

AdAgriF project – *Advanced methods of greenhouse gases emission reduction and sequestration in agriculture and forest landscape for climate change mitigation* (CZ.02.01.01/00/22_008/0004635)

ACECE project (24-14581L) – *Atmospheric Circulation and weather Extremes in Central Europe and their representation in climate models*, funded by the Czech Science Foundation (GA ČR)

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GriSt: Daily 3-km Gridded Climate Fields for Central Europe since 1961

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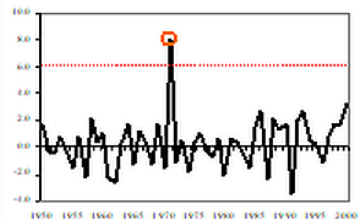
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Outline

- Data quality control
- Homogenization of time series
- Interpolation methods
- Products – climate services
- Example: ACECE project

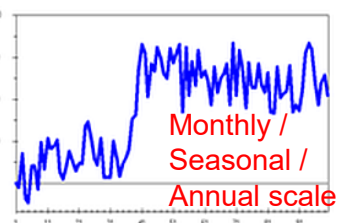
Pre-processing data

Quality control (MetQC software)

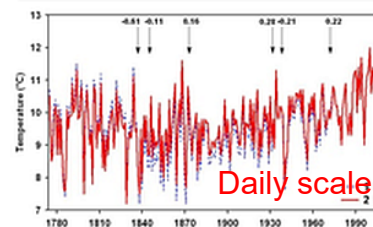


Sub-daily scale

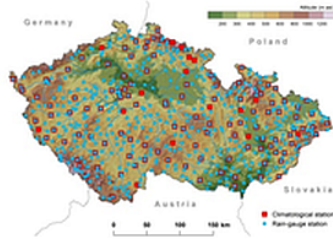
Detection of breaks (ProClimDB/Anclim)



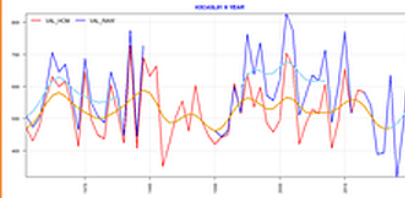
Correction of breaks (Distribution Adjusting by Percentiles)



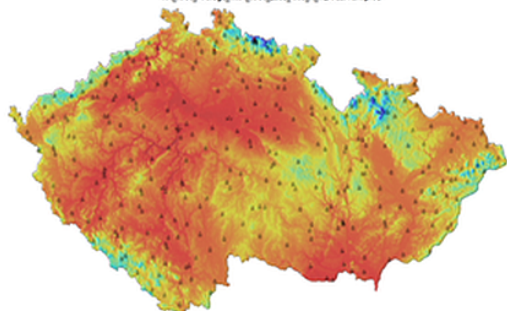
Gridding (1x1 km)



Fill the gaps (Interpolation methods)



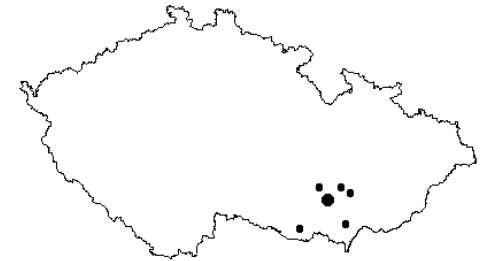
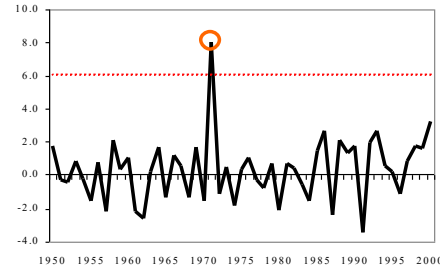
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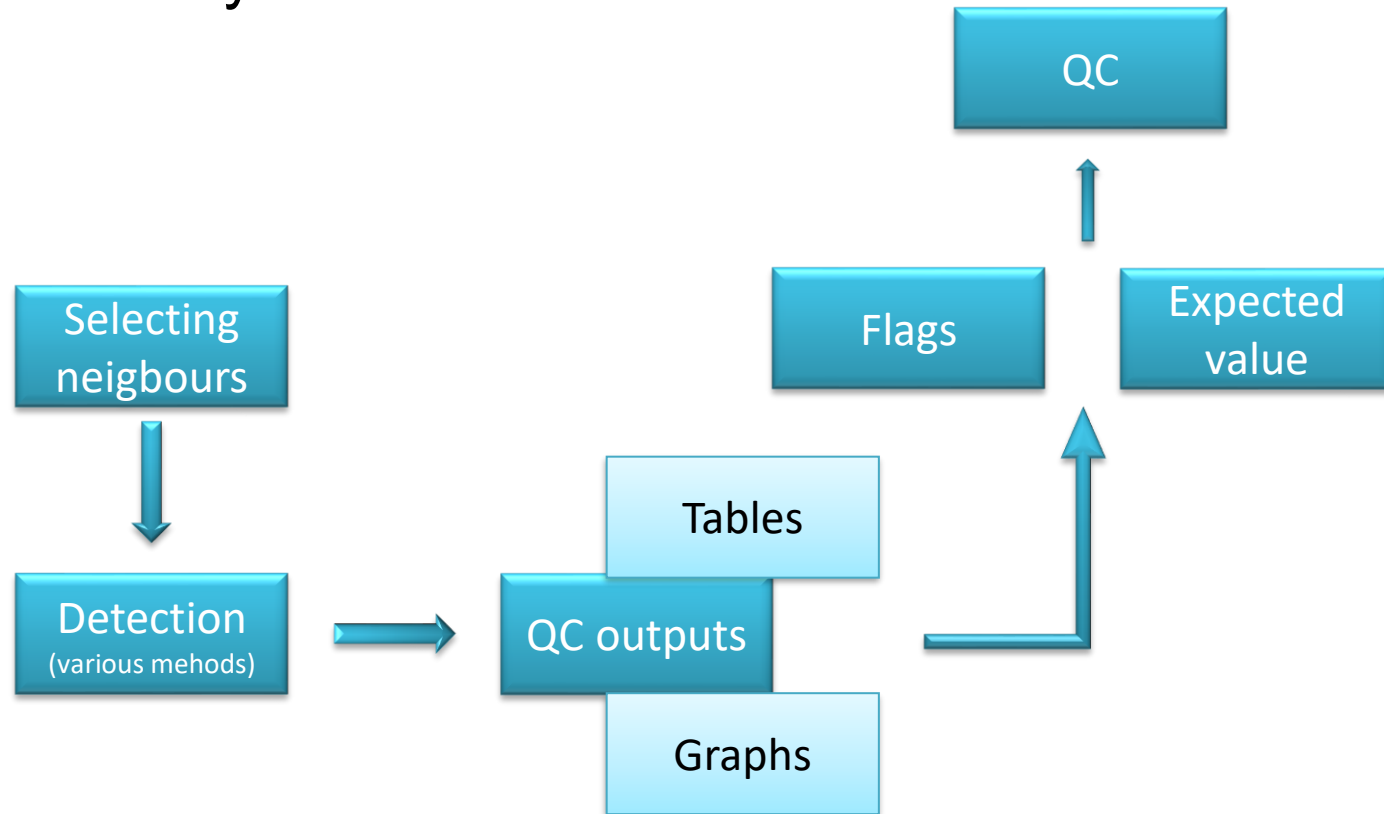
Daily scale

Data quality control

- Raw data may contain errors, duplicates, repeated or missing values, etc.
- The process is based on the **ProClimDB** method, reprogrammed into **R – MetQC**
- The **MetQC** software is suitable for operational use
- The quality control procedure combines several methods



Data Quality Control – MetQC



QC outputs – flags

Inspired by other softwares

All checked data are flagged:

0 ... valid

1 ... error value (70/100% probability of error)

2 ... suspect value (40/70% probability of error)

4 ... repeated value (the same values repeated several times)

5 ... duplicate value (same value found in neighbour station)

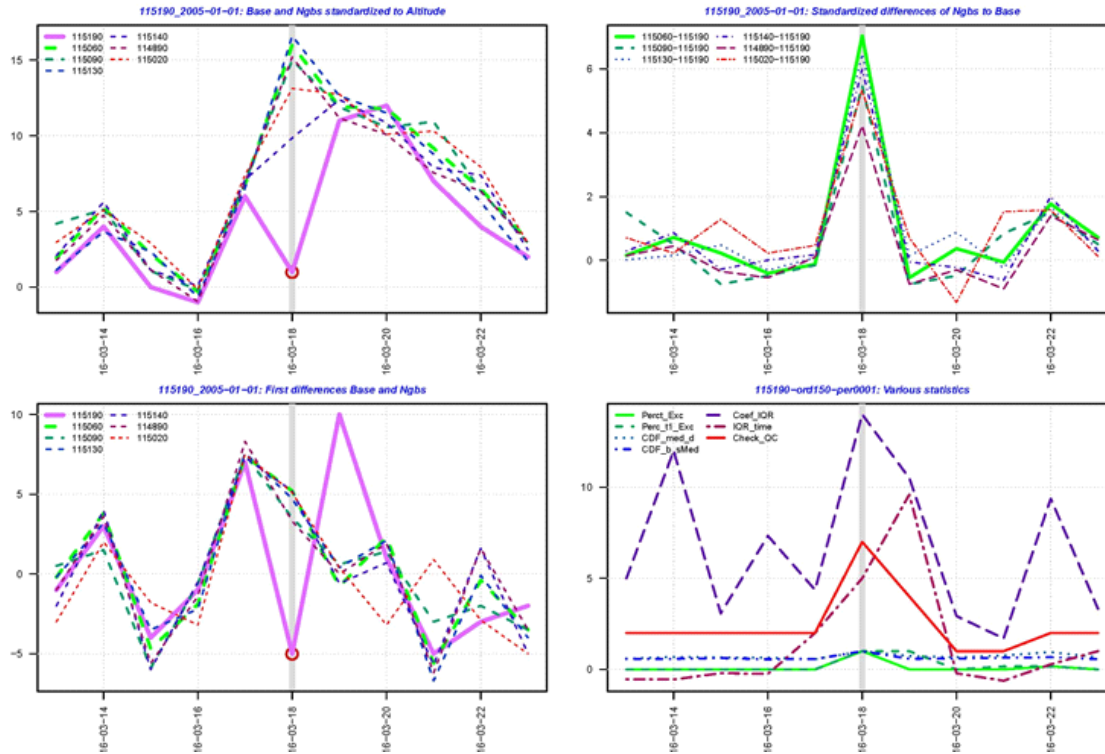
9 ... missing value

QC outputs – tables

- Tables with errors
- Tables with suspicious values
- Tables with repeated values
- Tables with duplicate stations

Date				Test station	Calculate value	Difference	Reference stations						
ID	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	ST_BASE	EXPECT_VAL	DIFFS	REMARK	ST_1	ST_2	ST_3	ST_4	ST_5	ST_6
							Distances	64	110	116	128	142	136
128522				TEST STATION	120.0		Altitudes, limit	110	112	169	110	450	112
122702							st_1, Correl	0.8					
100149							st_2, Correl		0.8				
132674				REFERENCE STATIONS			st_3, Correl	Correlation coef.		0.8			
123506							st_4, Correl				0.8		
126122							st_5, Correl					0.7	
100183							st_6, Correl						0.7
128522	1950	4	10		19.9	9.4	-10.5	9.6	9.0	8.0	8.4	5.3	10.0
128522	1950	11	1		12.4	4.7	-7.7	5.3	4.3	3.5	4.6	4.2	4.6
128522	1951	12	24		9.4	0.6	-8.8	-0.4	0.5	0.0	2.3	2.0	-0.8
128522	1953	11	24		-0.6	6.8	7.4	7.5	7.2	6.2	7.9	5.1	6.0
128522	1959	11	26		10.5	3.6	-6.9	2.8	4.5	2.9	4.1	5.6	2.7

