

# Analysis of rainless periods within the DriDanube project

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# Outline

Analysis of extreme rainless periods (droughts, or implicitly indicators of droughts) as an approach to drought risk representation based on **ZT method** (after Zelenhasic and Todorovic)

Mapping rainless periods for different return periods over the DriDanube countries

Creating input to the drought risk web portal as a constituent of Drought User Service (DUS) platform

# MATH DESCRIPTION

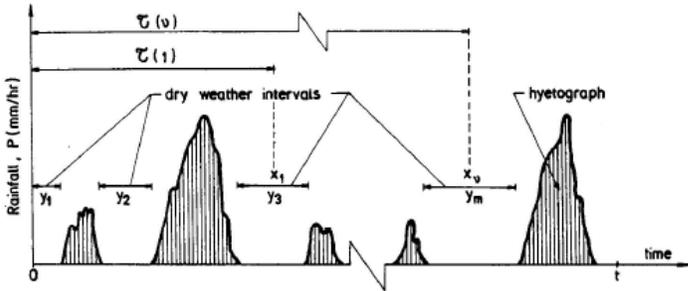


Fig. 1. Sequence of hyetographs observed in some interval of time  $[0,t]$  at a given meteorological station.

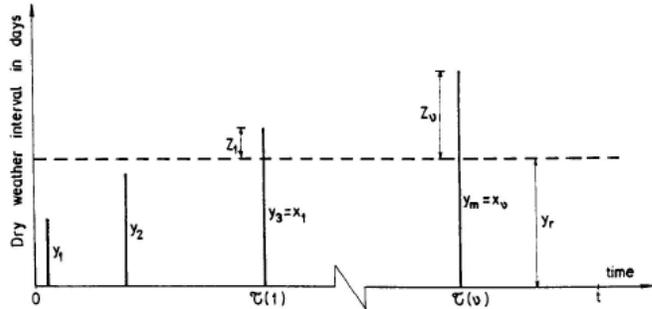


Fig. 2. A realization of the stochastic (discrete, nonnegative) process of dry weather intervals in an interval of time  $[0,t]$  at a given precipitation station.

Each drought event is composed of the following defining descriptive parameters:

- (1) drought duration,  $X_\nu$ ;
- (2) time of the beginning of a drought,  $\tau_b(\nu)$ ;
- (3) time of the end of a drought,  $\tau_e(\nu)$ ;
- (4) time of a drought occurrence,  $\tau(\nu)$ , defined here as

$$\tau(\nu) = \frac{1}{2}[\tau_b(\nu) + \tau_e(\nu)];$$

- (5) order number of a drought,  $\nu$ , for a given time interval  $[0,t]$ , for a particular growing season, where  $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Considering the entire process of droughts, three additional magnitudes enter the analysis:

- (6) total number of droughts,  $k$ , within the time interval  $[0,t]$ , where  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ;
- (7) the longest (largest) drought within a time interval  $[0,t]$

$$X(t) = \sup_{\tau(\nu) \leq t} X_\nu \quad \text{and} \quad (5)$$

- (8) time of occurrence,  $T(t)$ , of the longest (largest) drought, within time interval  $[0,t]$ .

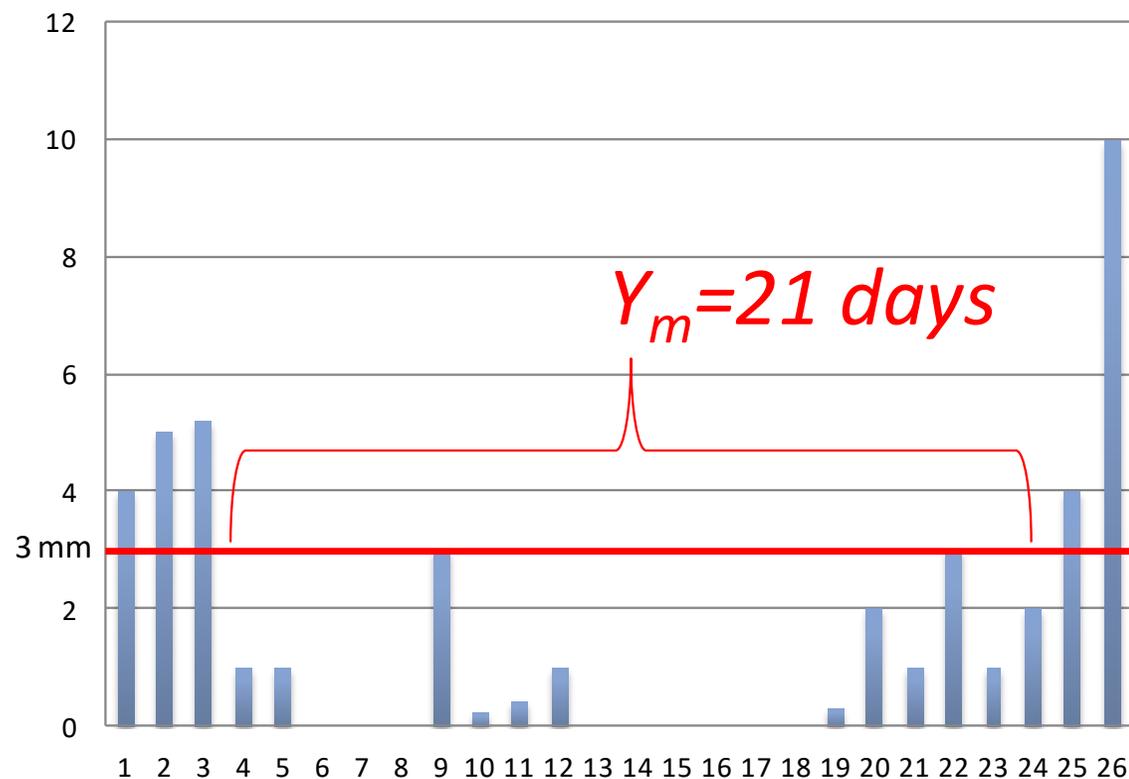
According to the nature of drought phenomena, the number of droughts in a time interval  $[0,t]$ , as well as their durations, are random variables. Since the number of droughts in  $[0,t]$  is random, the times when these droughts occur are random variables, too.

**HERE:  
DROUGHT EVENT  
IS  
RAINGLESS PERIOD**

# Rainless periods as extreme events

## – definition and identification

1 April - 30 September



$Y_m$  - number of consecutive days with less than 3mm of daily rainfall

■ Daily rainfall [mm]

Searching for periods more than 20 days long, with less than 3 mm of daily rainfall  $\Leftrightarrow$  **extreme rainless period, or drought.**

