

O Desafio da Alterações Climáticas no Setor dos Recursos Hídricos em Portugal

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**Planeamento dos recursos hídricos no
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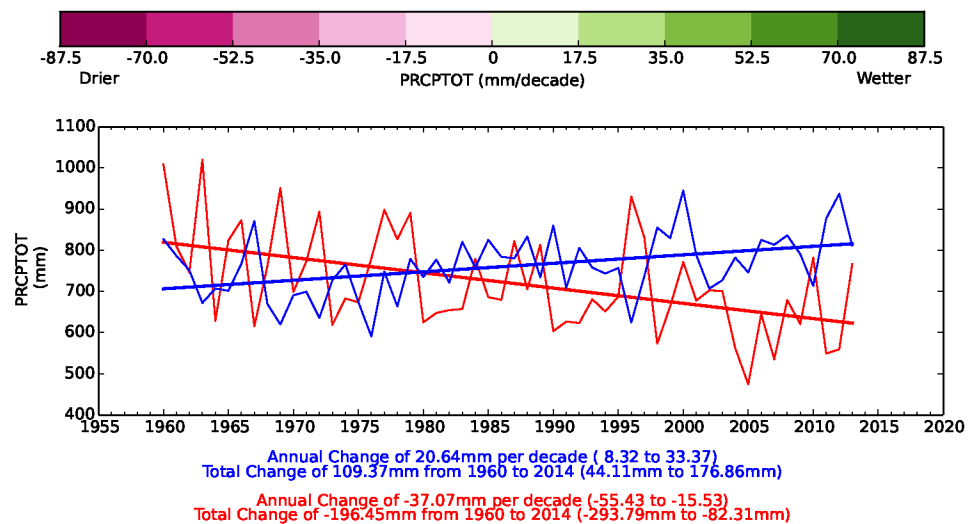
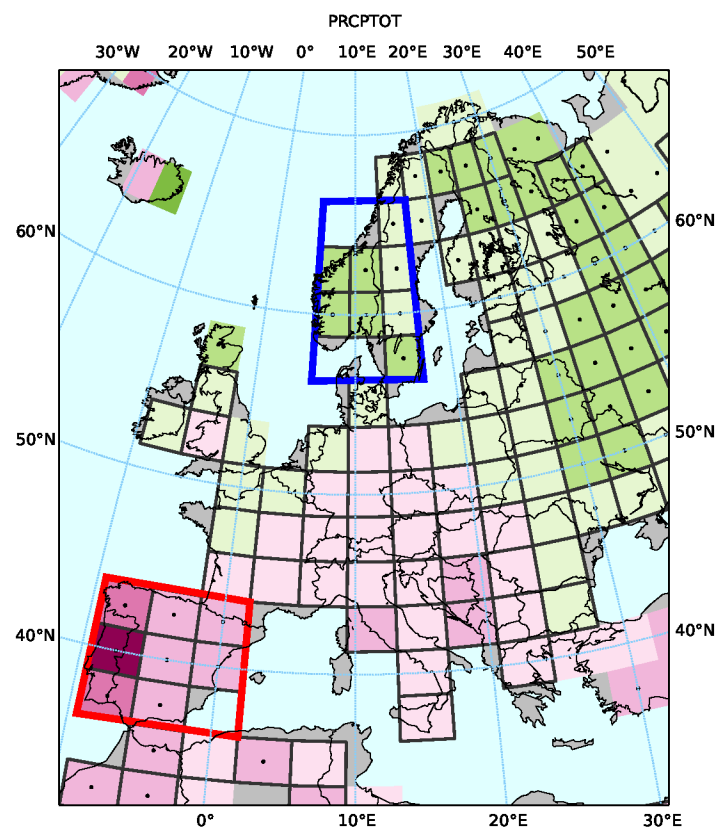
Lisboa, 10 de Março, 2015