QC outputs – graphs

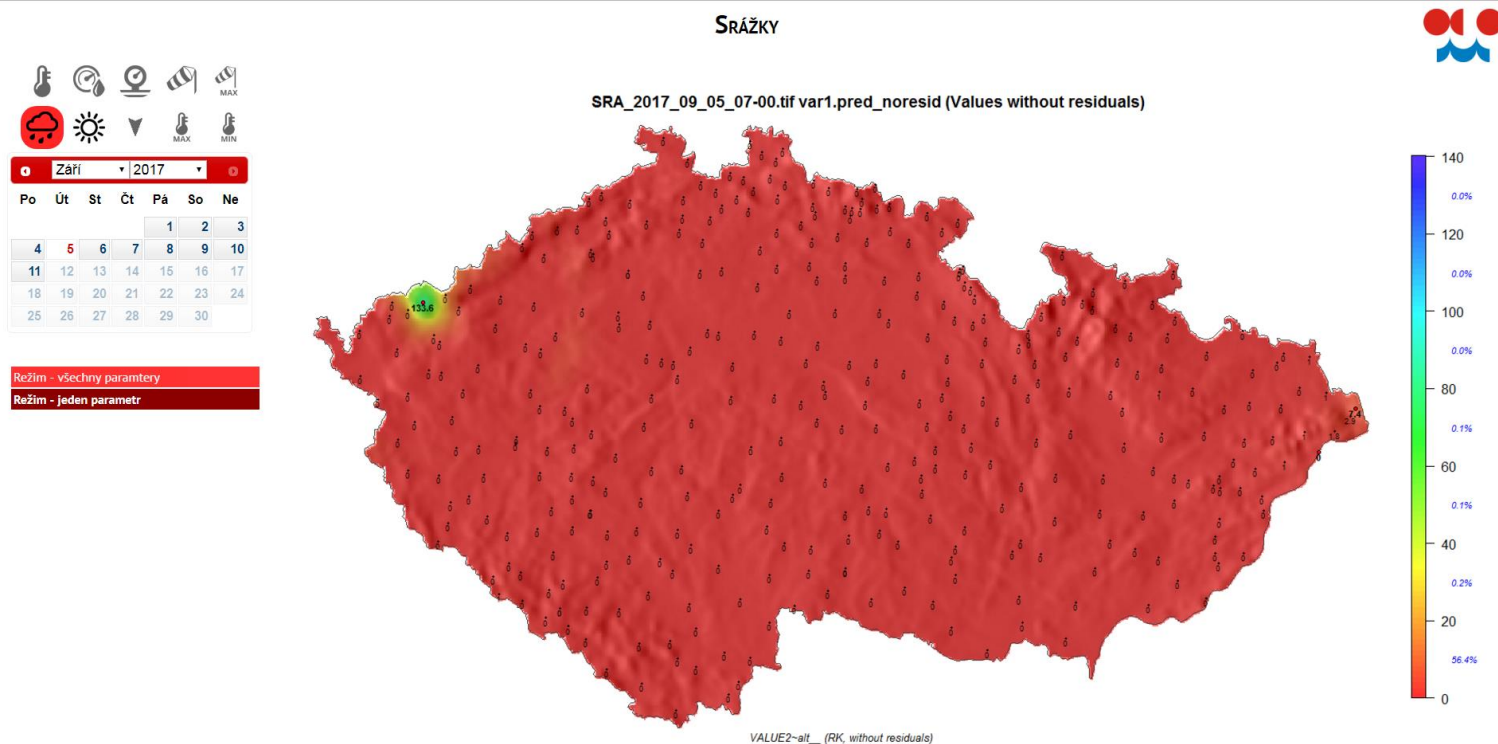


Example of Error Detection – Slovenian Regional Dataset

- Top left: Tested and neighbouring stations – values of neighbouring stations are standardized to the altitude of the tested station.
- Bottom left: First-difference series for the tested and neighbouring stations.
- Top right: Standardized differences between the tested and neighbouring series.
- Bottom right: Various statistics used for the evaluation of outliers.

QC outputs – maps

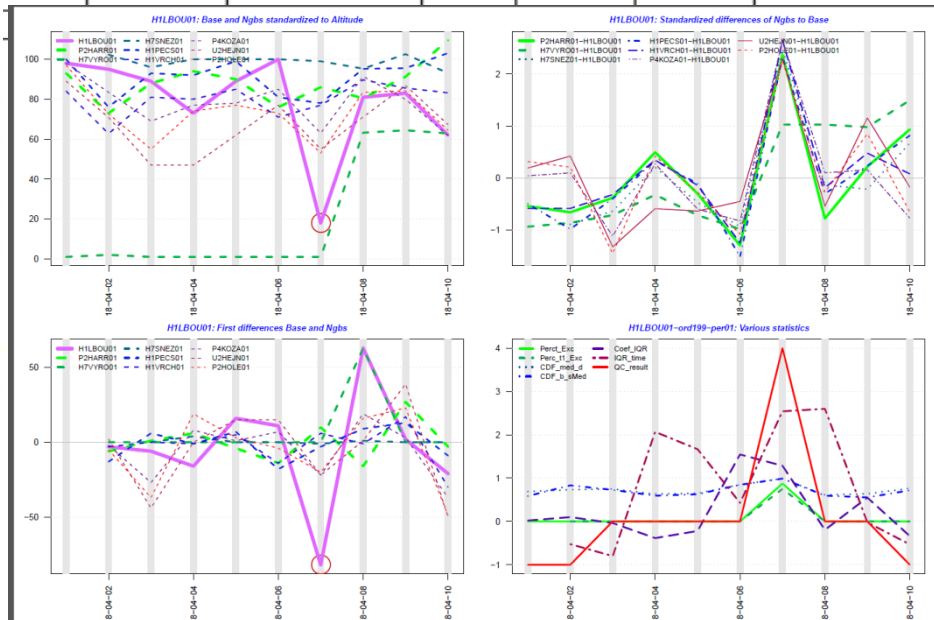
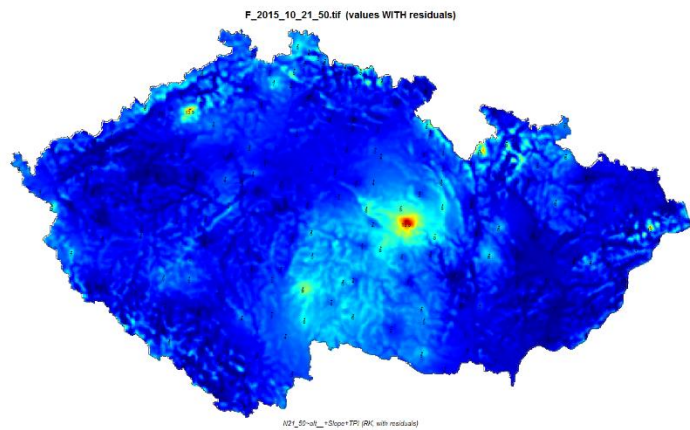
- Further optional enhancements of MetQC
- Developed and used at the Czech hydrometeorological institute
- Running in the operational mode for several years



QC for 1 hour data – example

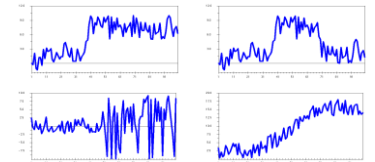
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	Eg_gh_id	Eg_el_abbr	Year	Month	Day	Time	Value2	Begin_date	End_date	Name	Altitude	Gauss1	Gauss2	Station_ty
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	U2NBOR01	SRA	2018	04	14	07:00	0.1	01.11.2012	31.12.3999	Nové Bor	358	3468752	5624400	ASS
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Homogenization of time series

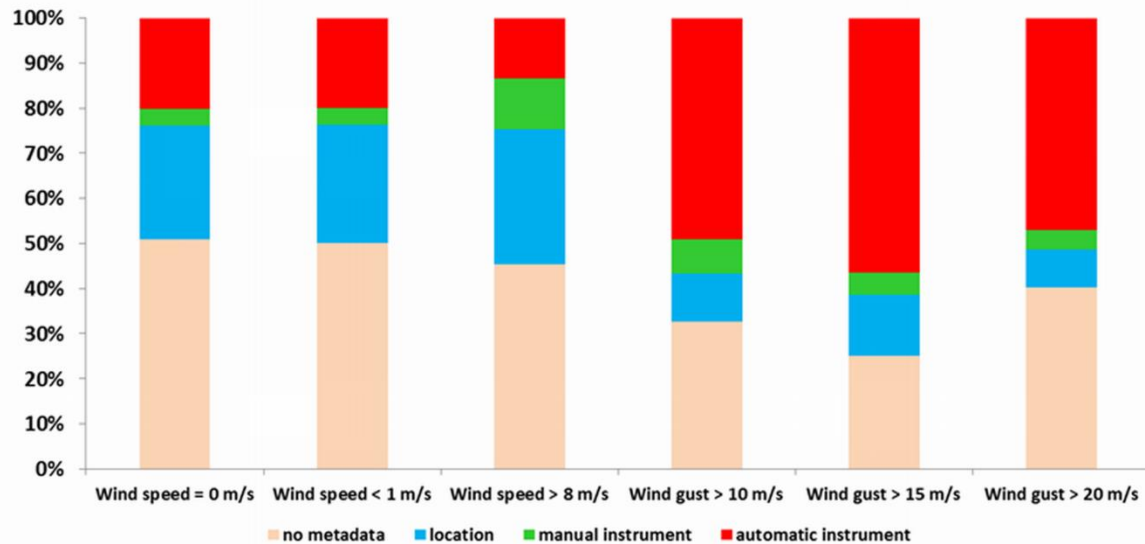
- Detection performed on **monthly, seasonal, and annual** time series
- Two types of **reference series**:
 - Single reference calculated from nearest or best-correlated neighbour stations
 - Pairwise detection – comparison with each neighbouring station individually
- Detection methods: **SNHT, Bivariate test, and t-test**
 - Implemented through **AnClim** (www.climahom.eu)
- **Correction**: DAP method (quantile mapping, QM) applied at **daily** time scale
 - Implemented through **ProClimDB / R** (www.climahom.eu)



Homogenization – example: results for wind speed, CZ

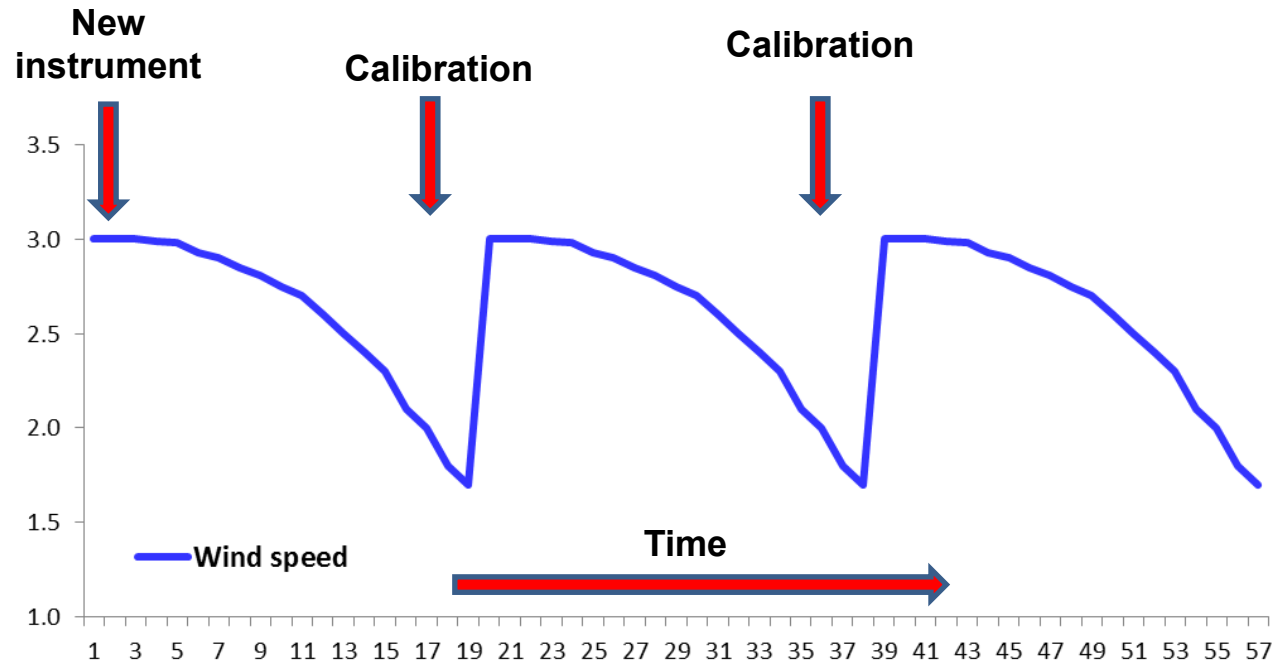
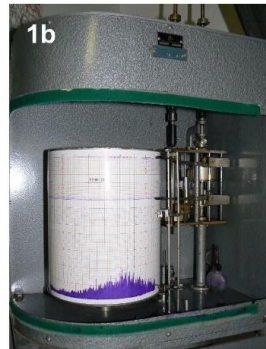
Characteristics	Nb. of stations	Nb. of inhom. stations	Percentage (%)	Nb. of breaks	breaks/station
Wind speed = 0 m/s	268	238	88.8	610	2.6
Wind speed < 1 m/s	268	264	98.5	779	3.0
Wind speed > 8 m/s	268	191	71.3	304	1.6
Wind gust > 10 m/s	71	70	98.6	159	2.3
Wind gust > 15 m/s	71	63	88.7	124	2.0
Wind gust > 12 m/s	71	63	88.7	117	1.9

Example: number of days with wind speeds above a given threshold (since 1961)