# DROUGHT EVENTS as a discrete stochastic process of extremes

## Rainfall station Sombor in Vojvodina Province (Serbia)

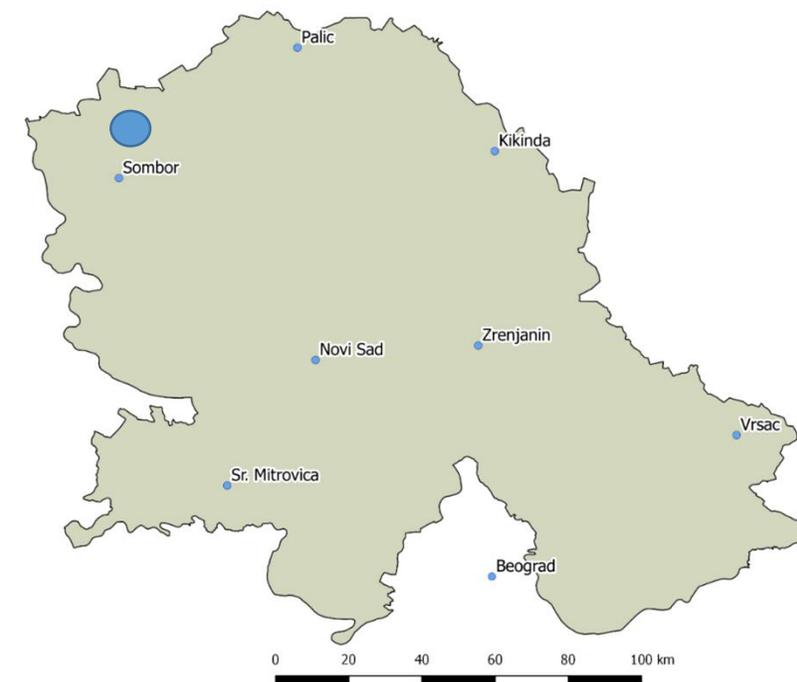
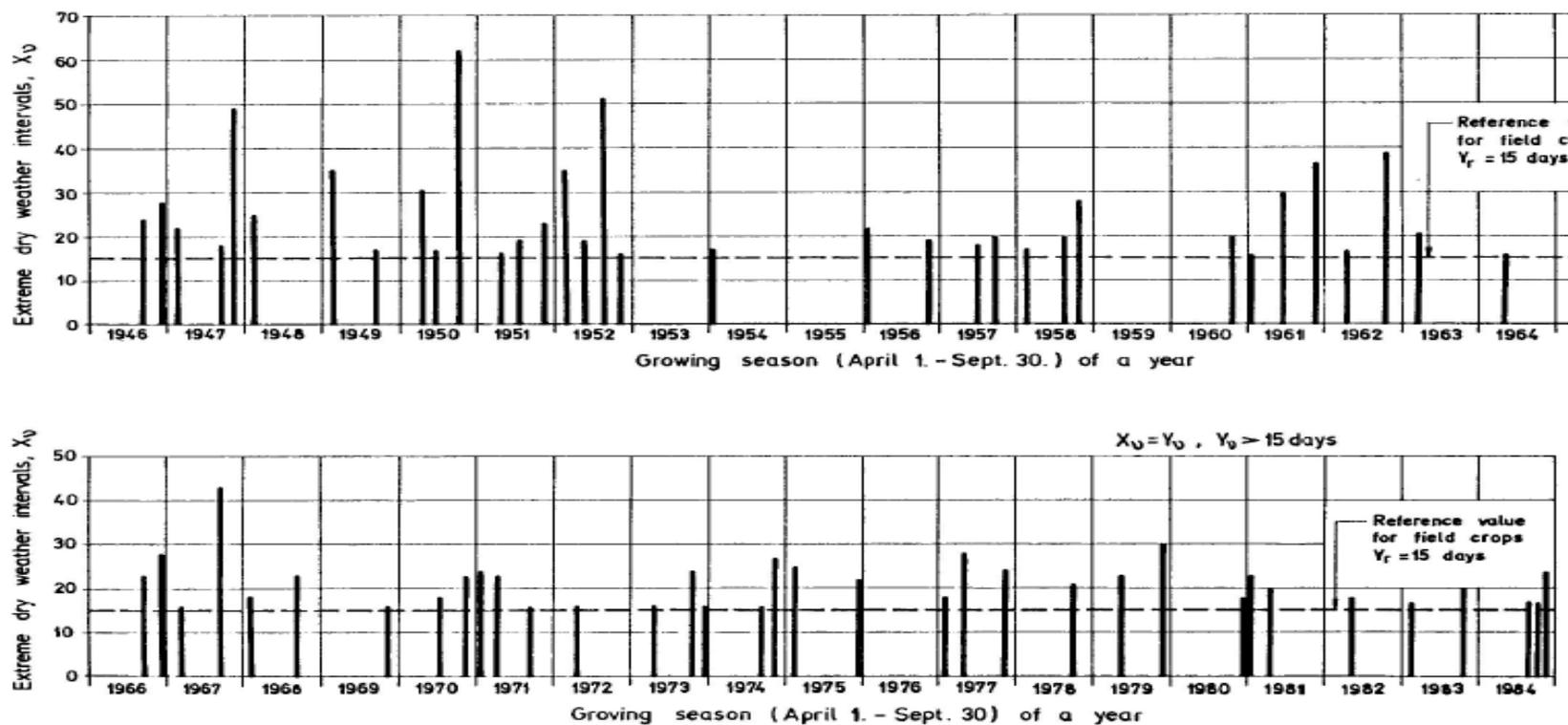
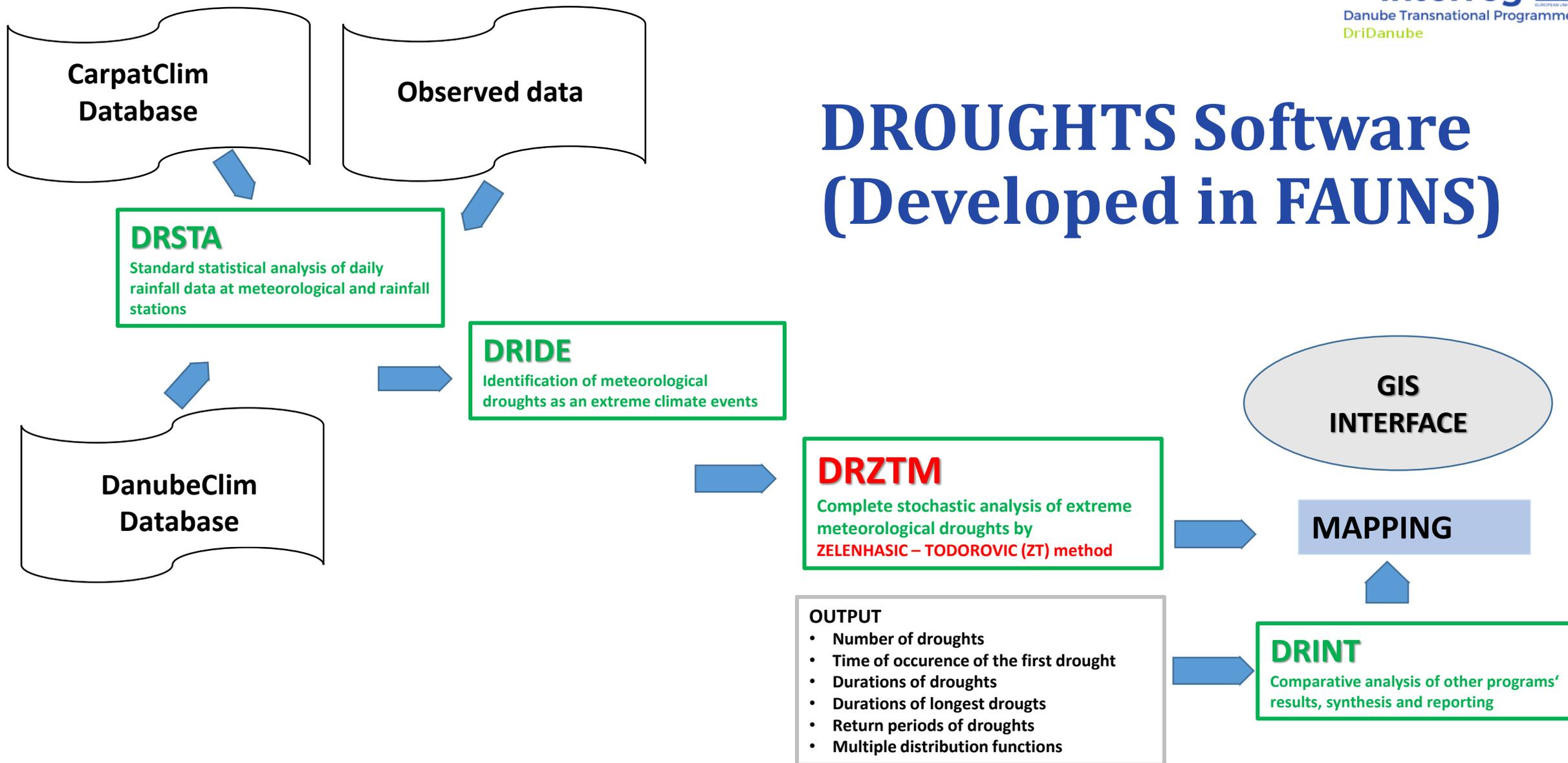


Fig. 4. Observed extreme dry weather intervals at Sombor during the growing season 1 April - 30 September ( $Y_r = 15$  days; 1946-1984)

# DROUGHTS Software (Developed in FAUNS)



# DROUGHT SOFTWARE

## Developped and installed computer programs:

- DRSTA** Standard statistical analysis of daily rainfall data at meteorological and rainfall stations
- DRIDE** Identification of rainless periods as an extreme meteorological events (droughts)
- DRZTM** **Complete stochastic analysis of long rainless periods by the ZT method**
- DRINT** Comparative analysis of other programs' results, synthesis and reporting

# DRZTM ... Main features

- it is a general stochastic model of extreme rainless events (droughts) at certain location;
- drought is defined as at least 20 consecutive days long period with less than 3 mm of daily rainfall;
- droughts are independent events, represented by identically distributed random variables that follow the Poisson probability law;
- method considers all important components of the process – drought duration, time of the occurrence, number of droughts in a given time interval  $[0,t]$ , and the duration of the longest drought in a given time interval  $[0,t]$ ;
- method provides return periods of the longest droughts, i.e. probability of longest drought occurrence;

# DRZTM

## INPUT

1. Parameters (station id, period of analysis, number of droughts, steps of ZT method to be executed)
2. Data about all identified drought events during vegetation season Apr-Sep above reference level of 20 days (and less than 3 mm per day), for multi-year period at given meteorological/rainfall station.

Number of drought

Year

Middle datum of drought

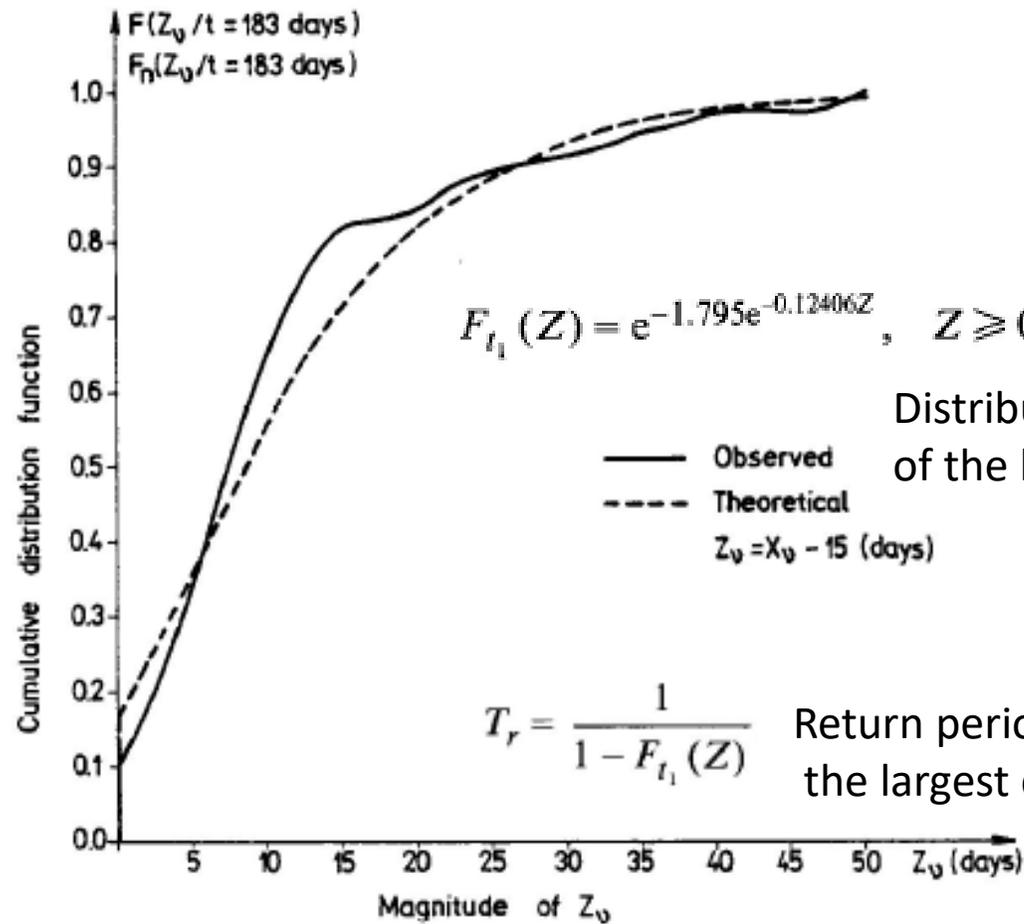
Duration of drought

# DRZTM

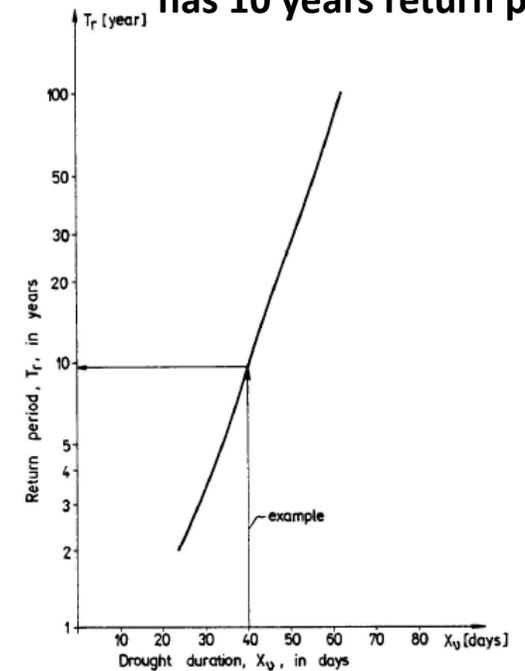
## OUTPUT

- Step #1: Print all droughts data and determine time of occurrence of droughts
- Step #2: Distribution of the number of droughts for different time periods
- Step #3: Distribution of drought lengths
- Step #4: Distribution of the longest yearly droughts
- Step #5: Distribution of the time of occurrence of the second drought
- Step #6: Distribution of the time of occurrence of the largest drought