Precipitação observada na Europa 1960 - 2014

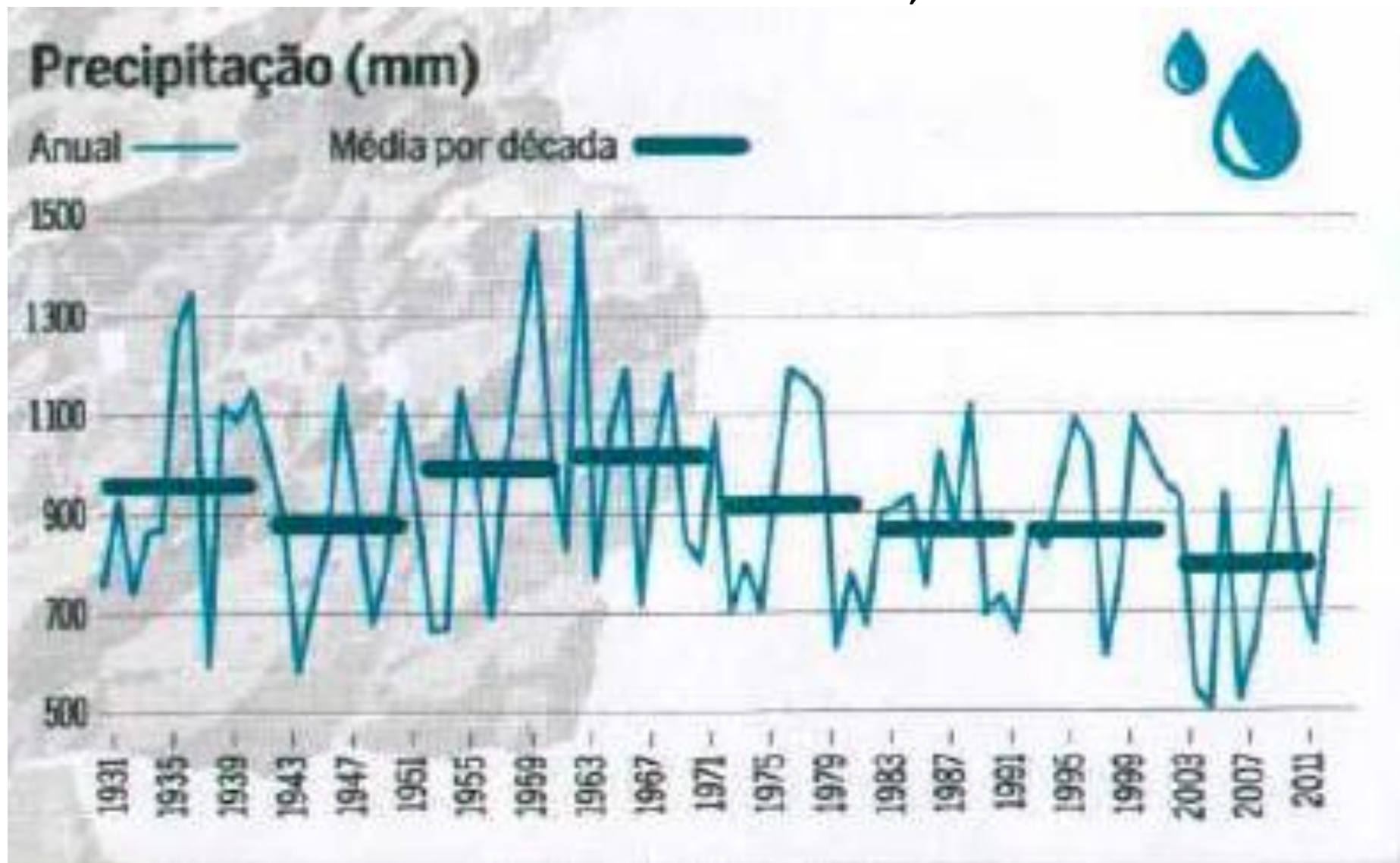
Aumento da precipitação anual na Escandinávia: 20.64mm por década