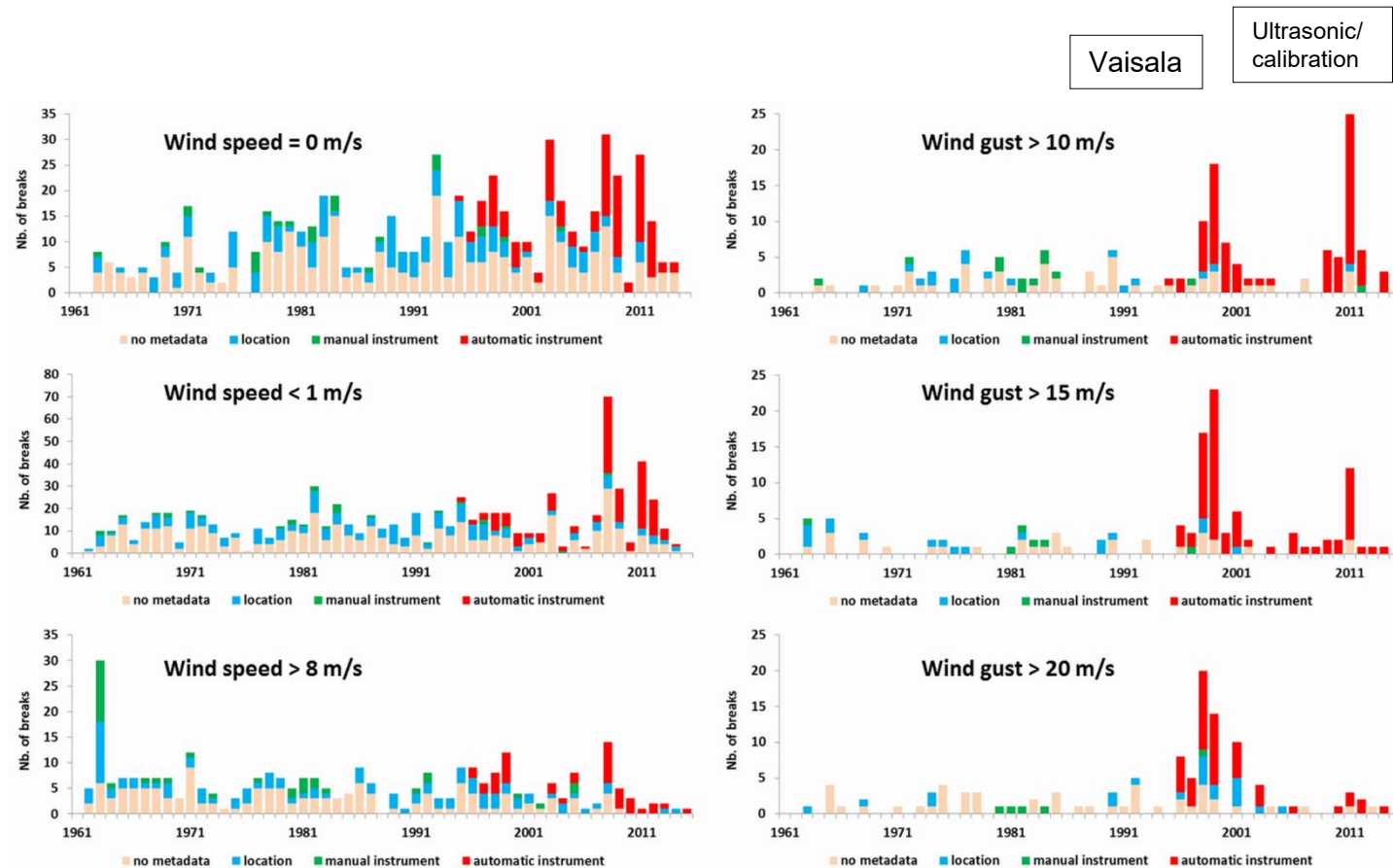


Effect of instrument change on wind speed measurements

1. Metra Anemograph
2. Vaisala anemometer
3. Ultrasonic anemometer

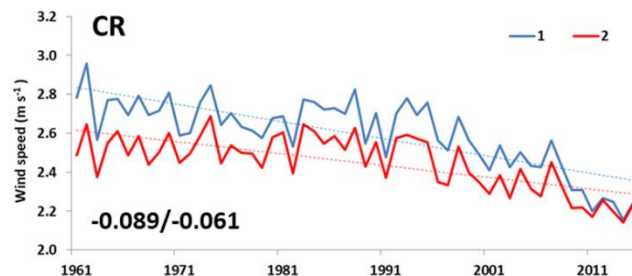
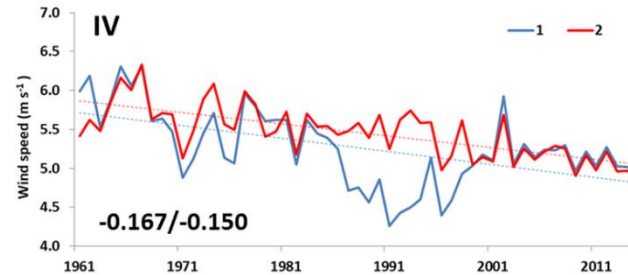
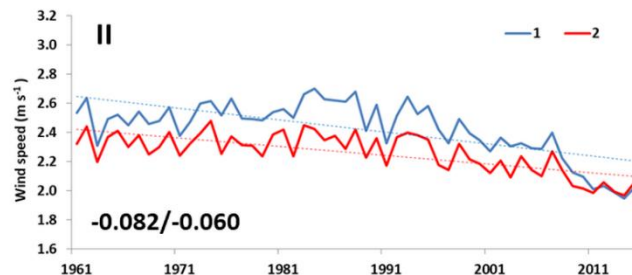
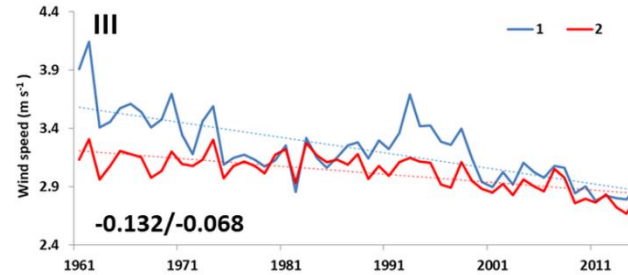
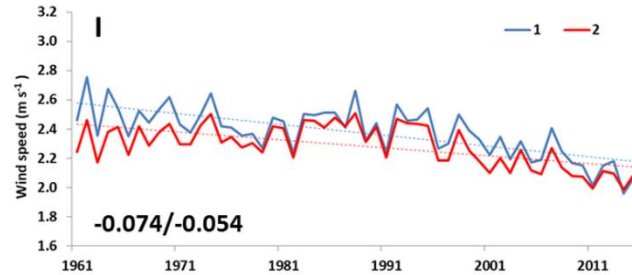


Homogenization – example: results for wind speed, CZ



Number of breaks for different counts of days with wind speeds above a given threshold (since 1961)

Homogenization – example: results for wind speed, CZ



Comparison of trends in **raw** (1) and **homogenized** (2) wind speed data for various altitudes in the Czech Republic.

After homogenization, the magnitude of decreasing wind speed trends is generally reduced.

Homogenization – example: results for precipitation, CZ

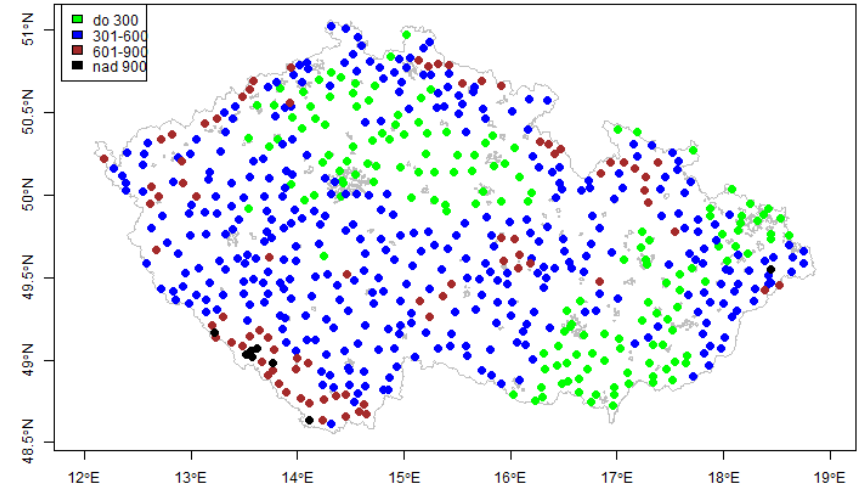
890 stations were processed, 1961-2020

786 stations were inhomogeneous (88,3 %)

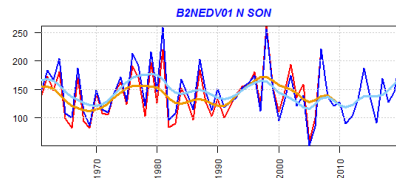
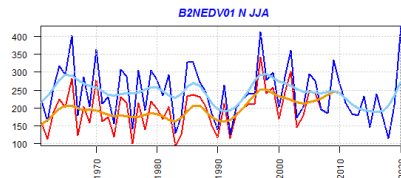
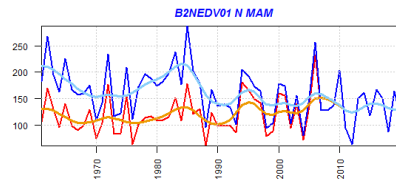
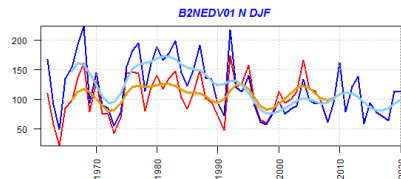
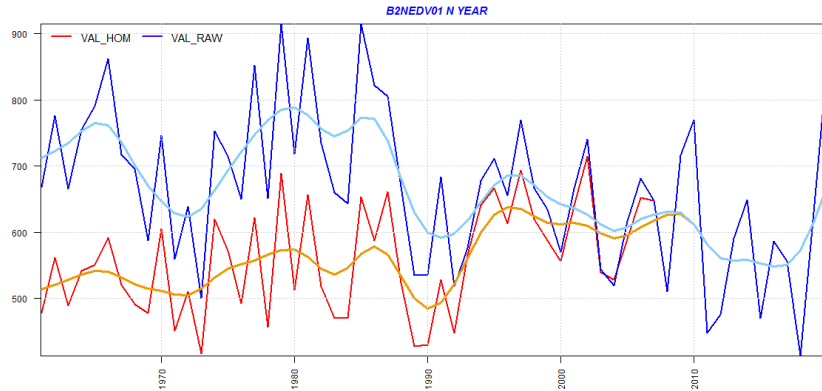
32 % of breaks explained by metadata

2398 breaks were found – 2 and 3 breaks in the series was the most common case. Maximum 9 breaks in the one series

In the end, only 600 stations could be used to calculate the normal 1991-2020



Homogenization – example: results for precipitation, CZ



The last homogeneous segment is rather short, only a few years. Can we rely on it?

To be able to continue (add) with new data, correction is done for the past.
But: which of the section is really correct?

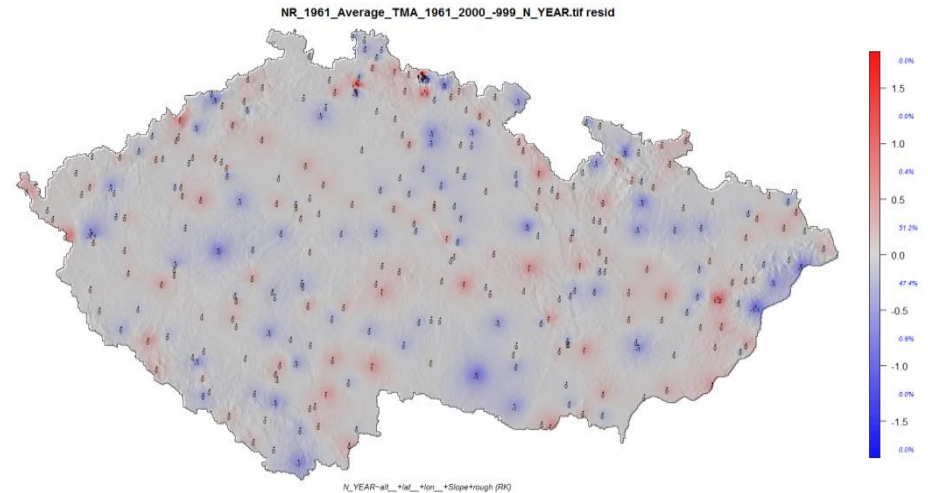
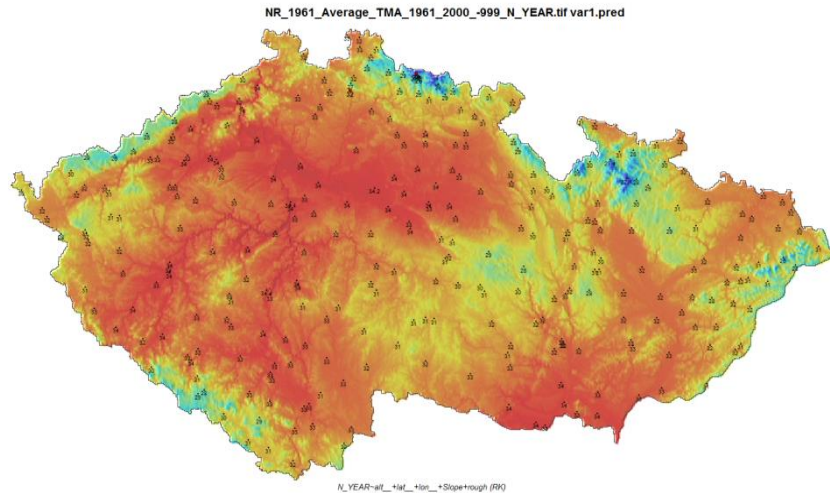
Can we really rely on newer instruments more than on old ones?

Large difference between measured and homogenized data up to 250 mm (in annual sum).

Although the correction is right, how to explain it to the customer that the total precipitation in his area has changed so much ...