## Example double exponential cumulative distribution of the longest drought at given station



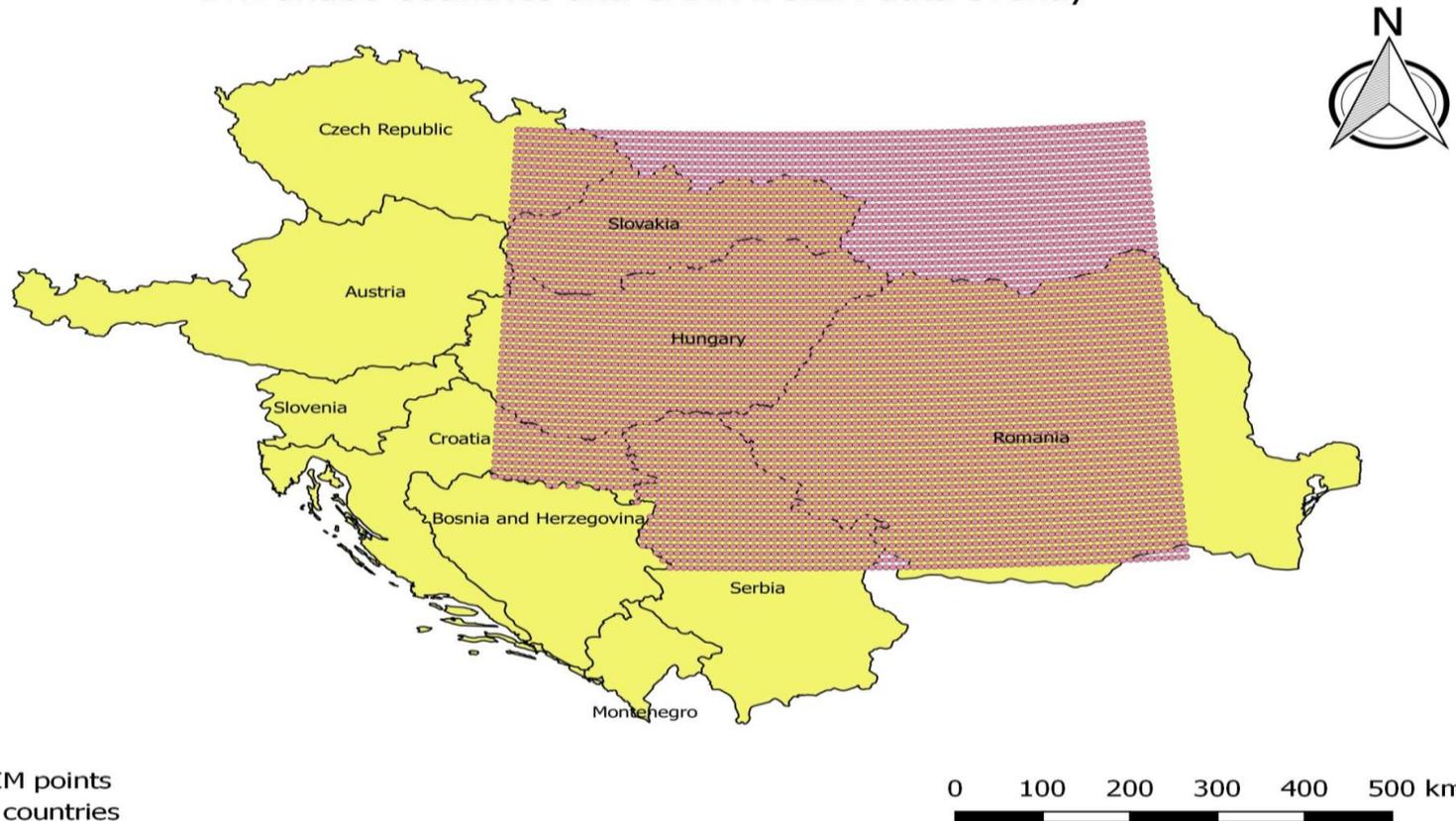
Example: longest yearly drought duration of 40 days has 10 years return period



# **RAINLESS PERIODS (DROUGHTS) in DRIDANUBE COUNTRIES**

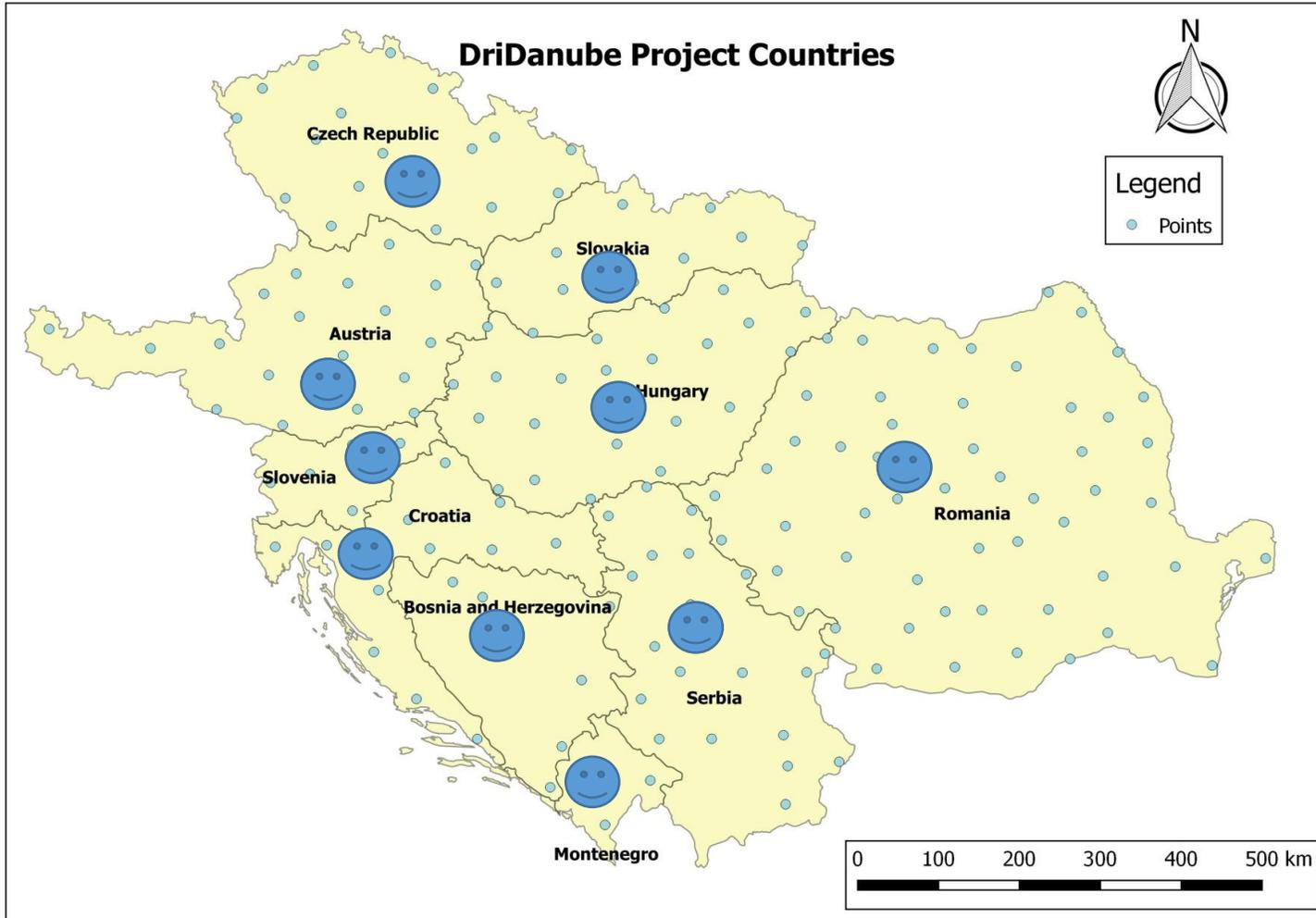
FOR RETURN PERIODS OF  
**100, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 2 years**

### DriDanube Countries and CARPATCLIM data overlay



Grided and observed data are used to compute durations of longest rainless periods with 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, and 2 years return period for all partner countries (total of 170 locations used and mapped)

# Representative locations for all partner countries



Daily rainfall data (1981-2010).