Diminuição da Precipitação anual na Península Ibérica:
-37.07mm por década
-196.45mm (-293.79 mm a -82.31mm)

EEA Report, 2012



Fonte, IPMA



Variação decadal da precipitação em Portugal Continental

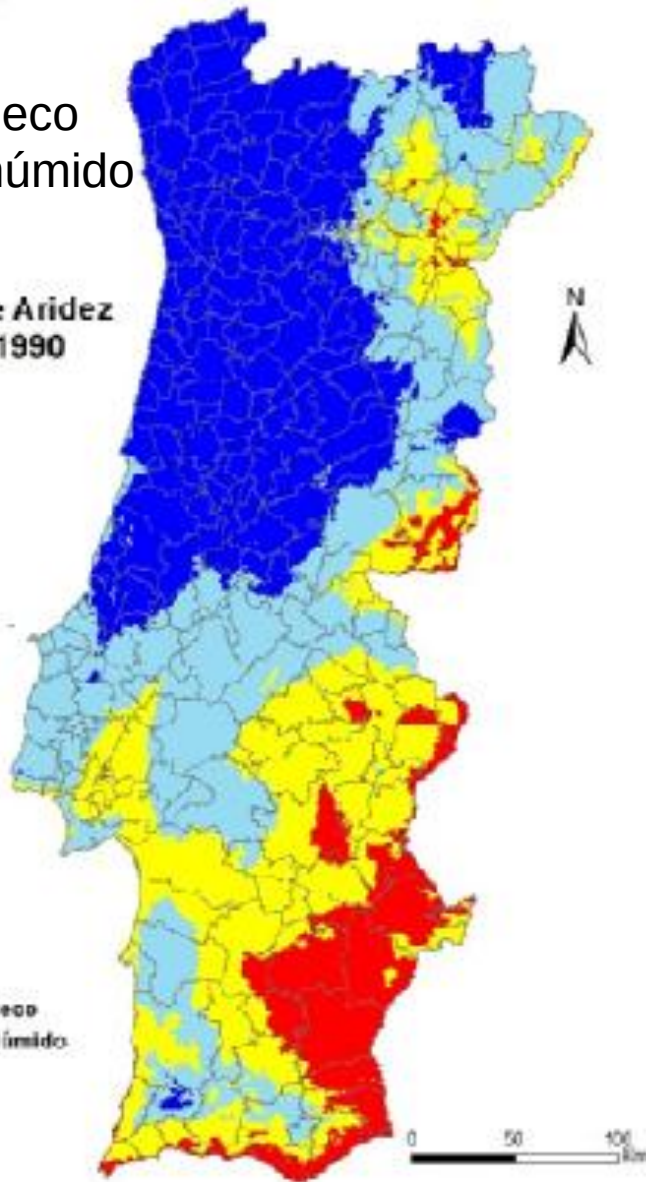
Evolução do Índice de Aridez em Portugal continental nos últimos 50 anos

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Subhúmido seco
Subhúmido húmido
Húmido

