



# Building a Climate indices dataset for climate change impacts assessment using EGI-ACE EOSC resources

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#### Climate data distribution

- Climate data is distributed using the Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF)
- Data Nodes interface is not straightforward to use for non-expert users
- Available variables are "raw" output from climate models: temperature, humidity, precipitation, ...
- Daily, monthly, ... frequencies



ESGF represents a multinational effort to securely access, monitor, catalog, transport, and distribute reference data for climate research experiments and observations.



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# Gap between Users needs and available data

- Often significant gaps between distributed datasets and users' needs:
  - Assessing climate change anomalies
  - Evaluating climate extremes
  - Understanding climate change impacts

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In the future climate compared to now

- Users' Stories examples
  - Will there be more droughts in northeast Spain?
  - How likely landslides will occur in this mountainous valley?
  - Which region in my Europe will see the greatest change in heatwave intensity and occurrence?





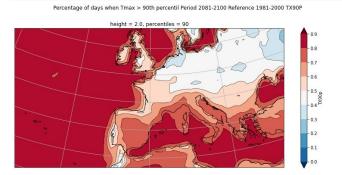




#### What is a climate index

- A Climate Index is derived from basic climate variables such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, wind, ...
  - Warm days (days with mean temperature > 90th percentile of daily mean temperature) - TG90p
  - Summer days (days with max temperature ≥ 25 °C) SU

- Most of Climate Indices are standardized within the international community
  - ETCCDI, ECA&D, ET-SCI, ...











#### What is a climate index











### icclim: a flexible tool, but still

- Tool: icclim, an open source python software package to calculate climate indices
- Simple and flexible API and interface, fast processing
- Difficult for users to process a sufficient numbers of climate projections to calculate those climate indices
  - Assess Uncertainties
  - Explore several Greenhouse Gas Emission Scenarios
  - Impossibility to download all required input data
  - Even with all data available, very time consuming and complex to calculate all what's needed









# **Project**

- Pre-generate 50 standard climate indices
  - CMIP6 (most common experiments used)
  - +ERA5
  - +CORDEX
  - +CMIP5...
- Core set of simulations
  - All: climate models, greenhouse gas scenarios (aka SSPs...), ensemble members, versions
  - Daily time frequency



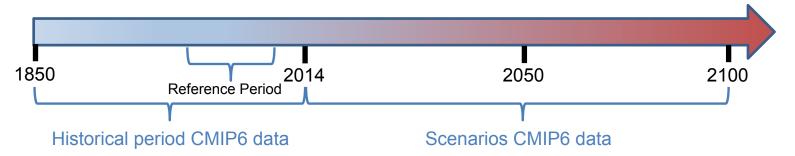






#### Choices to be made

- Reference period for percentiles
  - 1981-2010 (within historical period of climate simulations 1850-2014)



- Standard thresholds of standard indices
  - Example: Summer day is a day with maximum temperature ≥ 25°C







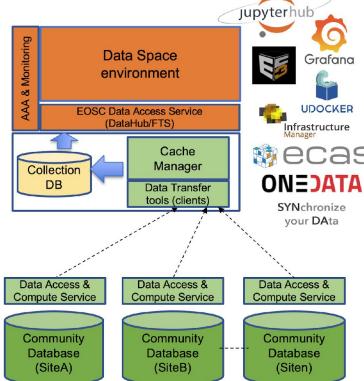
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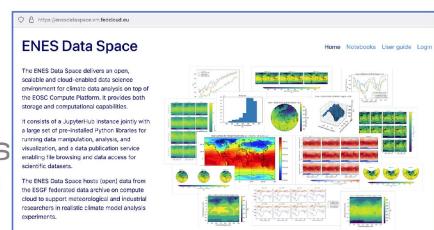














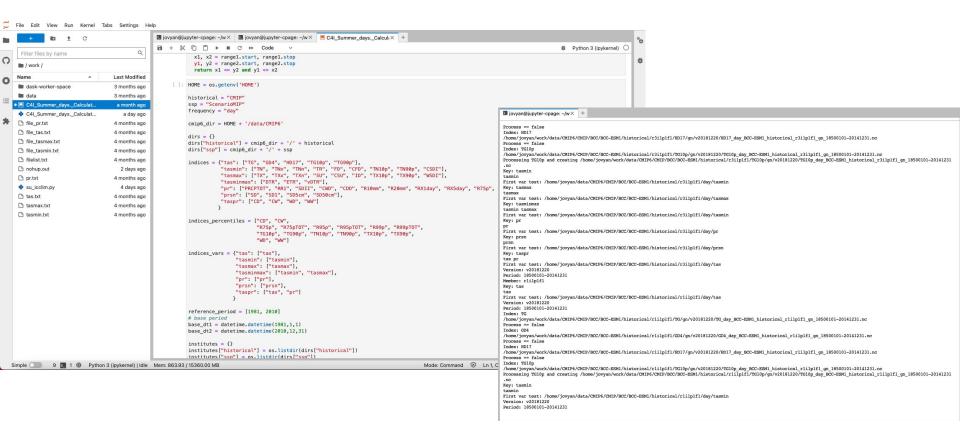






# **Running on EGI-ACE resources**









#### **Timeline**



- Delays in initial planning
  - Delay in starting the action
  - Several Technical adjustments and Support actions in August (thanks CMCC!)
  - Complex processing script (parsing proper datafiles)
  - September extremely busy (project on hold)
- Current actions
  - Small adjustments to script
  - Not optimized: significant time to aggregate input files as xarray datasets and some pre-processing
  - Calculations in progress







#### **Timeline**





- Future actions
  - Validate calculations (end of 2022 beginning of 2023)
  - Decide on where to store database permanently
    - NetCDF, zarr, Commercial and Public Clouds, ...
  - Make it accessible within the IS-ENES C4I platform
  - Use database to support Horizon Europe interTwin project
  - Disseminate information about this climate indices database
- Possible extensions
  - ERA5, and other re-analyses
  - CORDEX
  - CMIP5
  - CMIP7, Future CORDEX...







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