Partner country	Number of points	Source of daily rainfall data
Austria	19	HISTALP
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	DanubeClim
Czech Republic	17	Missing information
Croatia	12	Observed data
Hungary	22	CarpatClim + DanubeClim
Montenegro	4	DanubeClim
Romania	43	CarpatClim
Serbia	20	CarpatClim + DanubeClim
Slovakia	22	CarpatClim
Slovenia	5	Observed data

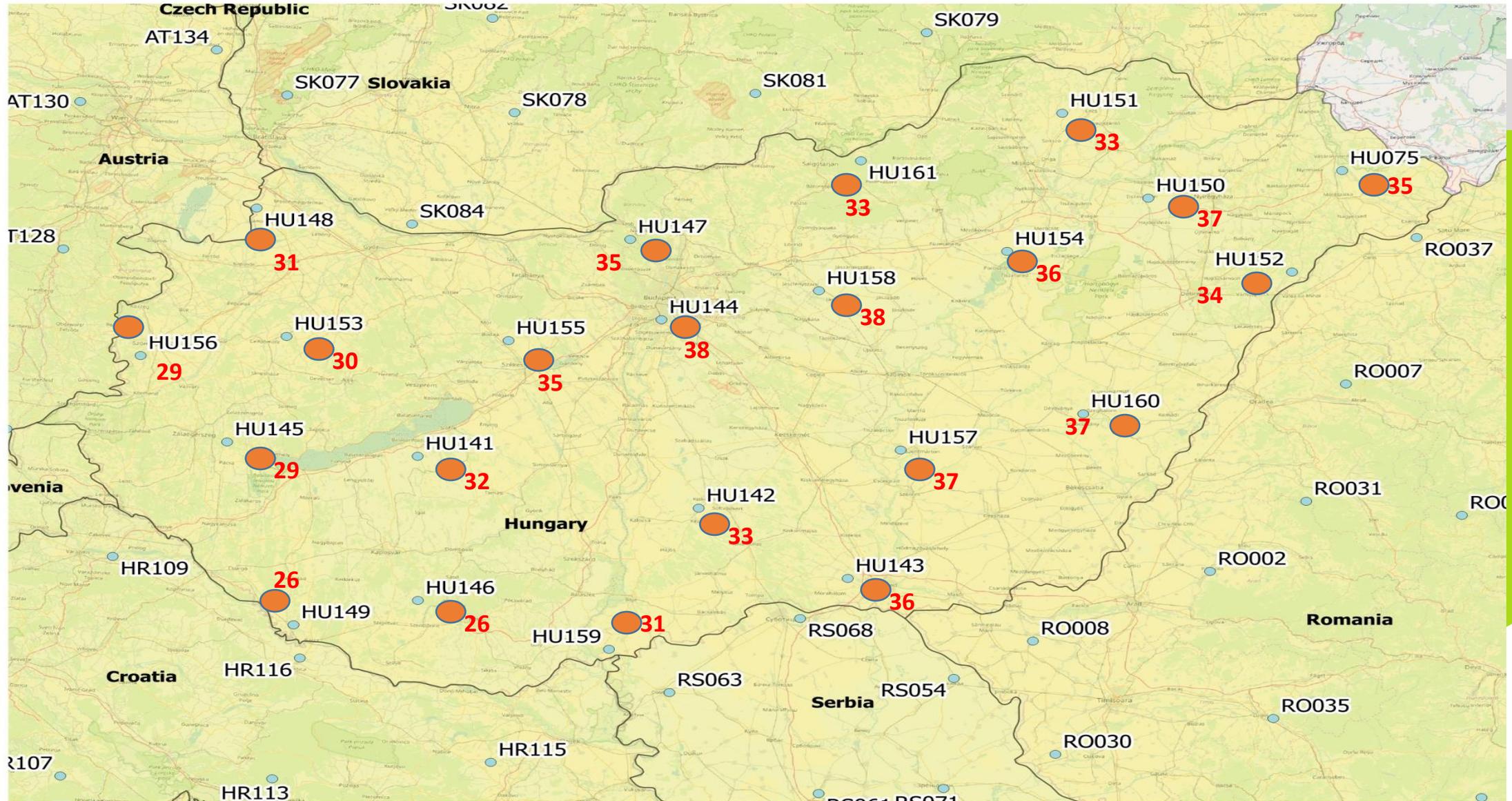
# HUNGARY





# HUNGARY RAINLESS PERIODS (duration in days)

Return period **T = 5** (years)



# Output data for locations in Hungary

## History

### Z-T Method

### Number of RP

### Longest RP

### Day in the year

Average sum of rainfall during veg season

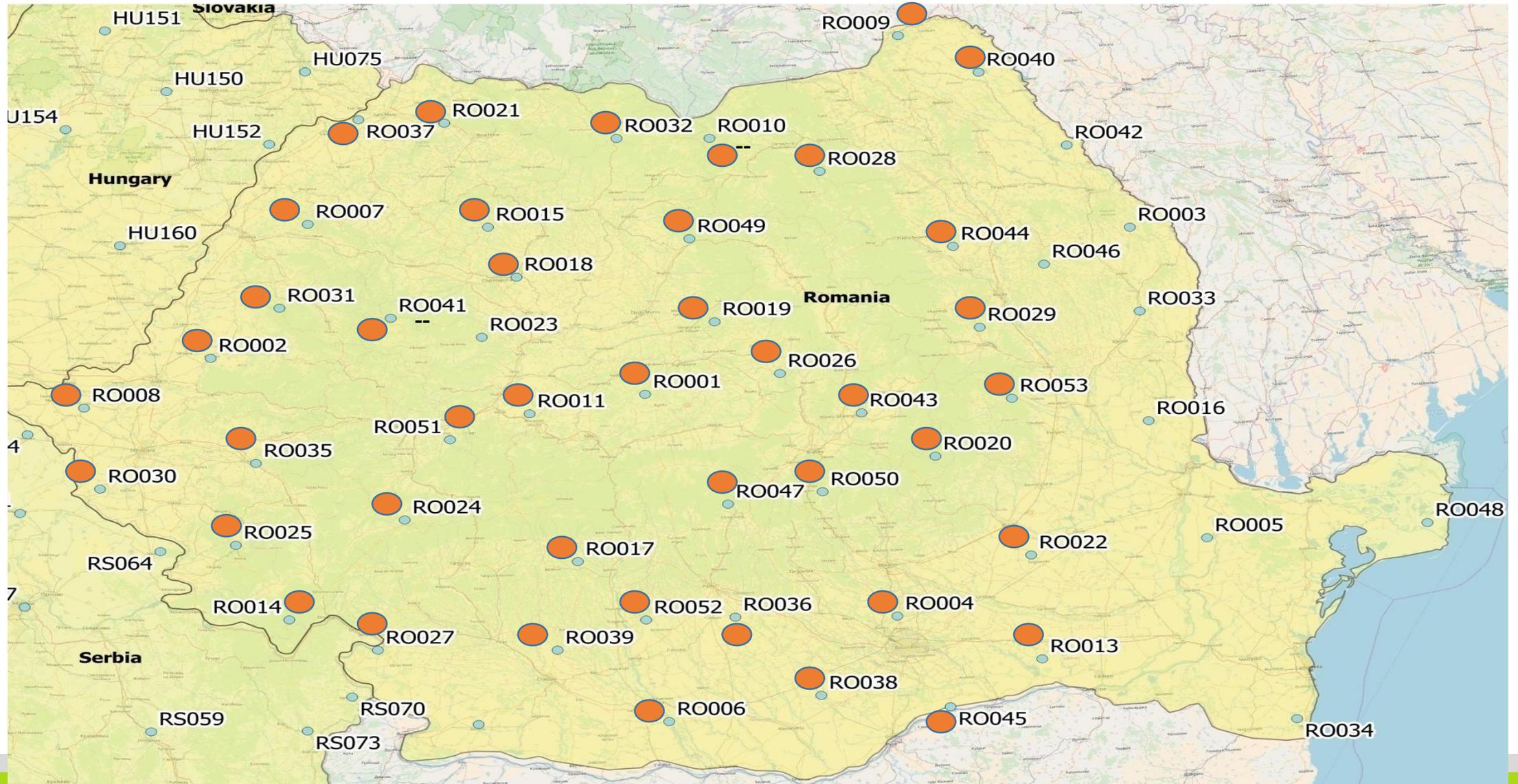
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HU142	Hungary	58	52	45	39	33	24	34	43	1984	1008	2109	109	244	330.8
HU143	Hungary	64	58	49	43	36	26	40	52	1993	1604	606	1205	132	326.1
HU144	Hungary	70	62	53	46	38	26	38	60	2009	104	3005	105	121	310.3
HU145	Hungary	50	45	39	34	29	21	23	41	2001	2004	3005	1105	131	404.4
HU146	Hungary	42	38	34	30	26	21	24	33	2007	104	305	1804	108	395.3
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HU154	Hungary	64	57	49	42	36	26	39	52	1993	1604	606	1205	132	311.4
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HU161	Hungary	59	53	45	39	33	24	34	56	2009	104	2605	2904	119	388.9
AVERAGE		58	53	45	39	33	24	32	49					156	354
MAX		70	62	53	46	38	27	43	60					244	427.5
MIN		42	38	34	30	26	20	19	33					108	310.3