Interpolation

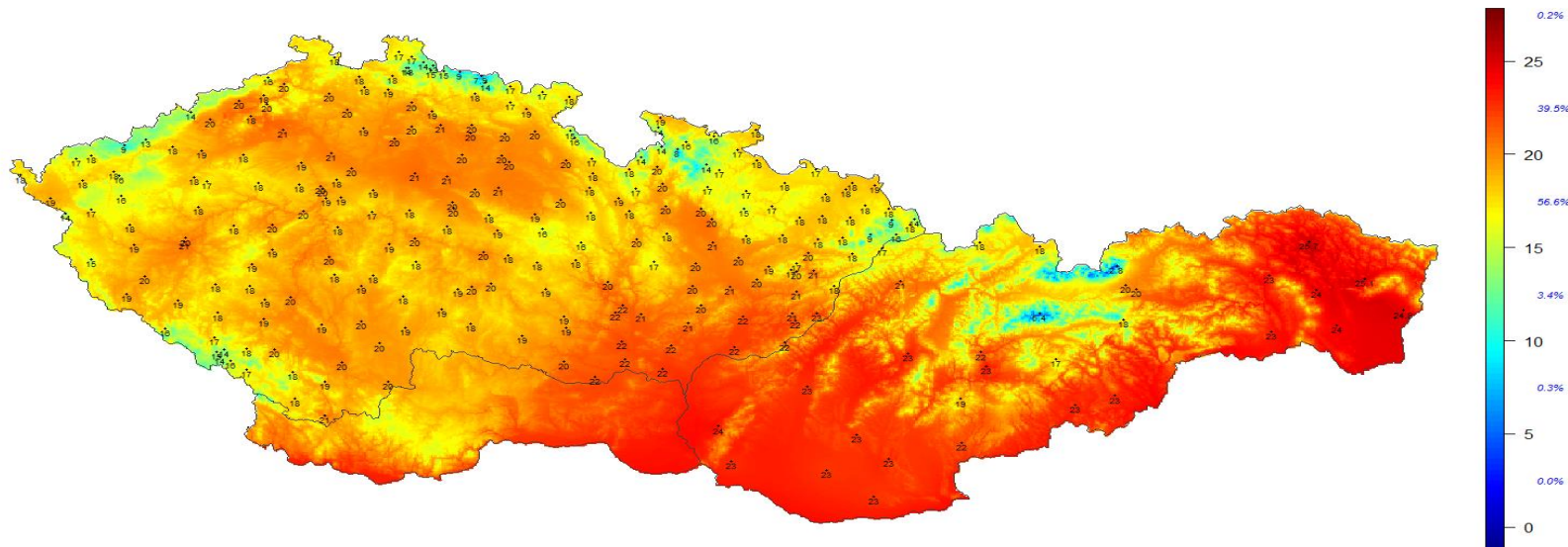
- Method based on regression kriging (dependence on altitude, latitude, longitude, etc.)
- Particular attention is paid to semivariogram construction
- Method for residual interpolation – standard approaches (IDW, kriging, TPS, ...) do not always perform well in all situations (e.g. precipitation over large areas) - DDA (Delaunay–Diffuse Anchoring) method applied



Interpolation – Example: GriSt for CzechoSlovakia

- Daily maps of major meteorological elements (1941–present) at 500 m resolution
- Based on technical series (quality-controlled and homogenized observations)
- Also operates in real-time mode, e.g. for www.intersucho.cz

TMA_2017_05_06.tif (values WITH residuals)



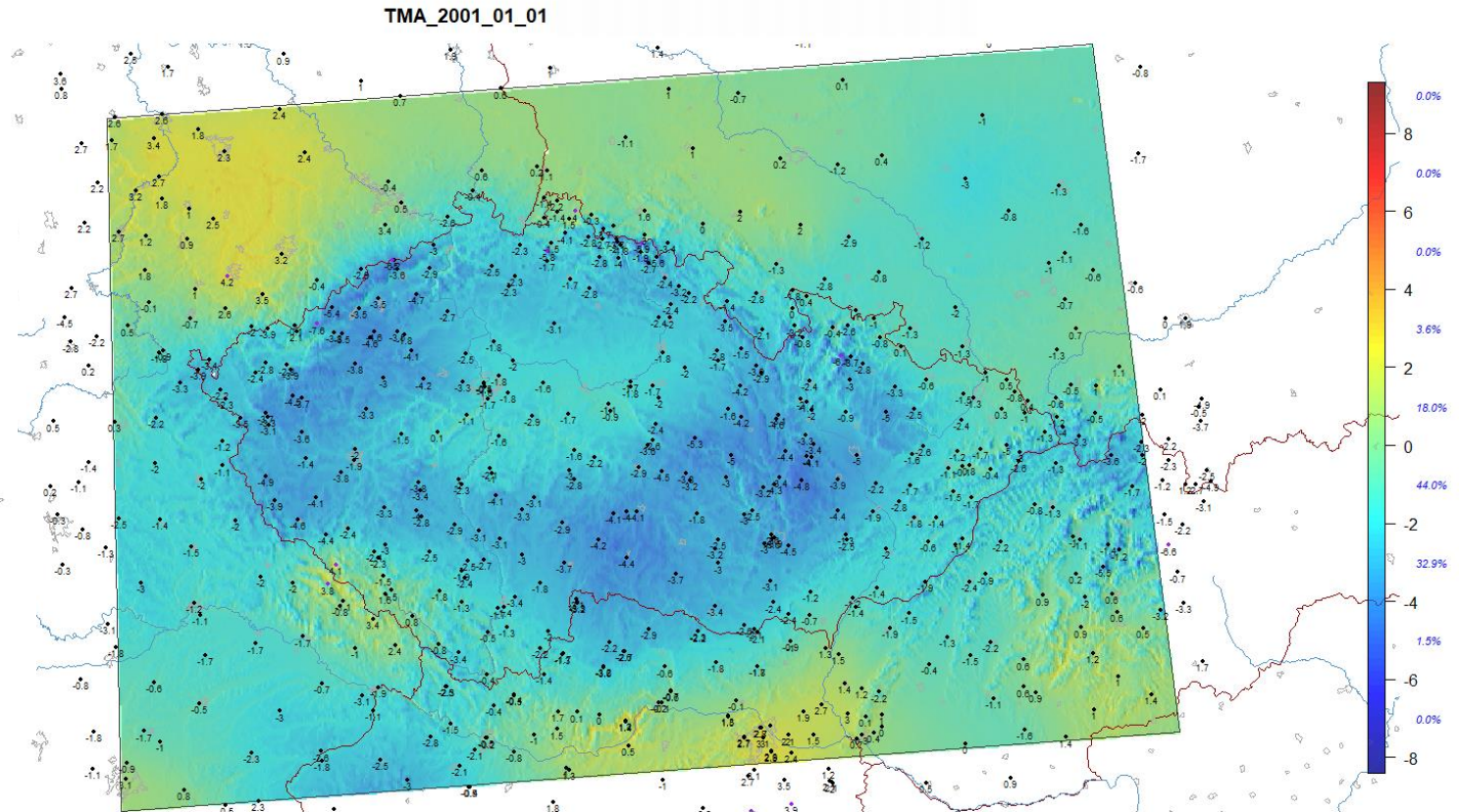
VALUE2=alt_+lat_+lon_+Slope+rough (RK, WITH residuals)

Interpolation – examples – GriSt extended

Air temperature
(Tavg, Tmax, Tmin)

Number of stations
CZ – 268 technical series
SK – 94
AT – 28
DE – 79
PL – 56

500*500 m spatial
resolution,
daily time step,
1961-2025

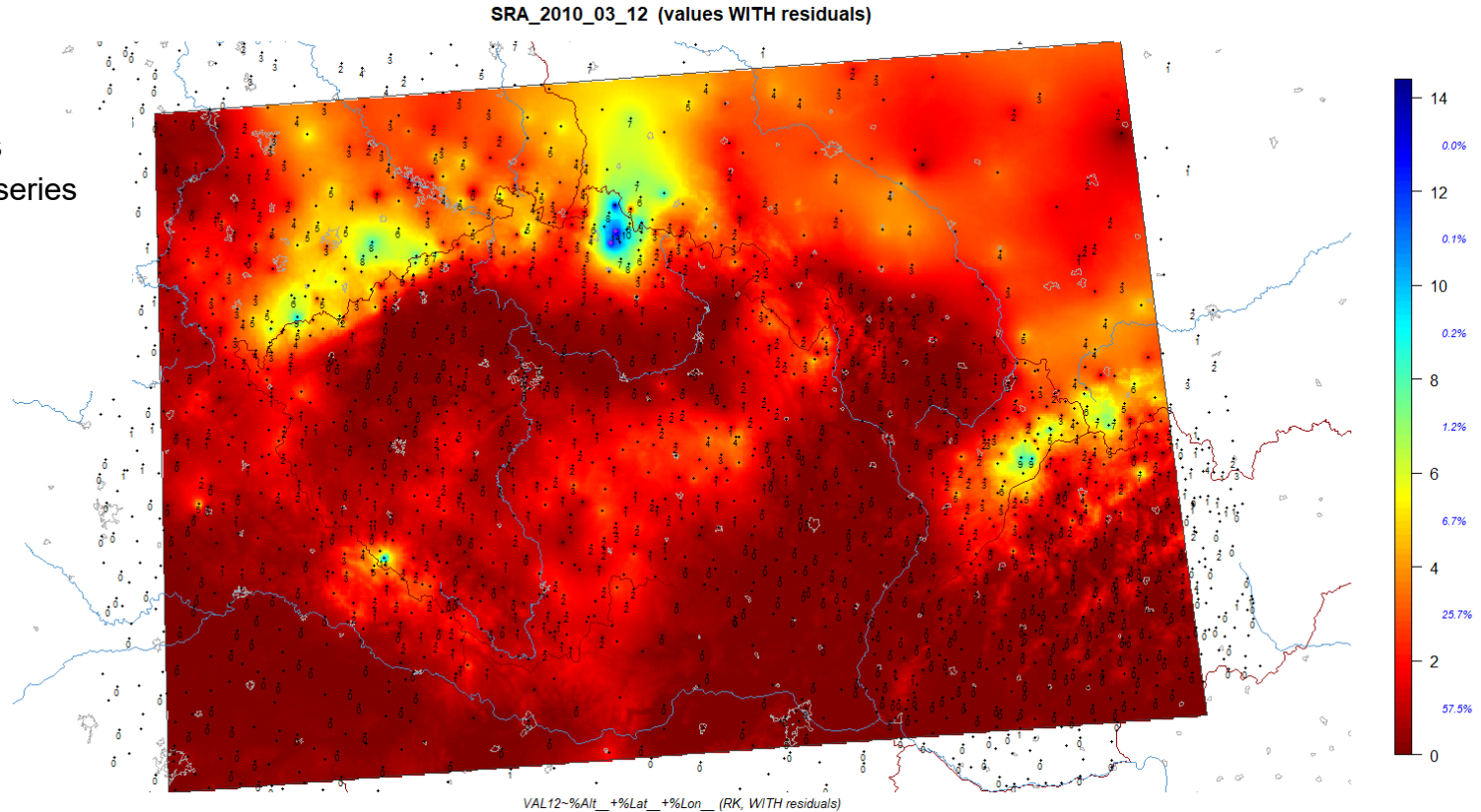


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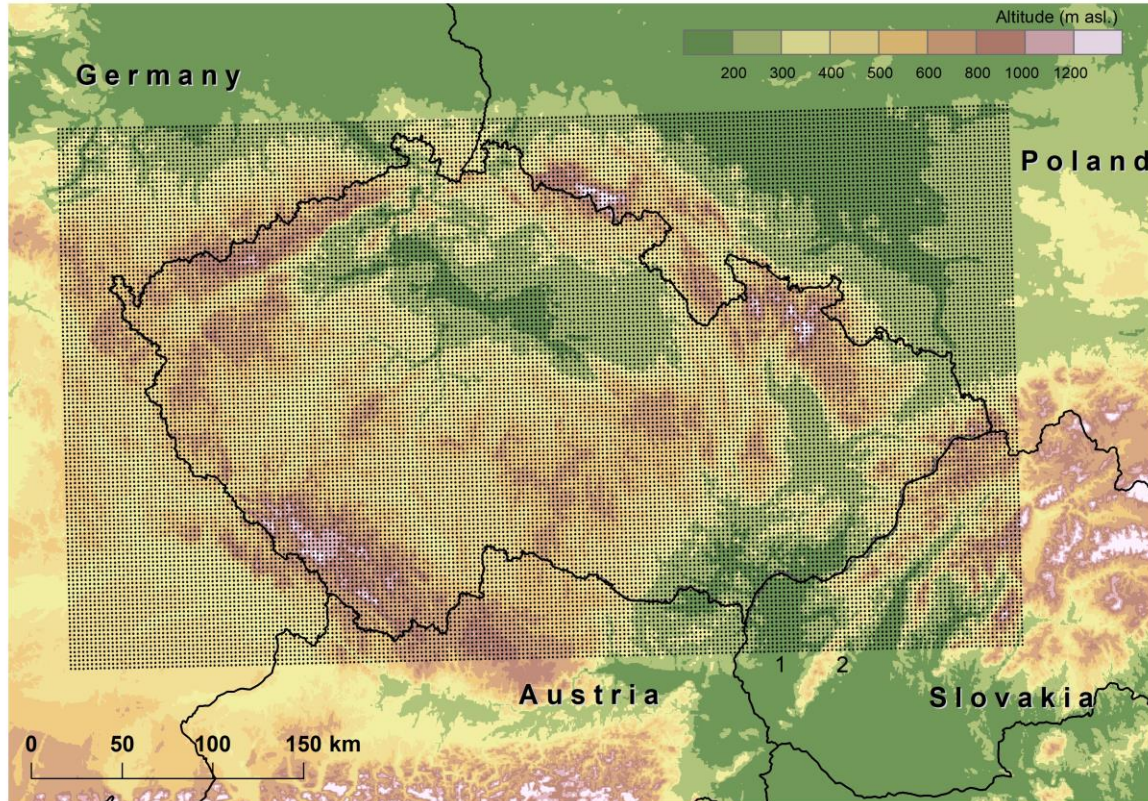
Precipitation