Índice de Aridez
1960/1990

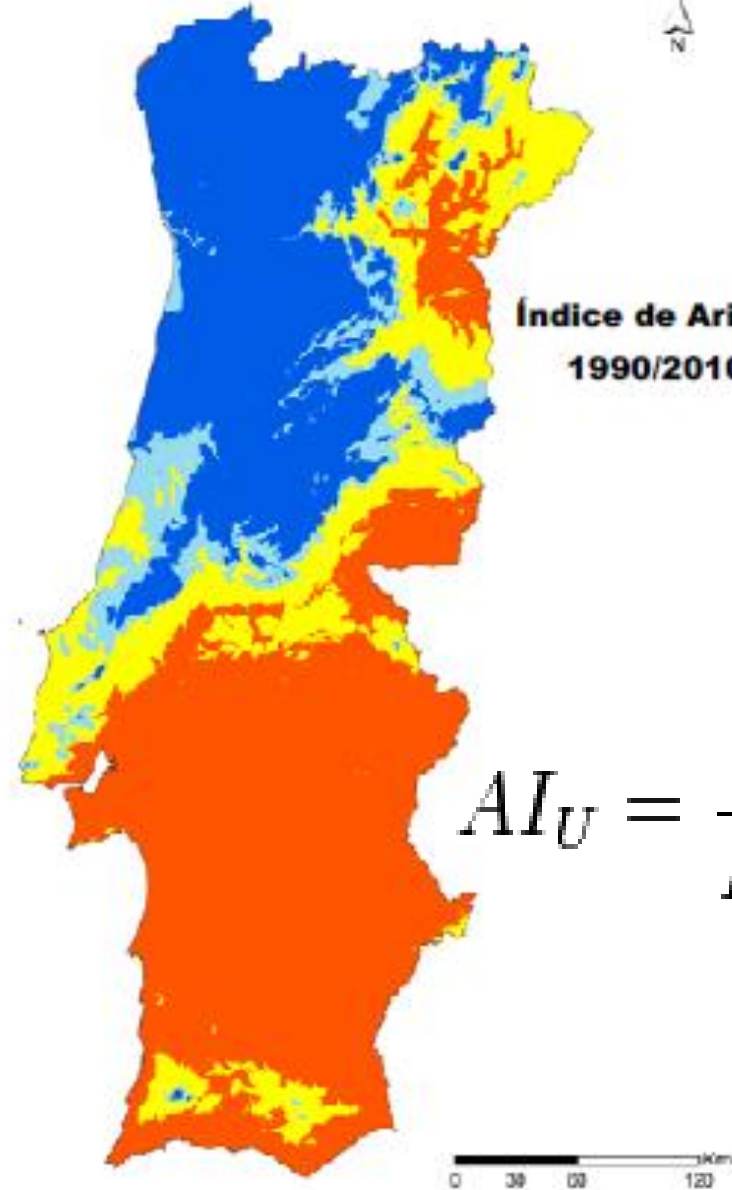
IGClima
1960/90

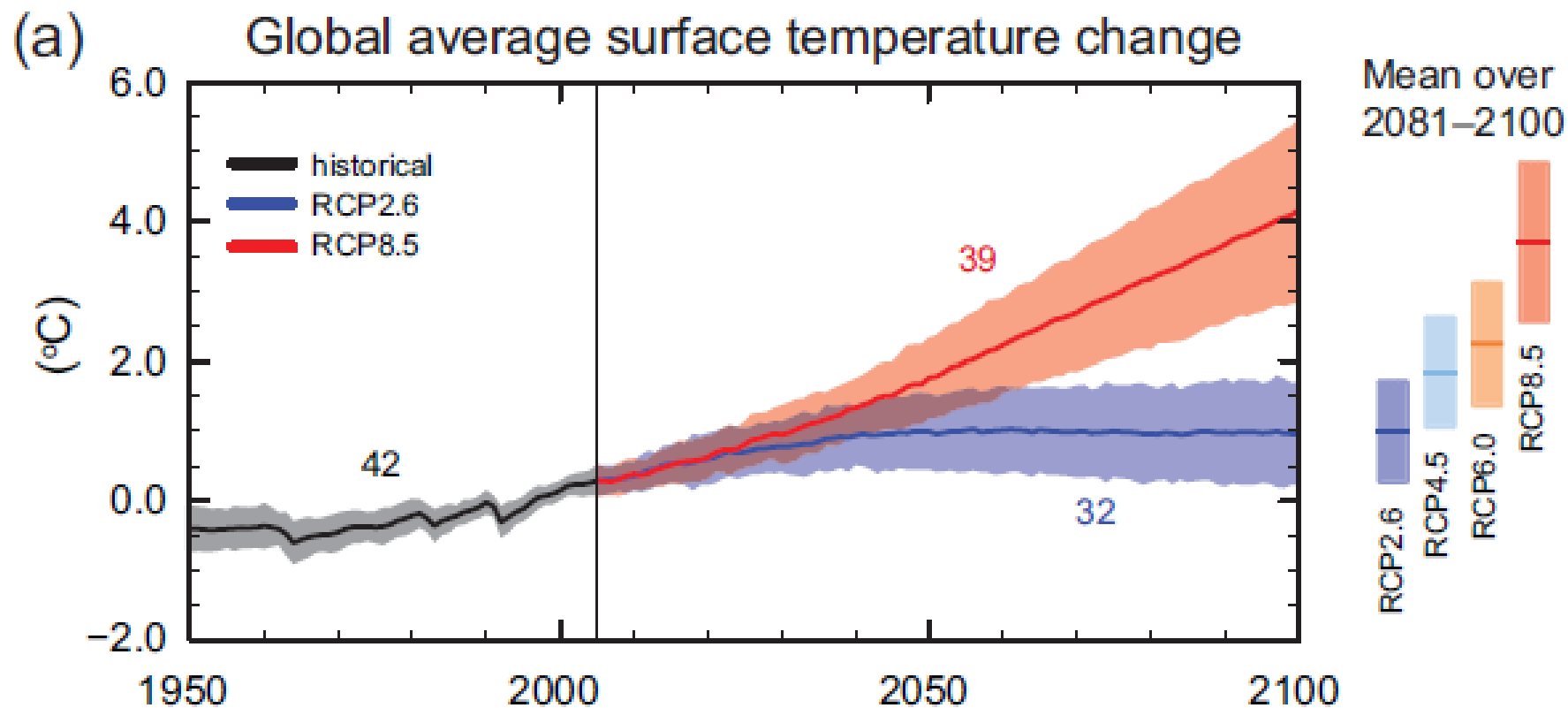
- Semi-árido
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