Budapest

**Tau=156**  
**corresponds to**  
**June 5th**  
**(ave mid day)**  
**RP= 10.05.-30.06.**

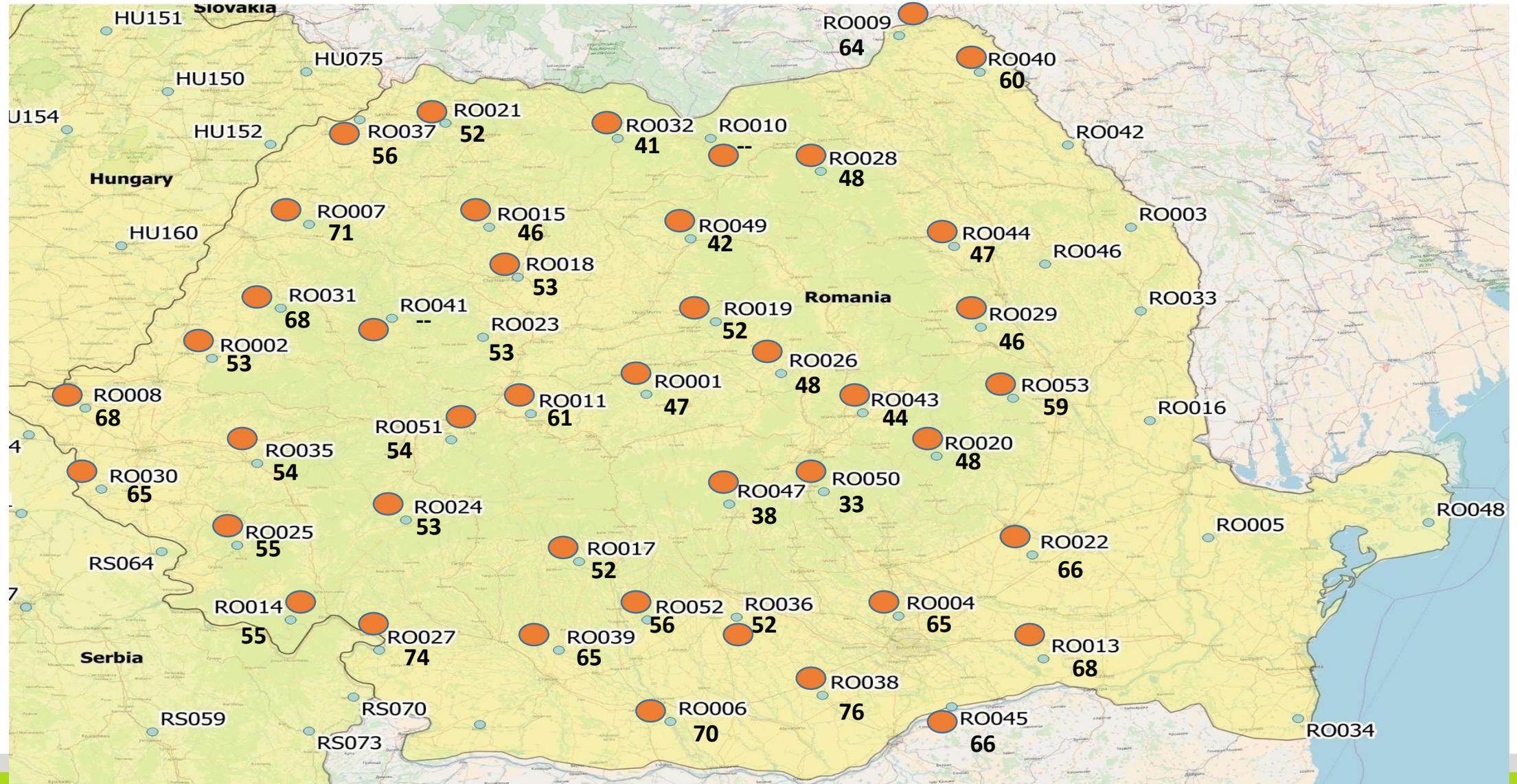
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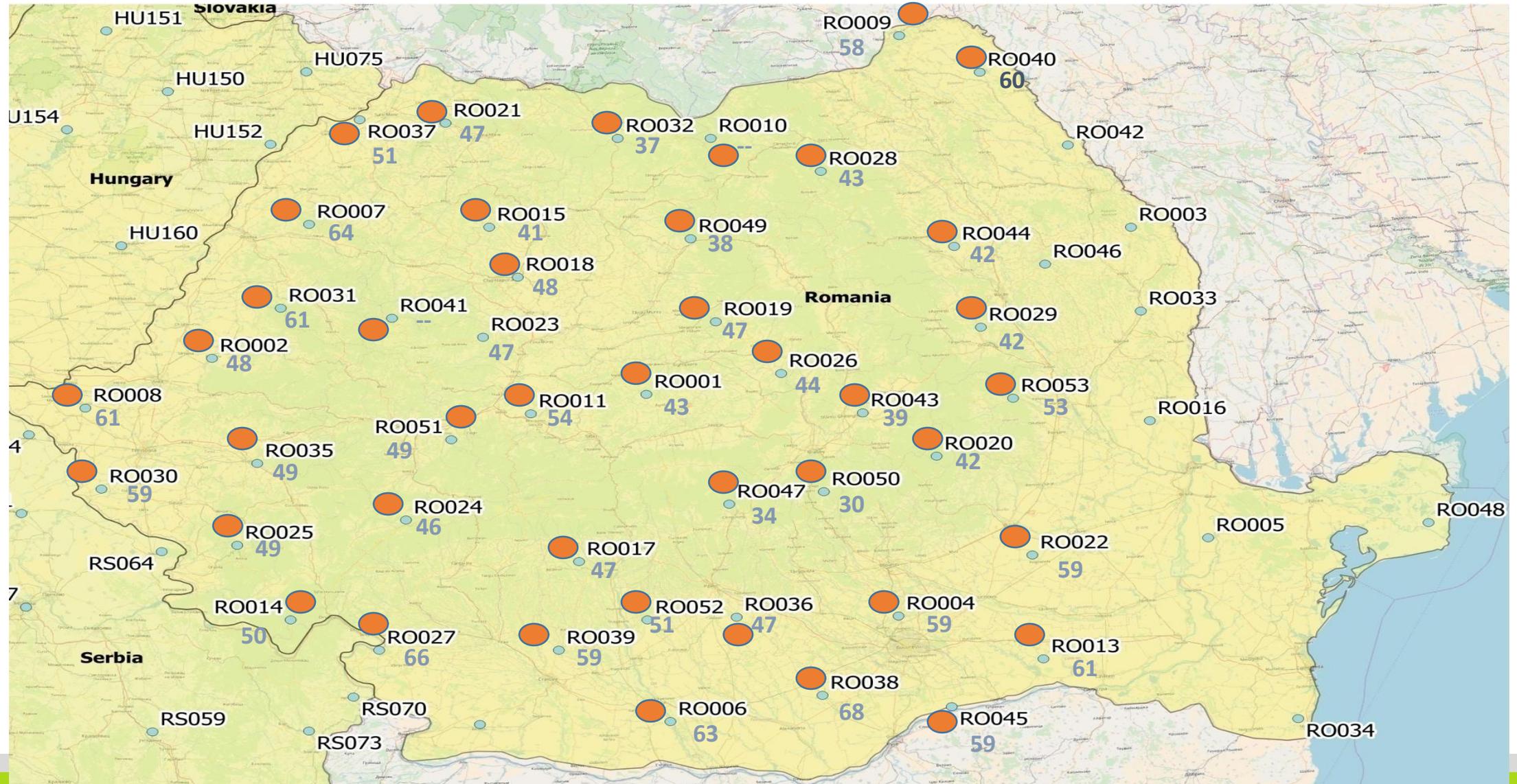
RAINFALL PERIODS (duration in days)  
Return period  $T = 100$  (years)



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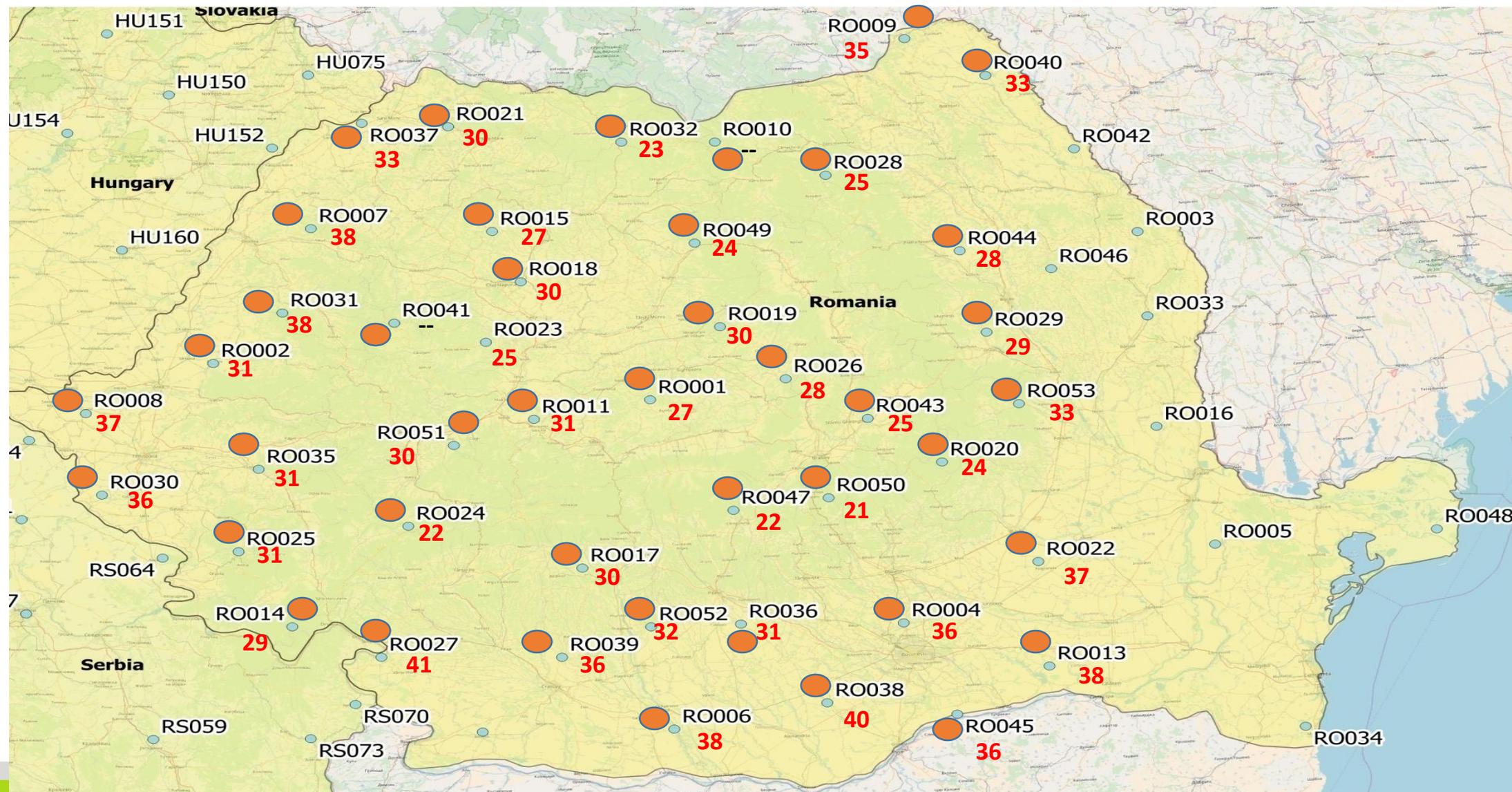
RAINGLESS PERIODS (duration in days)

Return period  $T = 50$  (years)



# ROMANIA RAINLESS PERIODS (duration in days)

Return period **T = 5** (years)