Number of stations
CZ – 787 technical series
SK – 478
AT- 114
DE – 1231
PL – 169

0.5 km spatial
resolution,
daily time step,
1961-2025



Interpolation – examples

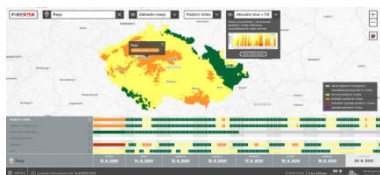


Grid points of ALADIN-Climate/CZ
(RCM - CPM),
read from maps (29 154 points),
Background for bias correction
DAP method (QM)

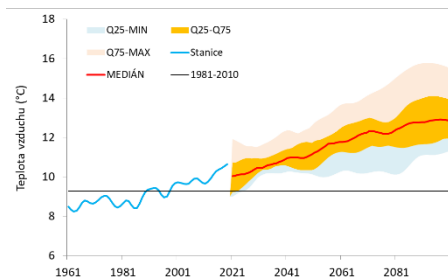
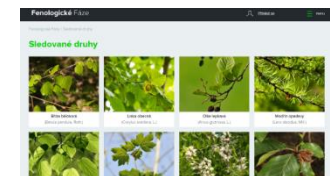
Products / climate services

- Our web platforms (AgroRisk.cz, FireRisk.cz, ClimRisk.cz, Intersucho.cz, etc.), created in cooperation with partner institutions, offer climate information and decision-support tools.
- They are based on quality-controlled, homogenized, and spatially interpolated data
- The long-term monitoring record (1961–2025) provides the foundation for accurate forecasting and climate projections.

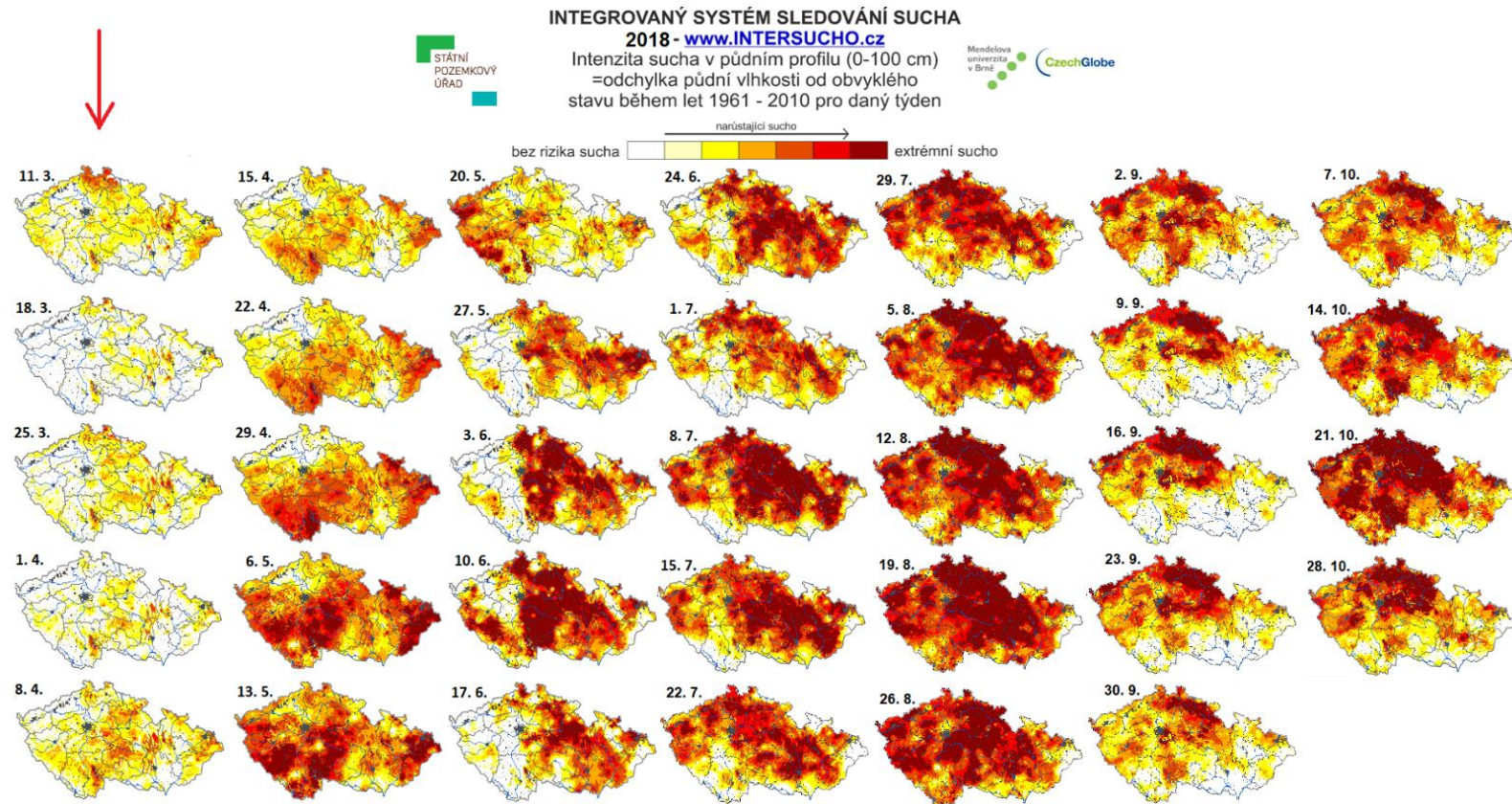
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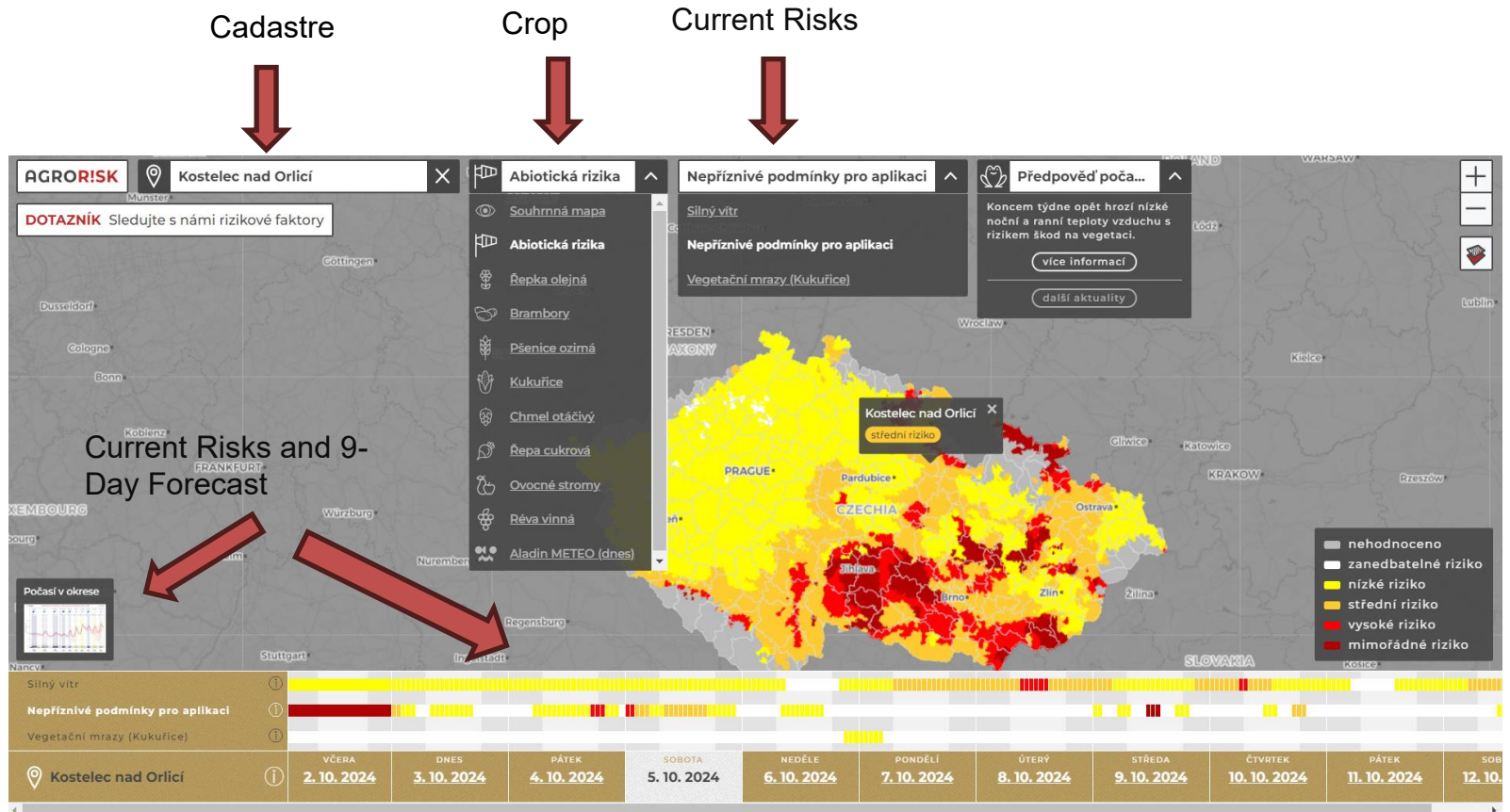
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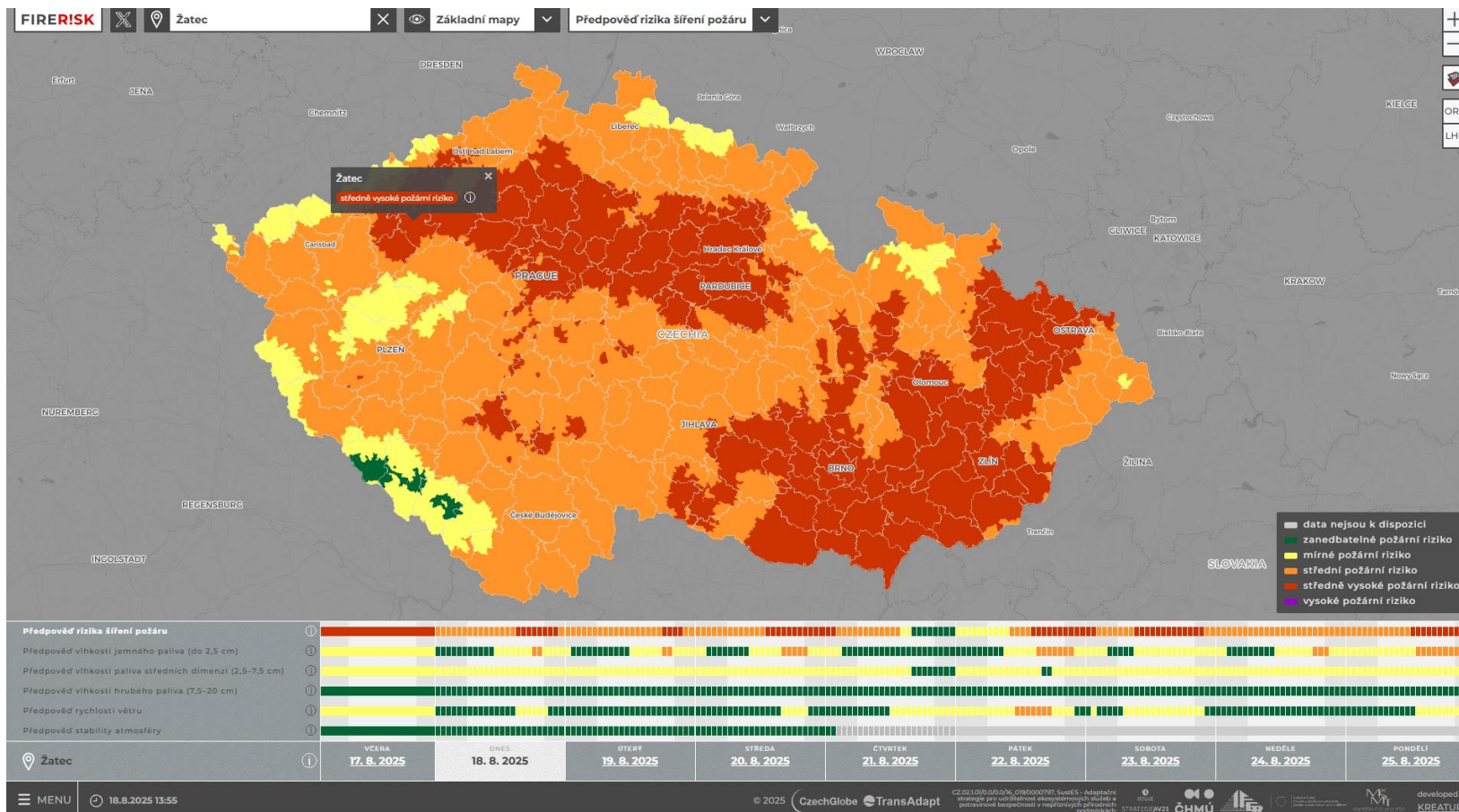
Drought monitoring and forecast, CZ