Índice de Aridez
1990/2010

$$AI_U = \frac{P}{PET}$$





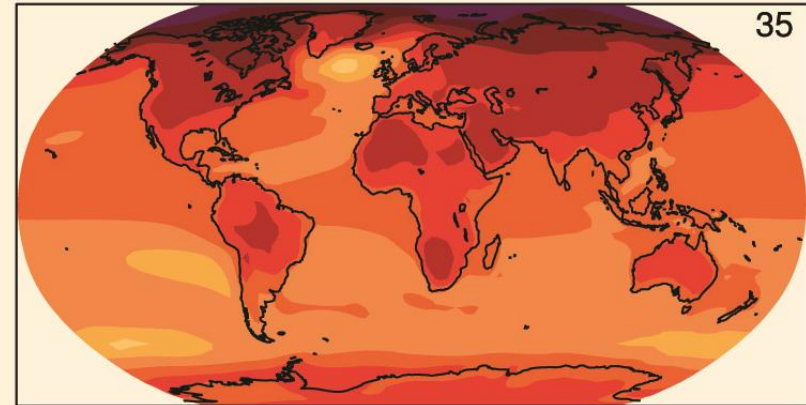
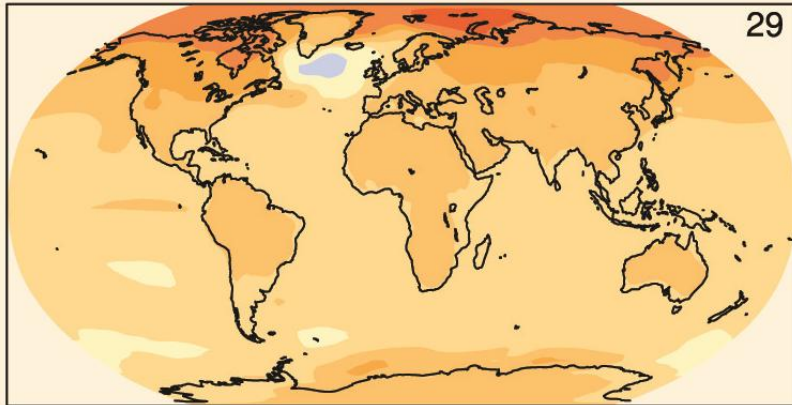
IPCC, 2014