**Interpretations**

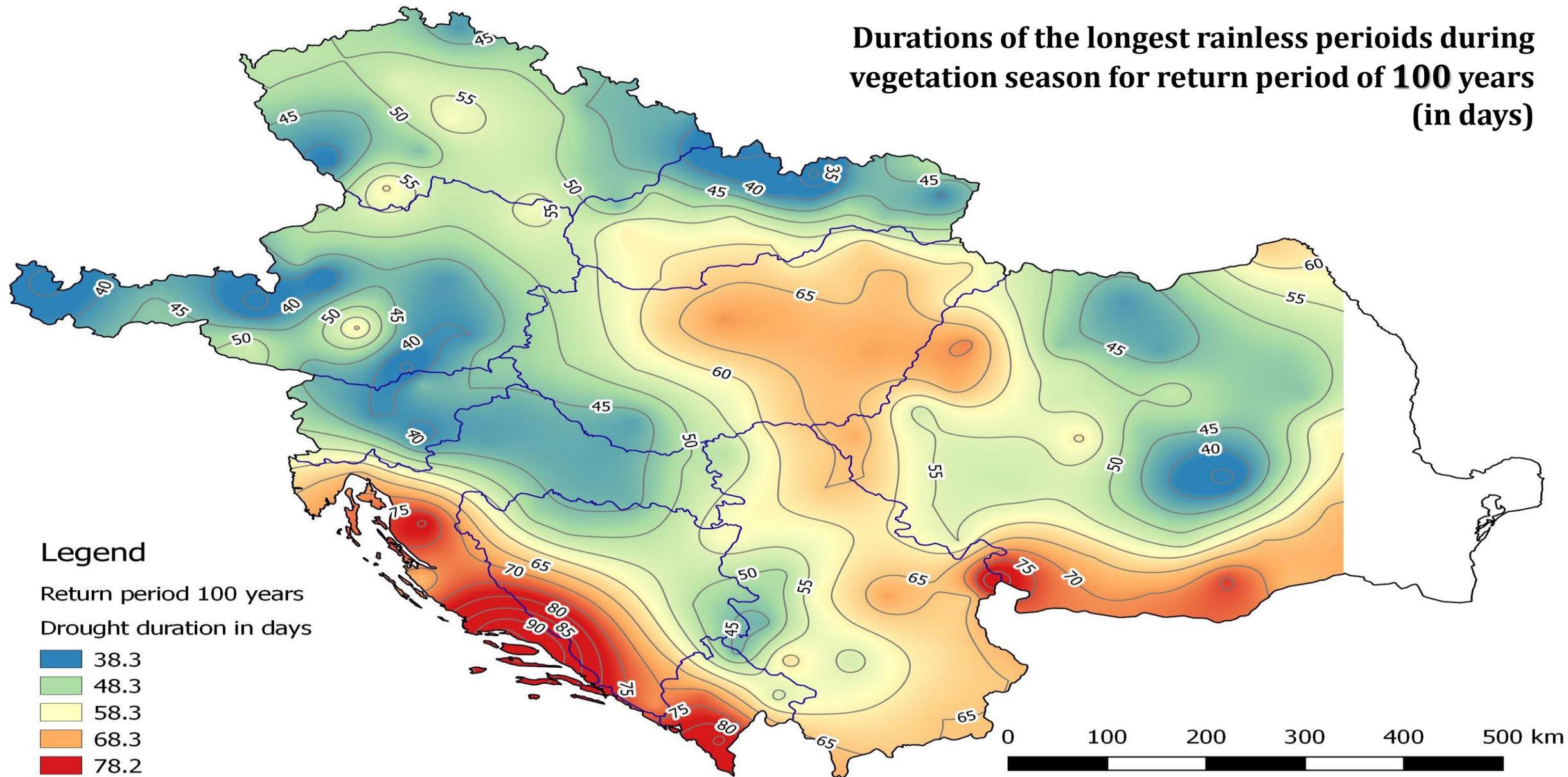
**Interpolations**

**Mapping – CONNECTION WITH DUS**

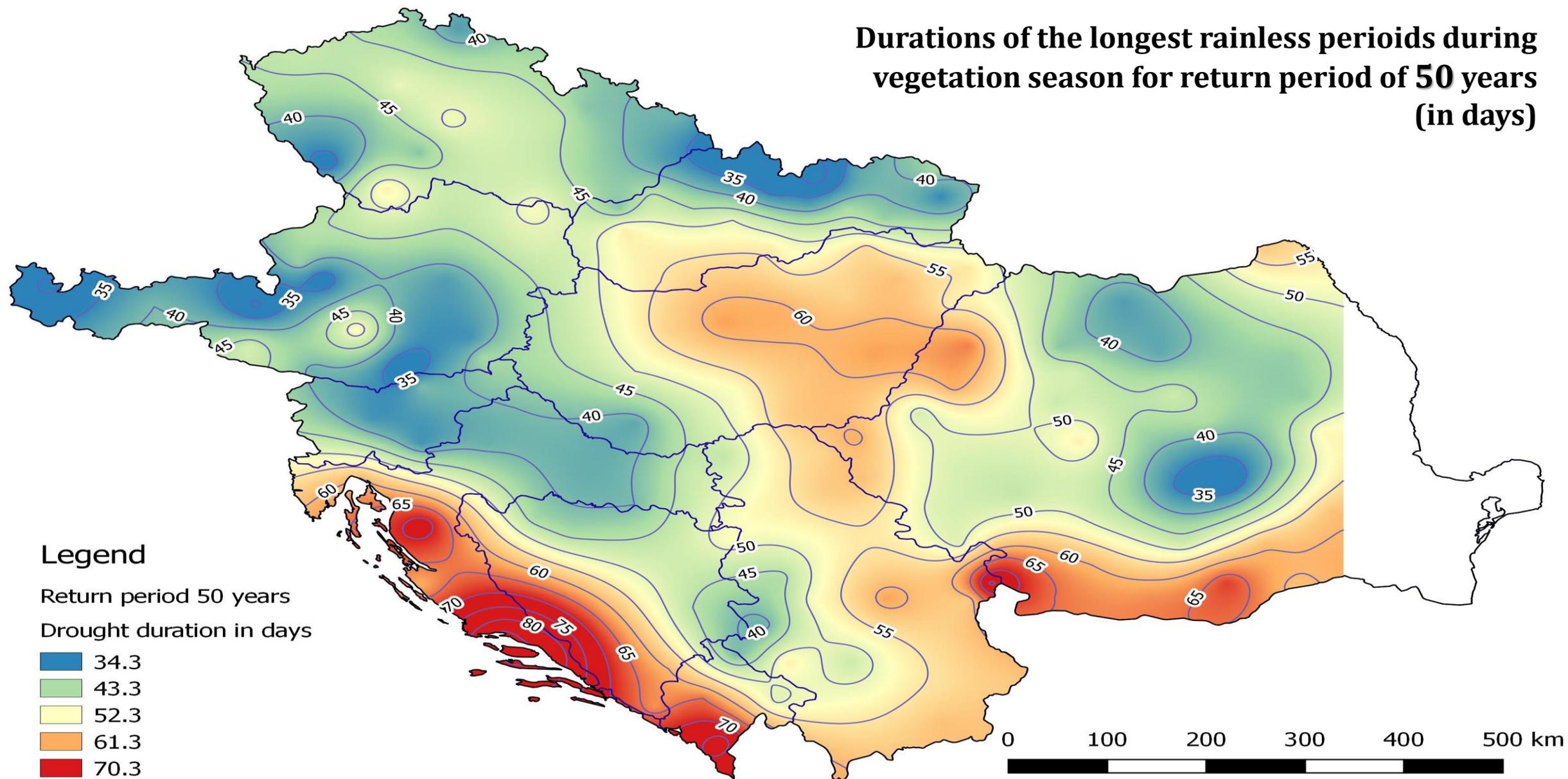
# Interpolations and Mapping

**... OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE STOCHASTIC ANALYSIS OF  
EXTREME RAINLESS PERIODS (DROUGHTS) IN THE DRIDANUBE  
COUNTRIES**

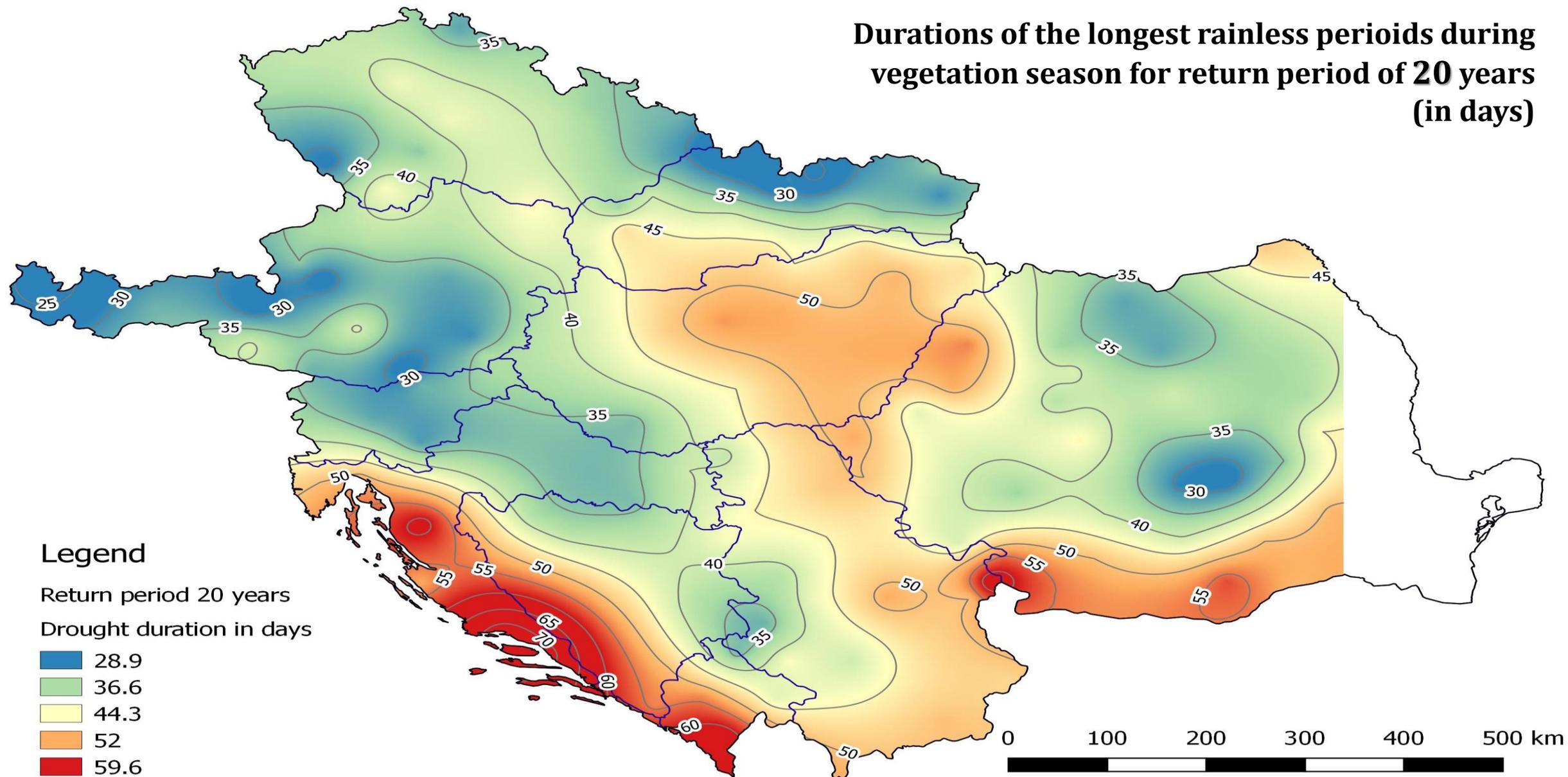
## Durations of the longest rainless periods during vegetation season for return period of 100 years (in days)