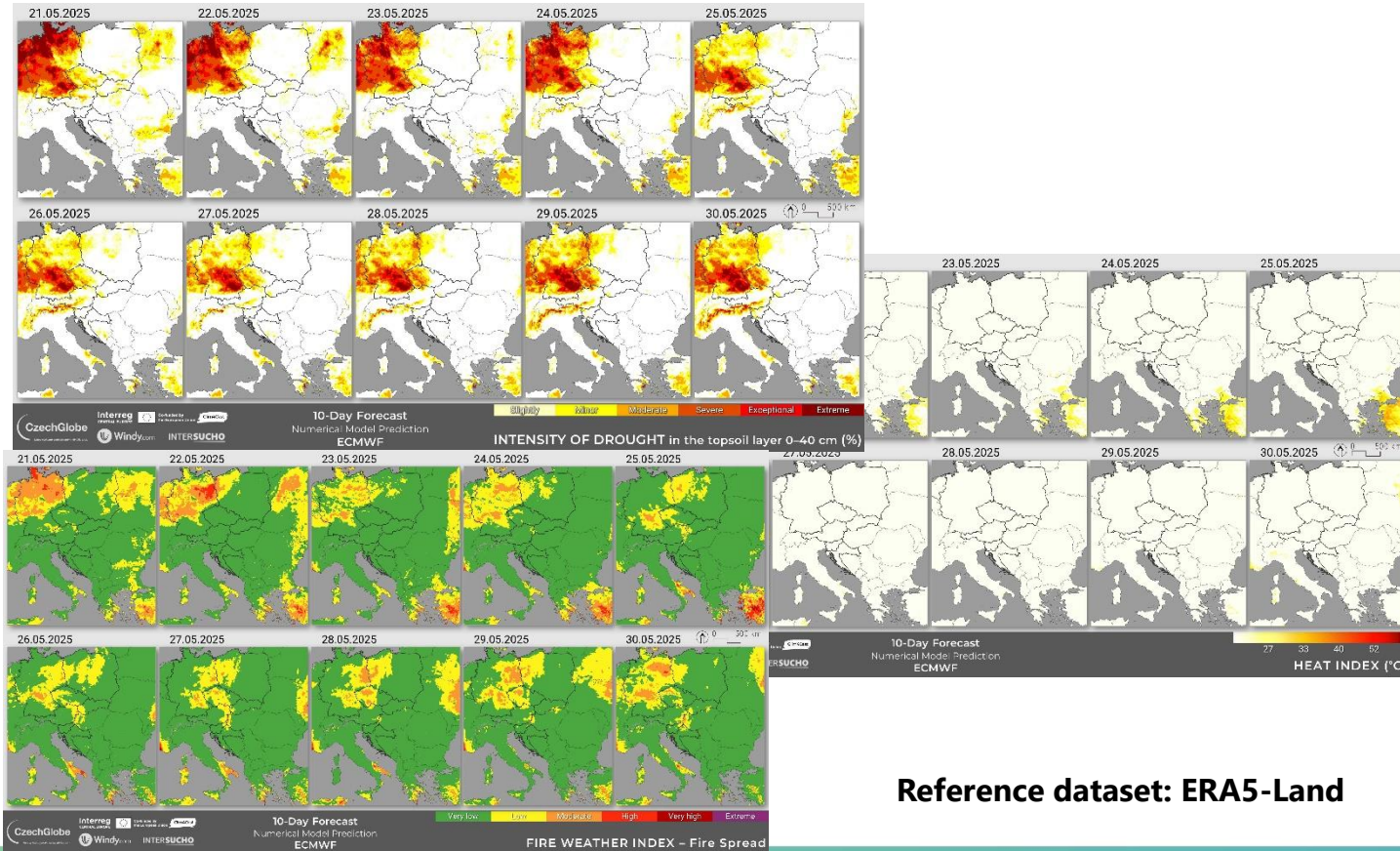
An early warning system against abiotic and biotic risks



Wild fire forecast



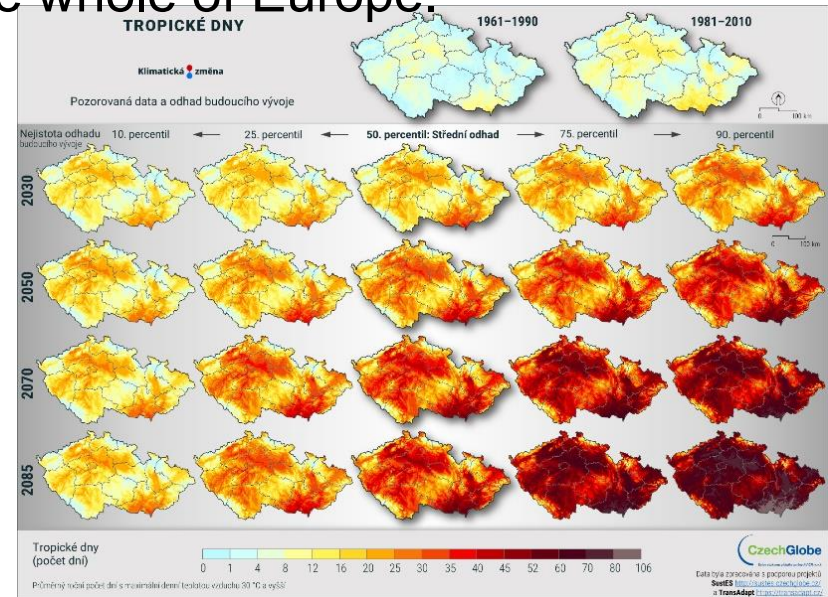
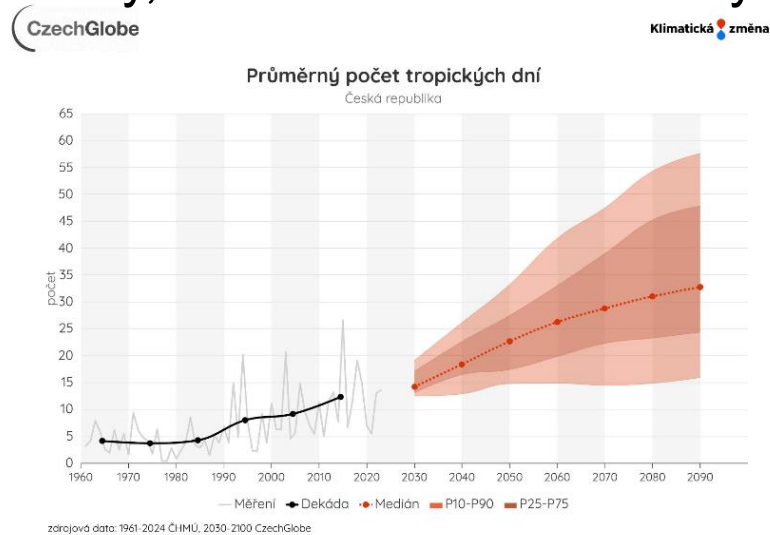
Monitoring and prediction of changing climate conditions (drought, wildfire, heat) in real time clim4cast.czechglobe.cz



Reference dataset: ERA5-Land

Climate change data for CZ (www.klimatickazmena.cz)

Currently, similar work is underway for the whole of Europe.

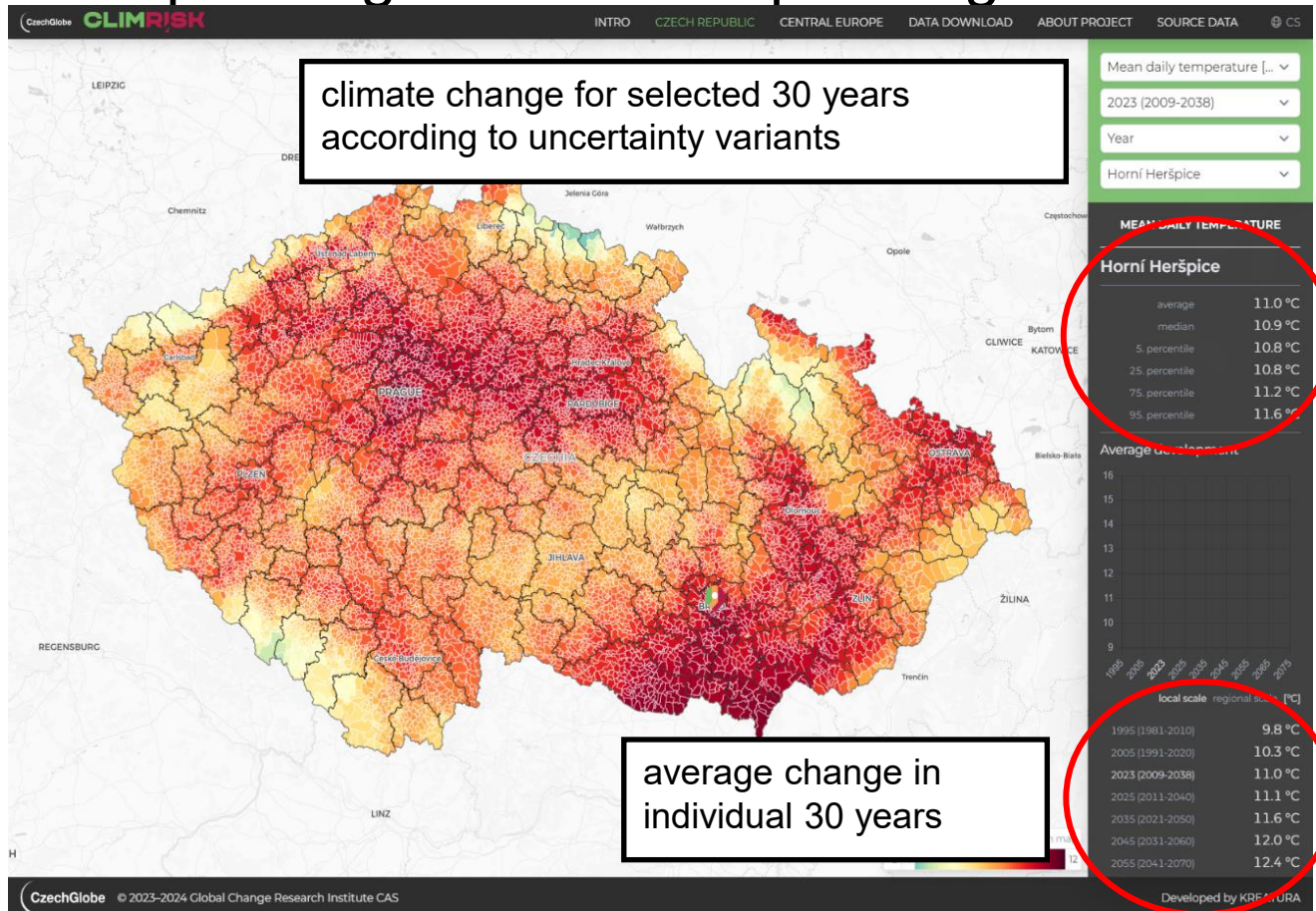


- www.klimatickazmena.cz
- Technical time series are applied for bias correction.
- Derived from a robust ensemble of more than 30 global climate models rather than EURO-CORDEX regional models; this decision is based on extensive testing.
- Only new-generation convection-permitting regional models (e.g. ALADIN-Climate/CZ) are included. Climate change estimates are therefore both state-of-the-art and grounded in a thorough analysis of historical climate trends.