RCP 2.6

RCP 8.5

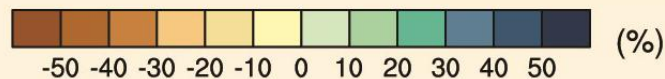
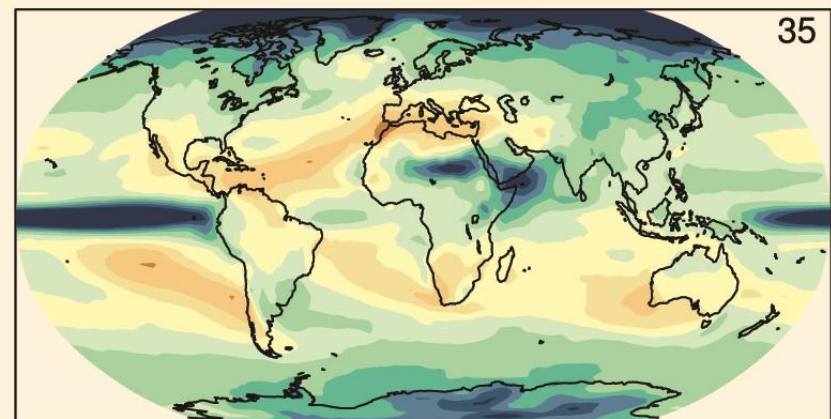
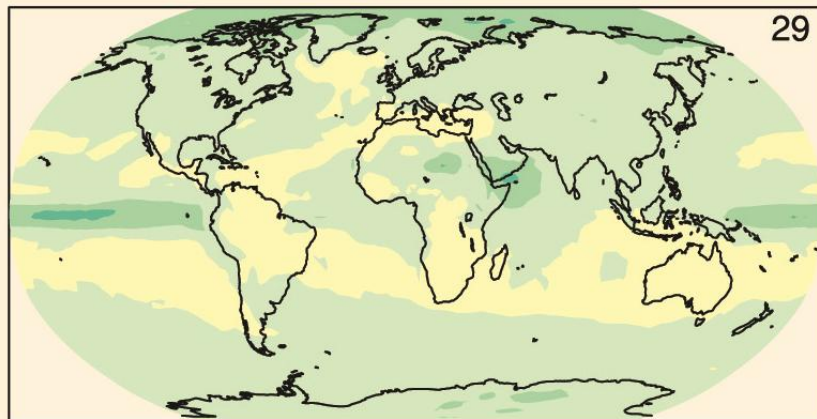
Change in average surface air temperature (1986 - 2005 to 2081 - 2100)

a)



b)

Change in average precipitation (1986 - 2005 to 2081 - 2100)



