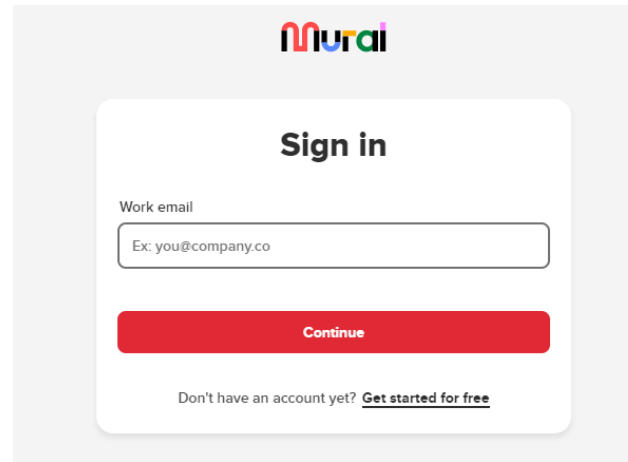
- 16:15-16:20 – Introduction – Laurent Dubus (RTE & WEMC)
- 16:20-16:30 – ENEL climate data for business adaptation strategy - Laura Di Bernardo and Mario Ciancarini (ENEL)
- 16:30-16:40 – Understanding climate change to support adaptation – Giuliana Barbato (CMCC)
- 16:40-16:50 - The role of multidecadal climate variability and climate change in designing future highly renewable power systems – Jan Wohland (ETH Zurich)
- **16:50-17:50 – Questions and discussion – Moderator: Sue Ellen Haupt (NCAR & WEMC)**
- 17:50-18:00 – Closing remarks and adjourn – Laurent Dubus (RTE & WEMC)

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*We will publish a summary of the discussion results on the ICEM web site .*

# Questions and discussion

## Moderator: Sue Ellen Haupt

- What approach should be used for calculating the **vulnerabilities of power systems** and **assets distributed on the territory**?
- Adaptation approach from business plan to sectoral/intersectoral/national plan: **how do companies' adaptation plans meet with country plans**?
- **How** to plan adaptation actions to increase resilience of energy assets and systems where there are no scenario data or are very uncertain? What other data/approaches can be used to **integrate scenario considerations to make effective decisions**?

# Final remarks

- Thanks for attending the panel discussion
- A short report will be published soon on the WEMC/ICEM2023 web site
- If you have further comments, remarks, ideas, do not hesitate to share with us:  
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**– Antoine de Saint Exupéry,  
Citadelle, 1948**