ClimRisk.cz / climateproofing.cz – climate proofing tool for CZ

The tool is intended for

- Agricultural
- Forestry
- Energy sector
- Construction
- Finance
- Government
- Media
- Public



ClimRisk.eu – climate data for CZ / Central Europe

26 meteorological characteristics

Mean daily temperature [°C]

Minimum daily temperature [°C]

Maximum daily temperature [°C]

Precipitation sum [mm]

Mean wind speed [m/s]

Relative humidity [%]

Sunshine duration [h]

Global radiation [MJ/m²]

Number of hot days

Number of tropical nights

Number of extremely hot days

Number of days in heat wave

Number of frost days

Number of ice days

Number of days in cold wave

Number of days in very cold wave

Number of days with precipitation

Number of days with daily precipitation ≥ 10 mm

Number of days with daily precipitation ≥ 20 mm

Number of days with low soil humidity in 40 cm

Number of days with very low soil humidity in 100 cm

Number of days with snow cover ≥ 3 cm

Number of days with snow cover ≥ 10 cm

Number of days with snow cover ≥ 30 cm

30-year periods

1995 (1981-2010)

2005 (1991-2020)

2023 (2009-2038)

2025 (2011-2040)

2035 (2021-2050)

2045 (2031-2060)

2055 (2041-2070)

2065 (2051-2080)

2075 (2061-2090)

Monthly, seasonal and annual data

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Spring (MAM)

Summer (JJA)

Autumn (SON)

Winter (DJF)

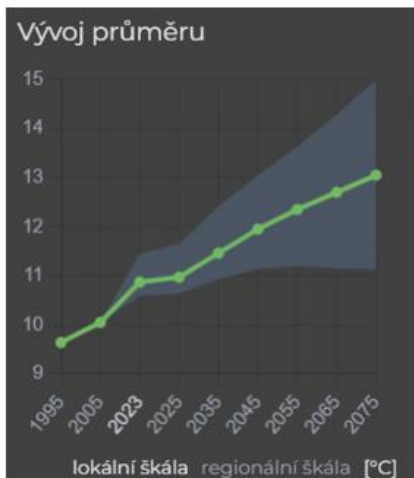
Summer half year (April to September)

Winter half year (October to March)

Year

ClimRisk.eu – climate data for CZ / Central Europe

Temperature

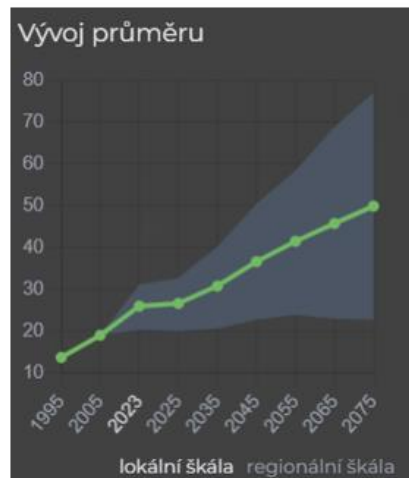


1995 (1981-2010)	9.6 °C
2005 (1991-2020)	10.1 °C
2023 (2009-2038)	10.9 °C
2025 (2011-2040)	11.0 °C
2035 (2021-2050)	11.5 °C
2045 (2031-2060)	12.0 °C
2055 (2041-2070)	12.4 °C
2065 (2051-2080)	12.7 °C
2075 (2061-2090)	13.1 °C

+2,4°C

+3,5°C

Tropical days

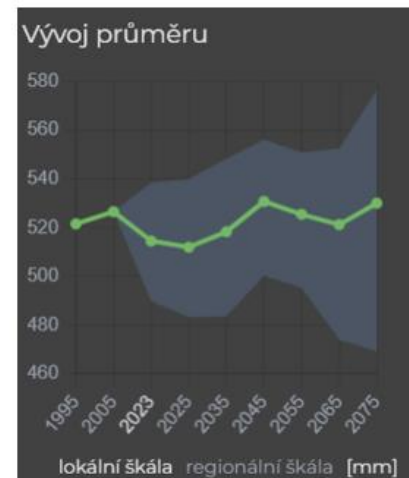


1995 (1981-2010)	13.8
2005 (1991-2020)	19.1
2023 (2009-2038)	26.1
2025 (2011-2040)	26.7
2035 (2021-2050)	30.9
2045 (2031-2060)	36.7
2055 (2041-2070)	41.6
2065 (2051-2080)	45.8
2075 (2061-2090)	50.0

+23 days

+36 days

Precipitation

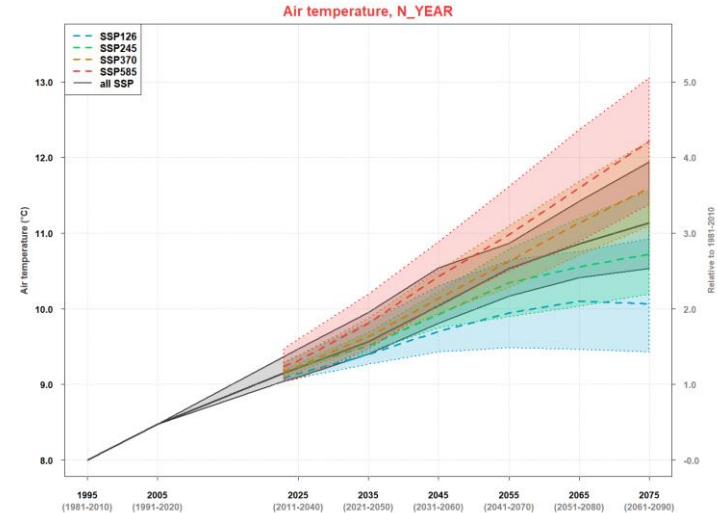


1995 (1981-2010)	521.5 mm
2005 (1991-2020)	526.6 mm
2023 (2009-2038)	514.5 mm
2025 (2011-2040)	512.0 mm
2035 (2021-2050)	518.3 mm
2045 (2031-2060)	530.7 mm
2055 (2041-2070)	525.5 mm
2065 (2051-2080)	521.2 mm
2075 (2061-2090)	530.1 mm

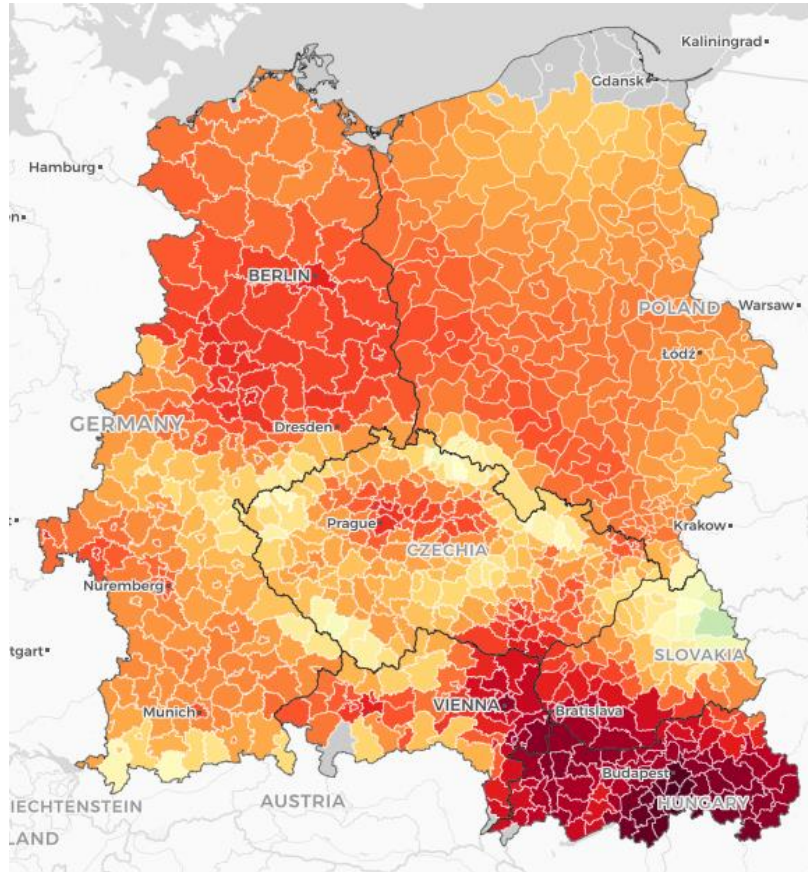
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- Official application of the Ministry of the Environment (CZ)
- Focused on the climate proofing process.
- The website www.climateproofing.cz was created to guide applicants for structural funds through the climate proofing process for their investment plans.
- Climate data developed for climate proofing purposes (ClimRisk/PERUN) will be certified and valid for the Czech Republic.
- “Traffic light” system – the user simply enters the location of interest and the building type, and the application evaluates the level of climate-related risk/exposure.



ClimRisk.eu – climate data for Central Europe



ClimRisk background data are available in two spatial domains:

- CZ: 0.5 km resolution
- CE/EU: 10 km resolution

based on the E-OBS dataset

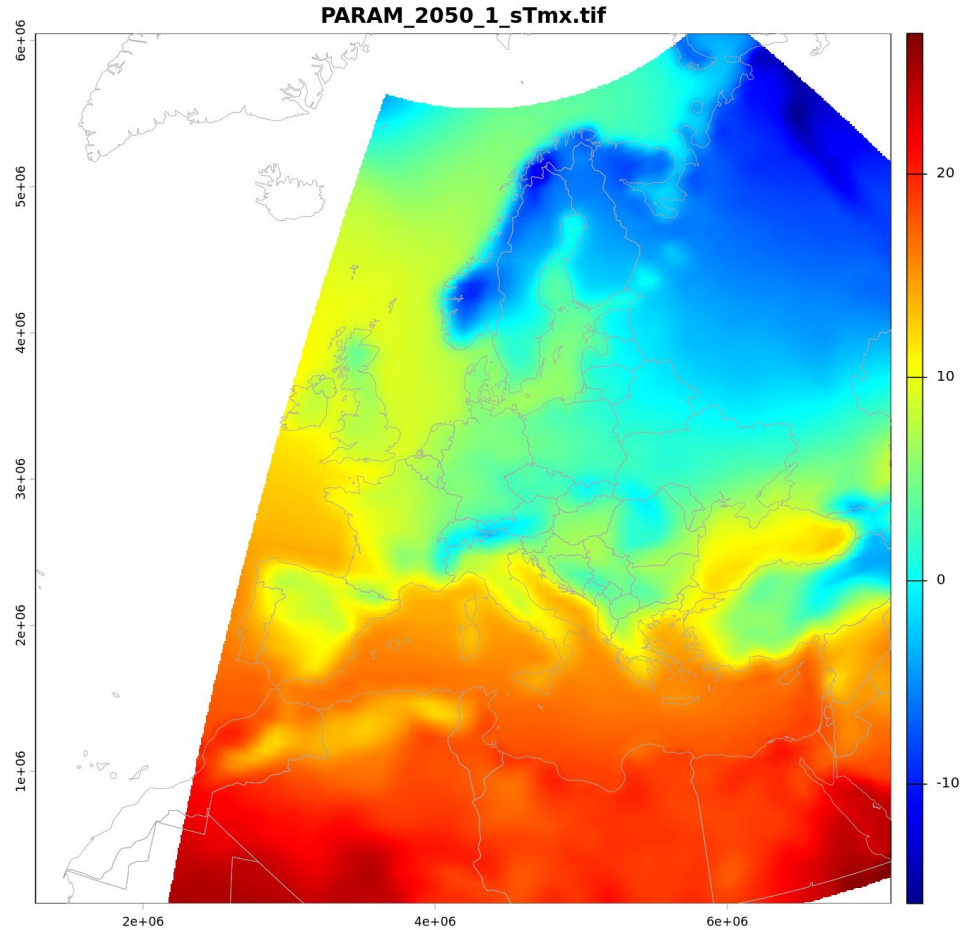
On the web, information is provided in the form of cadasters and NUTS 3 regions.

The tool intended for

- Agricultural
- Forestry
- Energy sector
- Construction
- Finance
- Government
- Media
- Public



ClimRisk for the whole of Europe – calculations are in the final phase (7 GCMs, 1 CP-RCM, 4 scenarios).



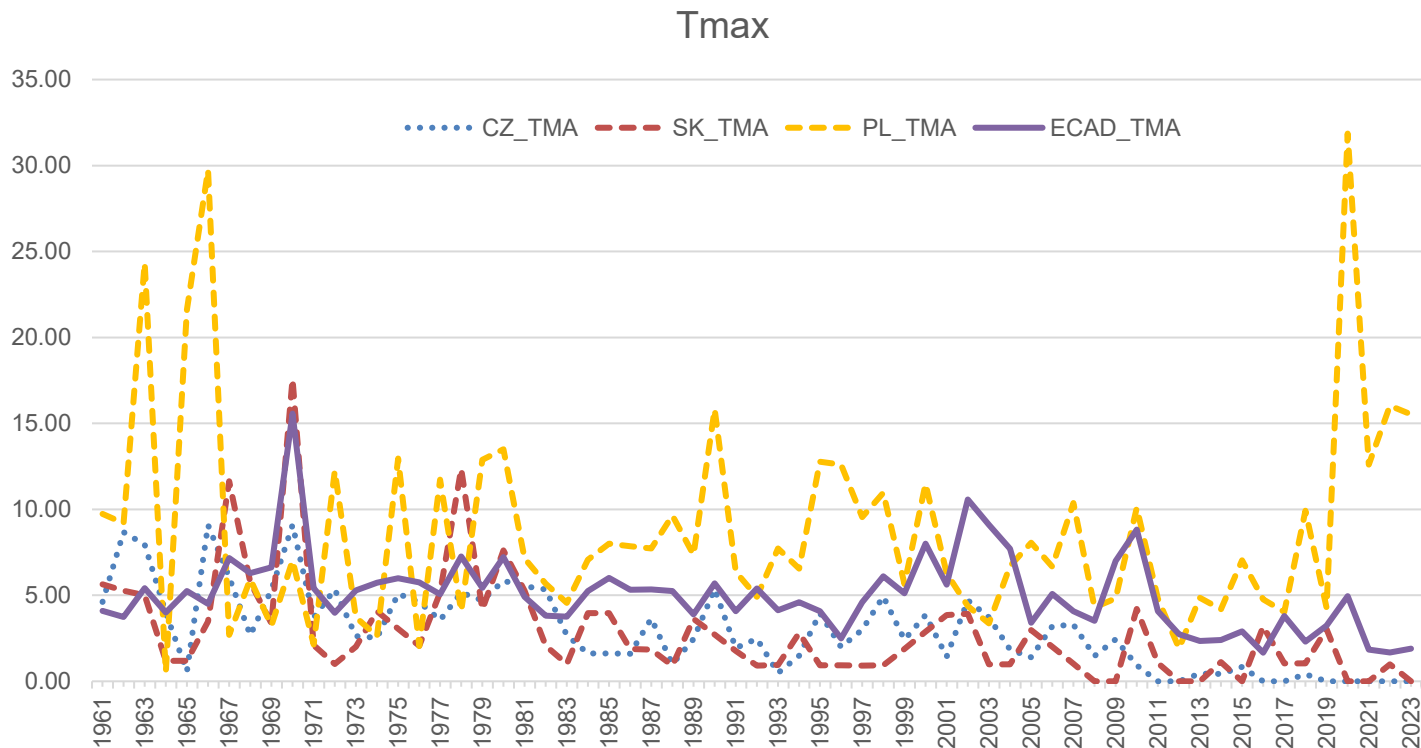
5.5 km spatial resolution,
daily data

ACECE project

- ACECE – Atmospheric Circulation and weather Extremes in Central Europe and their representation in climate models (CZ and PL partners)
- Data source: CZ, SK, PL – from meteorological services (CHMI, SHMI, IMGW), and ECA&D (European Climate Assessment & Dataset, <https://www.ecad.eu/>)
- ECA&D – publicly available dataset;