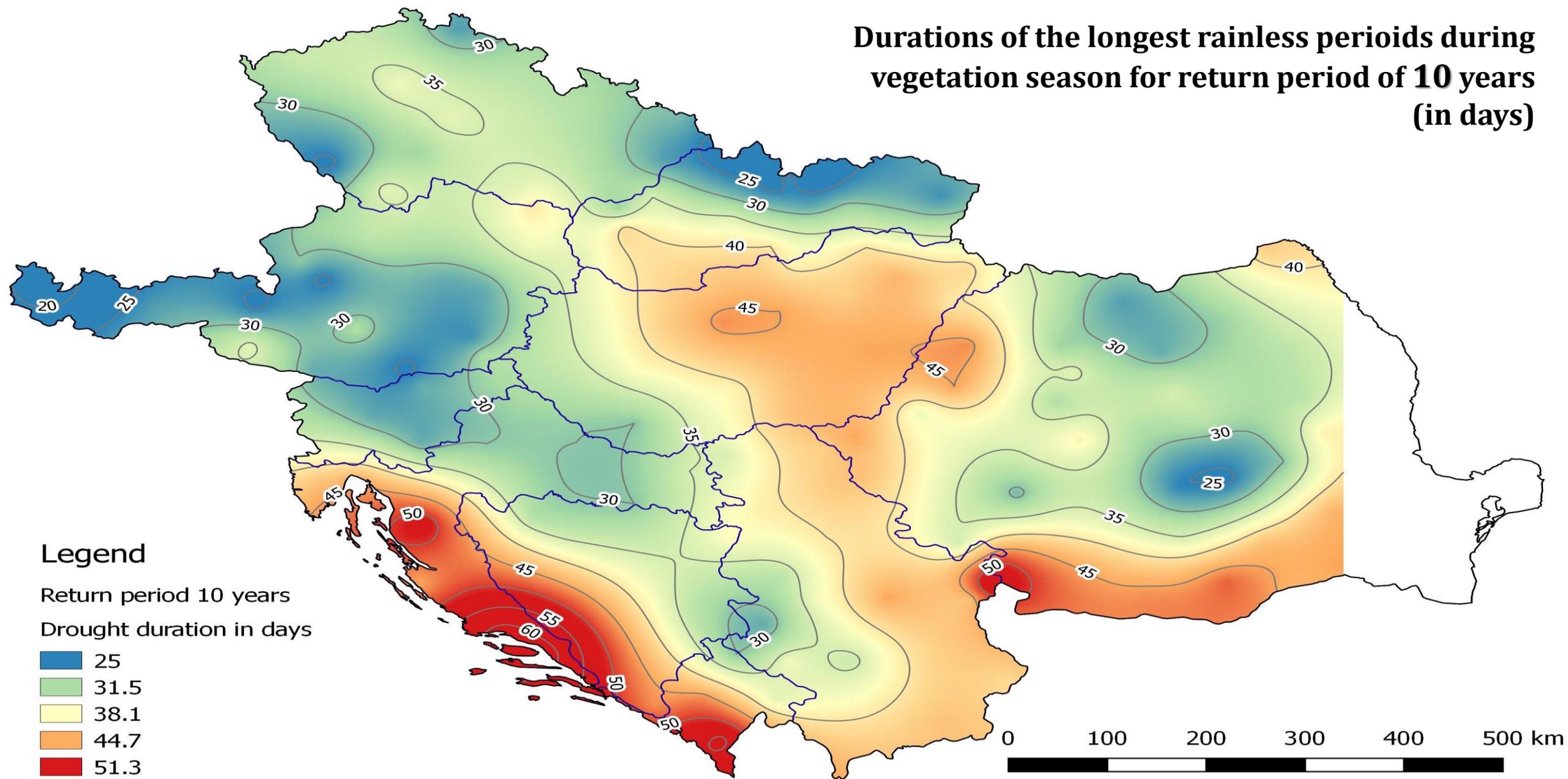
## Durations of the longest rainless periods during vegetation season for return period of 50 years (in days)



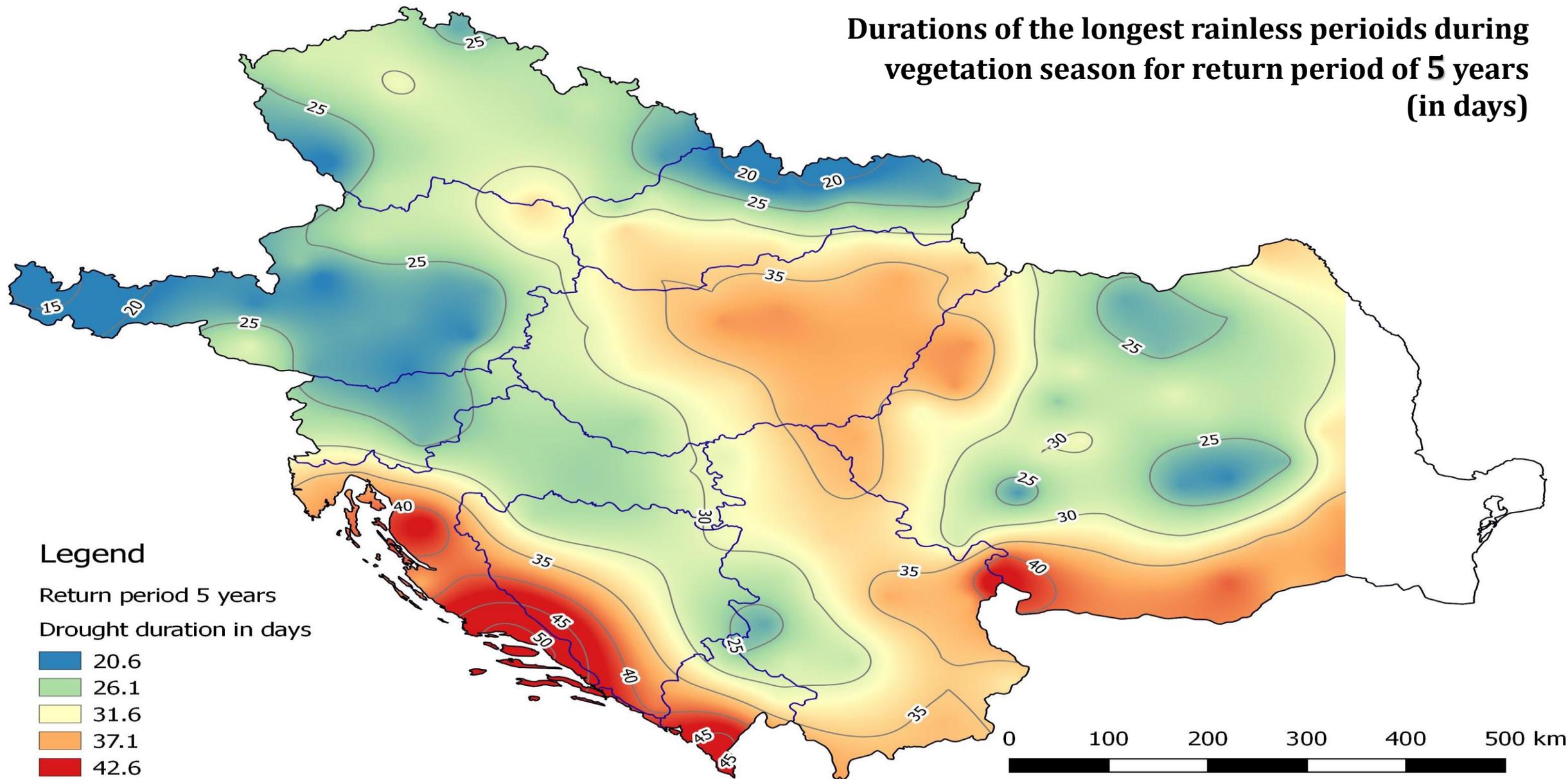
## Durations of the longest rainless periods during vegetation season for return period of 20 years (in days)