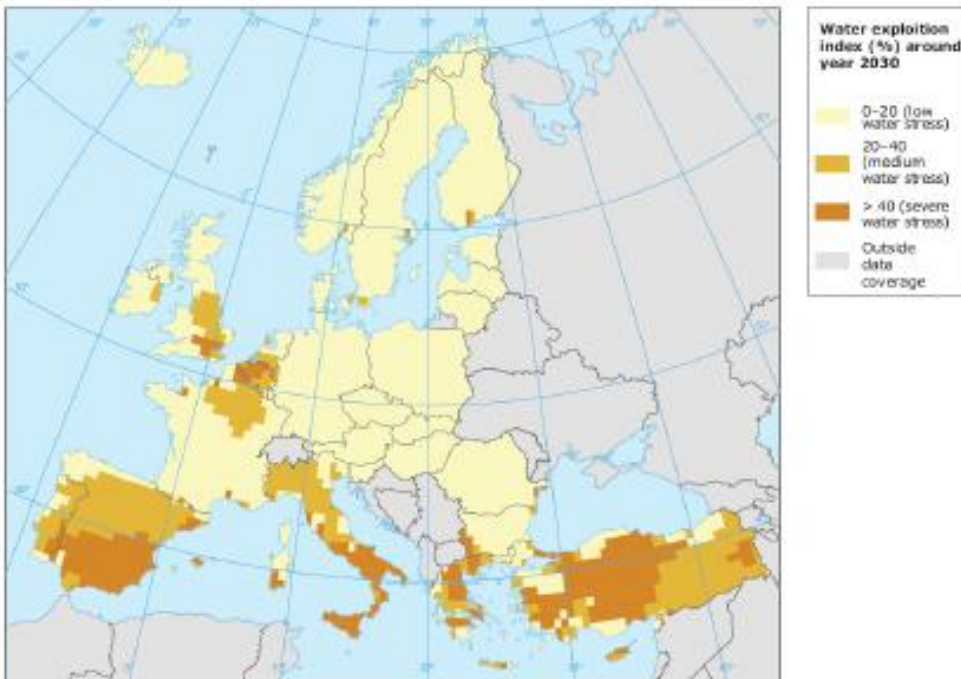
A tale of two Europes

Source: EEA

One threatened by drought

One threatened by floods

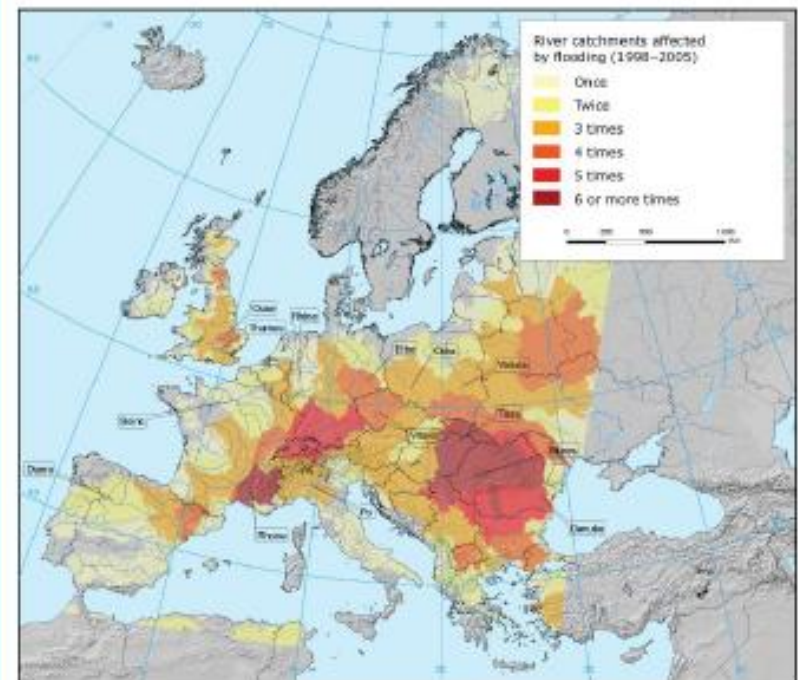
Figure 1.4 Water stress in European river basins under a base-line scenario by 2030



Note: The water exploitation index is the percentage of available water resource abstracted each year.

Source: EEA, 2005b.