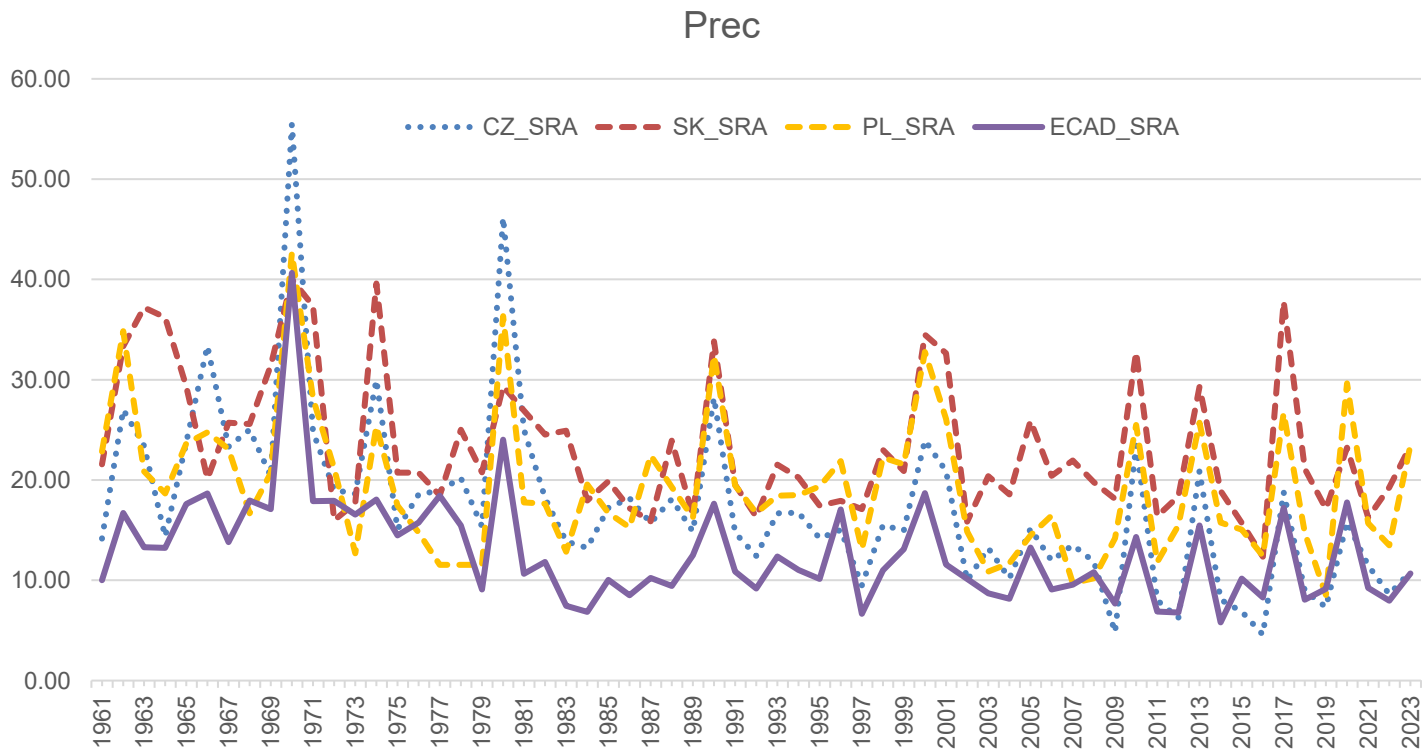
ACECE project – data quality control

Number of detected errors relative to the total number of available stations in a given year



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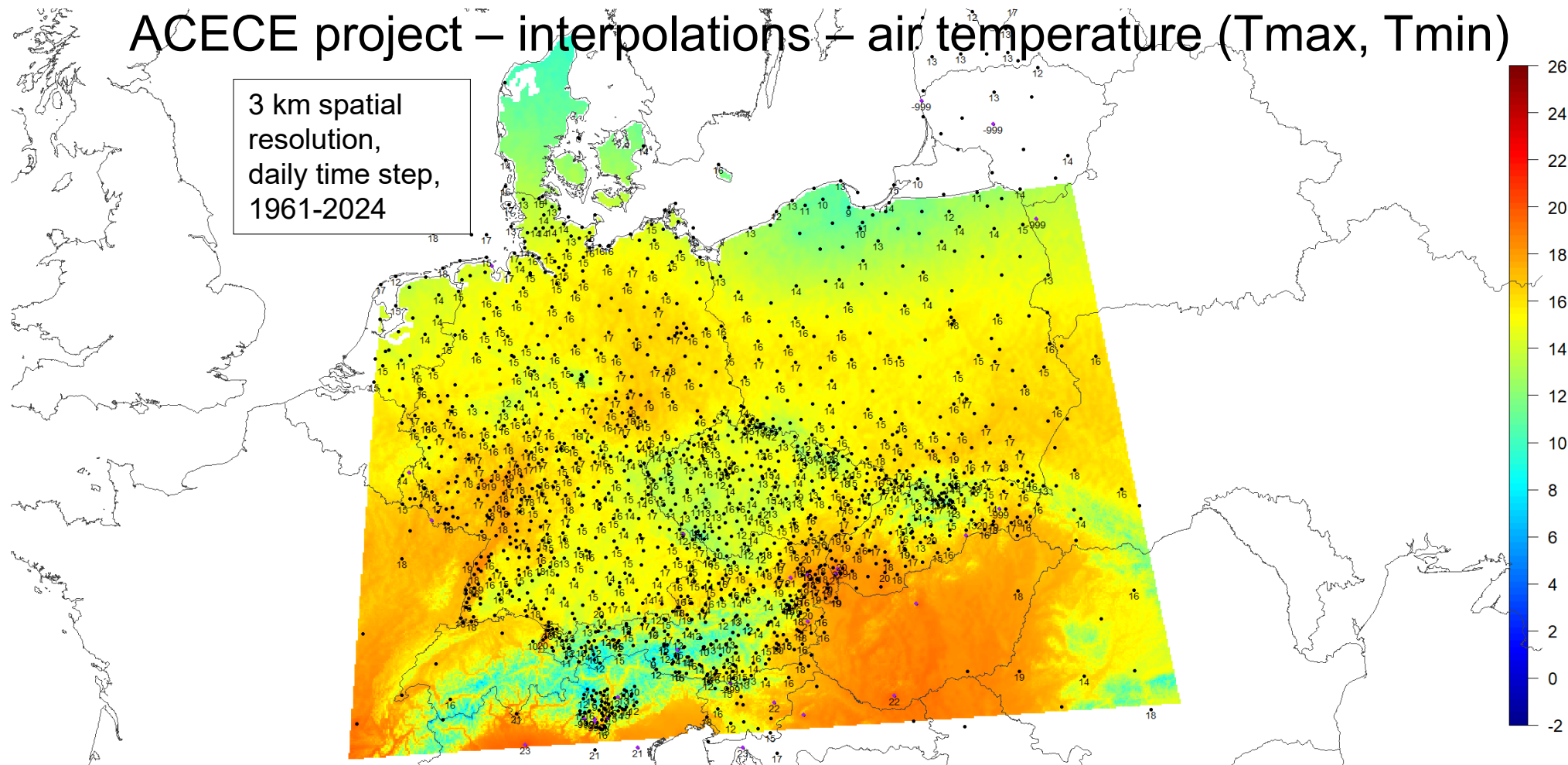
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ACECE project – interpolations – air temperature (Tmax, Tmin)

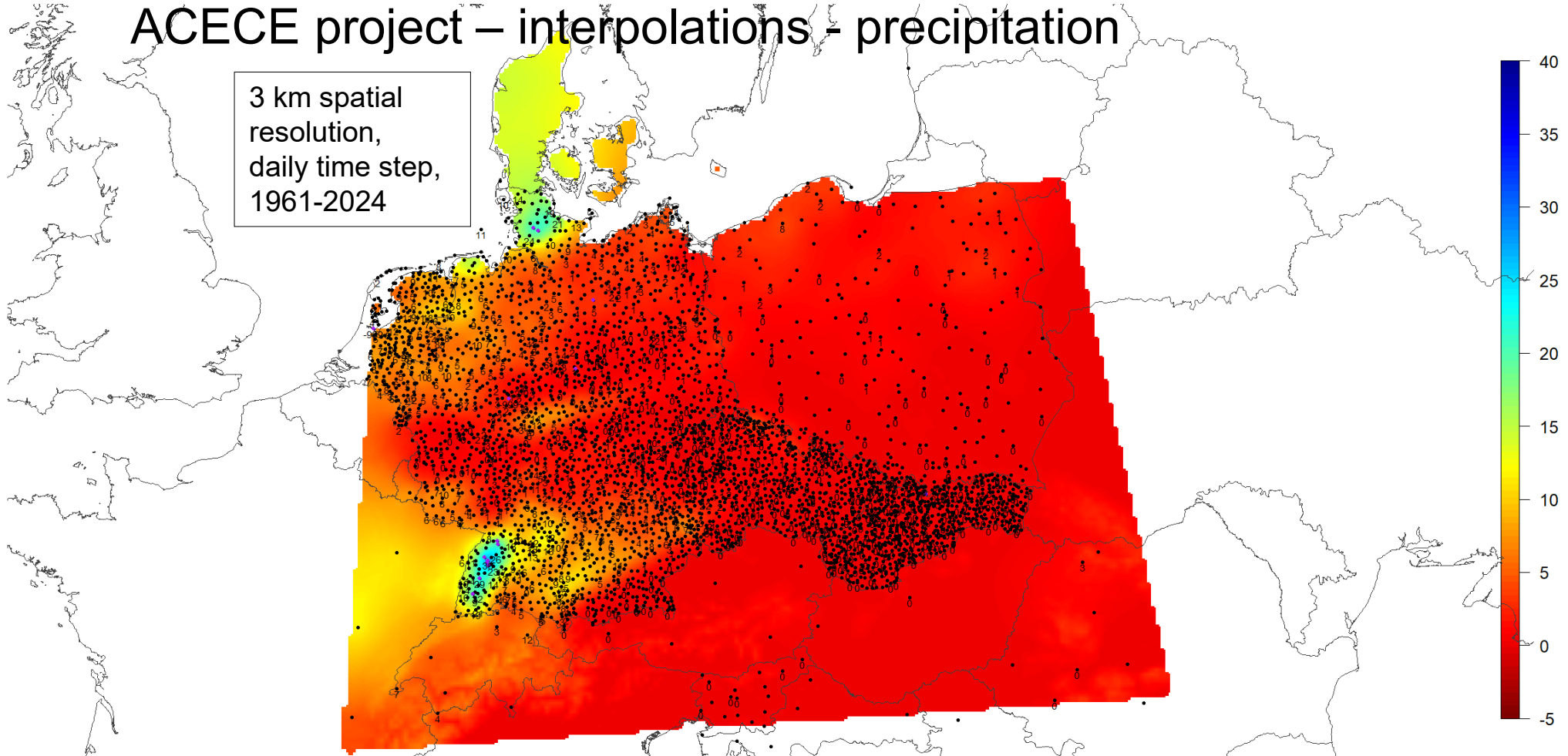
3 km spatial
resolution,
daily time step,
1961-2024



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ACECE project – interpolations - precipitation

3 km spatial
resolution,
daily time step,
1961-2024



ACECE project – currently working on

- Homogenization in progress
- Including additional variables:
 - global radiation (sunshine duration),
 - wind speed,
 - relative humidity
- Climate scenarios (ClimRisk – GCMs + RCMs)

Conclusions

- Combining quality-controlled station records, homogenized time series, and high-resolution spatial interpolations provides a strong foundation for climate service products — especially when supported by a long historical record.
- This approach works best at national or regional scales.
- Global products (e.g. drought monitoring, fire risk, or heatwave assessments on Windy.com) rely on other data sources, such as reanalyses provided through C3S.
- However, tuning and validating products first at the **national level** using station data is an excellent starting point. This is particularly important when working with **derived variables** (from basic meteorological elements), such as **evapotranspiration** and **soil moisture**.

Publicly available information

www.windy.com (contribution to global products)

clim4cast.czechglobe.cz

www.climrisk.eu

www.climrisk.cz

www.firerisk.cz

www.agrorisk.cz

www.fenofaze.cz

www.dendronet.cz

www.intersucho.cz

www.vynosy-plodin.cz

vlny-veder.czechglobe.cz

www.klimatickazmena.cz