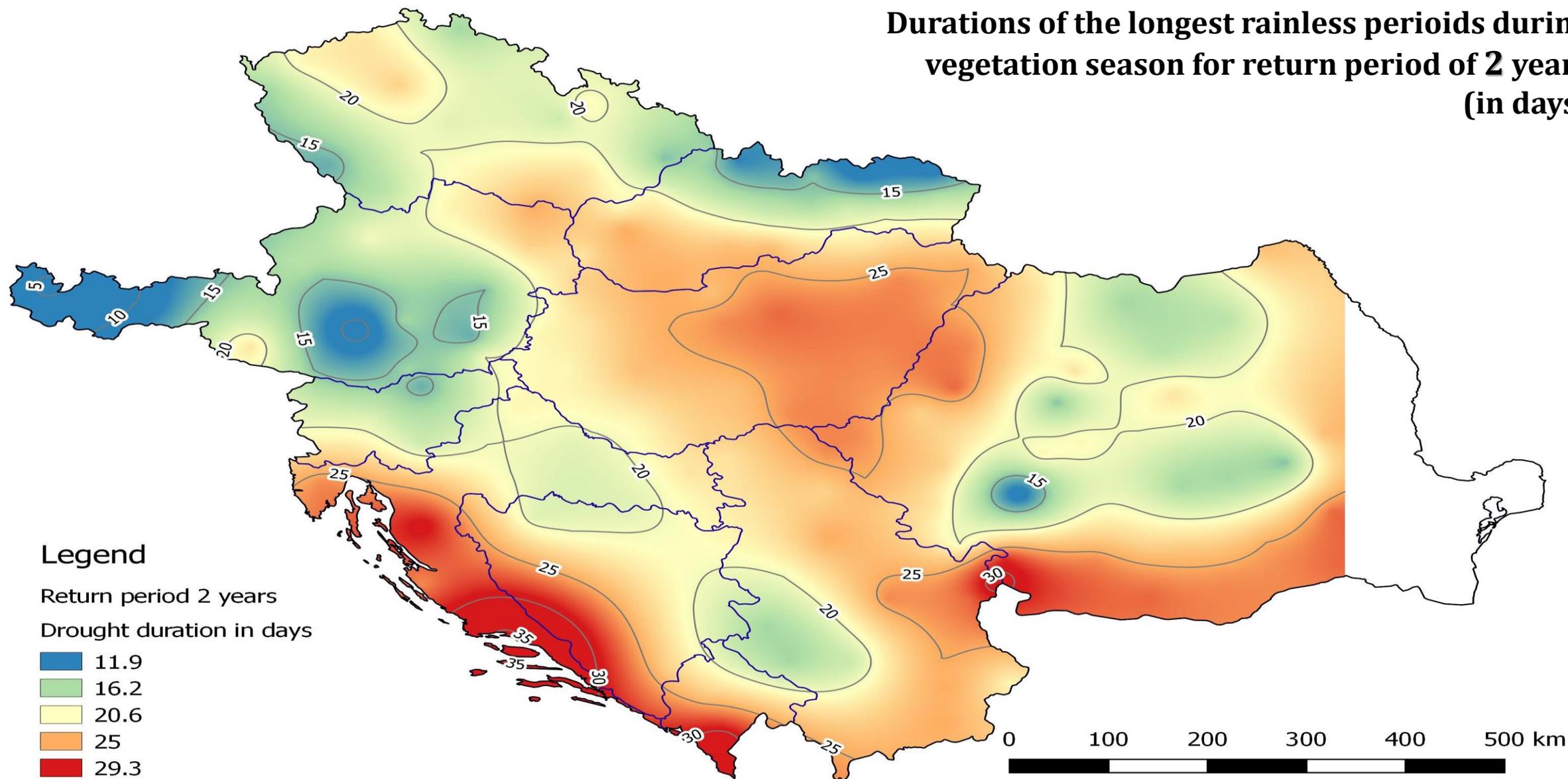
## Durations of the longest rainless periods during vegetation season for return period of 10 years (in days)



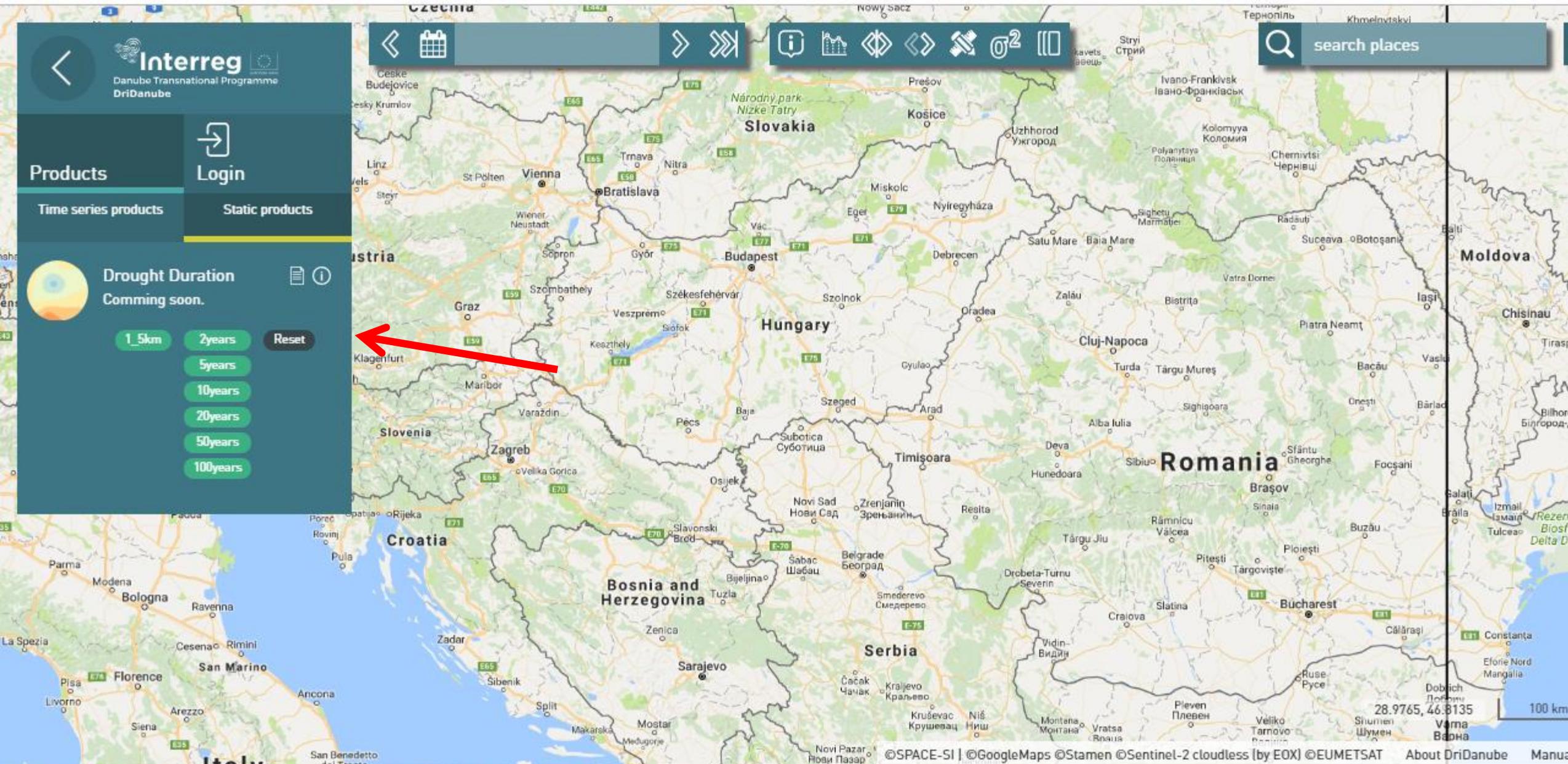
## Durations of the longest rainless periods during vegetation season for return period of 5 years (in days)



## Durations of the longest rainless periods during vegetation season for return period of 2 years (in days)



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5years

10years

20years

50years

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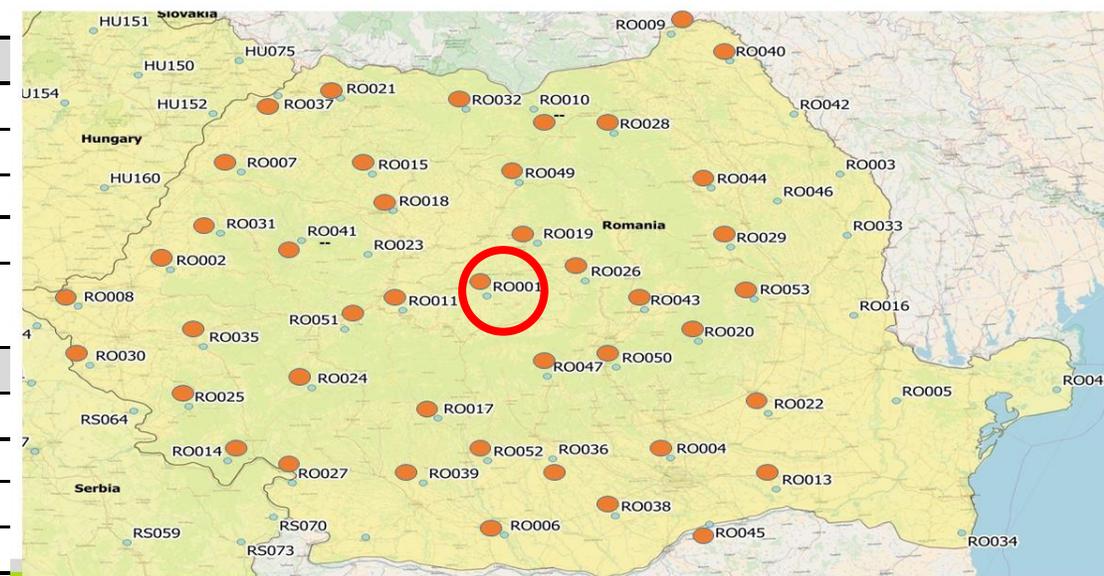
## 3 tables can be opened

IDENTIFICATION DATA	Example
Point identification	RO001
Country	Romania
Position (Longitude/Latitude)	24.52835/46.04163
Place (Closest known geographical location)	

ROMANIA

DATA FOR HISTORICAL PERIOD (30 years: 1981-2010)	Example
Total number of droughts	21
Average number of droughts per year	0.70
Duration of the longest rainless period / Year of occurrence	39 / 2009
Starting, ending and middle date of the longest rainless period	03/04 ; 11/05; 23/04

RETURN PERIODS OF LONGEST RAINLESS PERIODS	DURATION IN DAYS
Once in 100 years	47
Once in 50 years	43
Once in 20 years	37
Once in 10 years	32
Once in 5 years	27
Once in 2 years	20



*Example is given for location RO001 in Romania*

Thank you !