Figure 1.3 Recurrence of flood events in Europe between 1998 and 2005

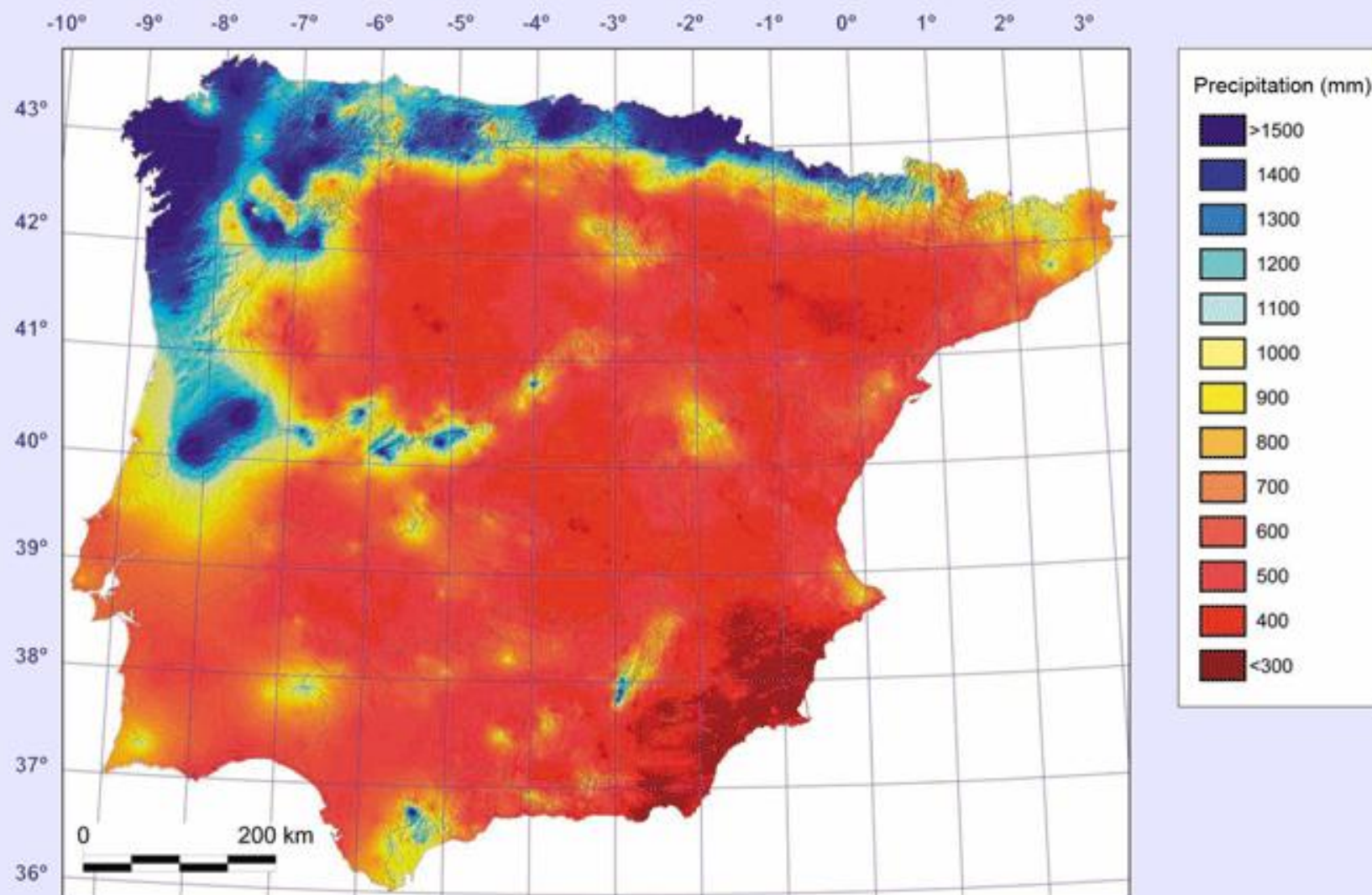


Source: EEA, based on data from Dartmouth Flood Observatory.

Water exploitation index (%) around 2030

River catchments affected by floods
1998-2005

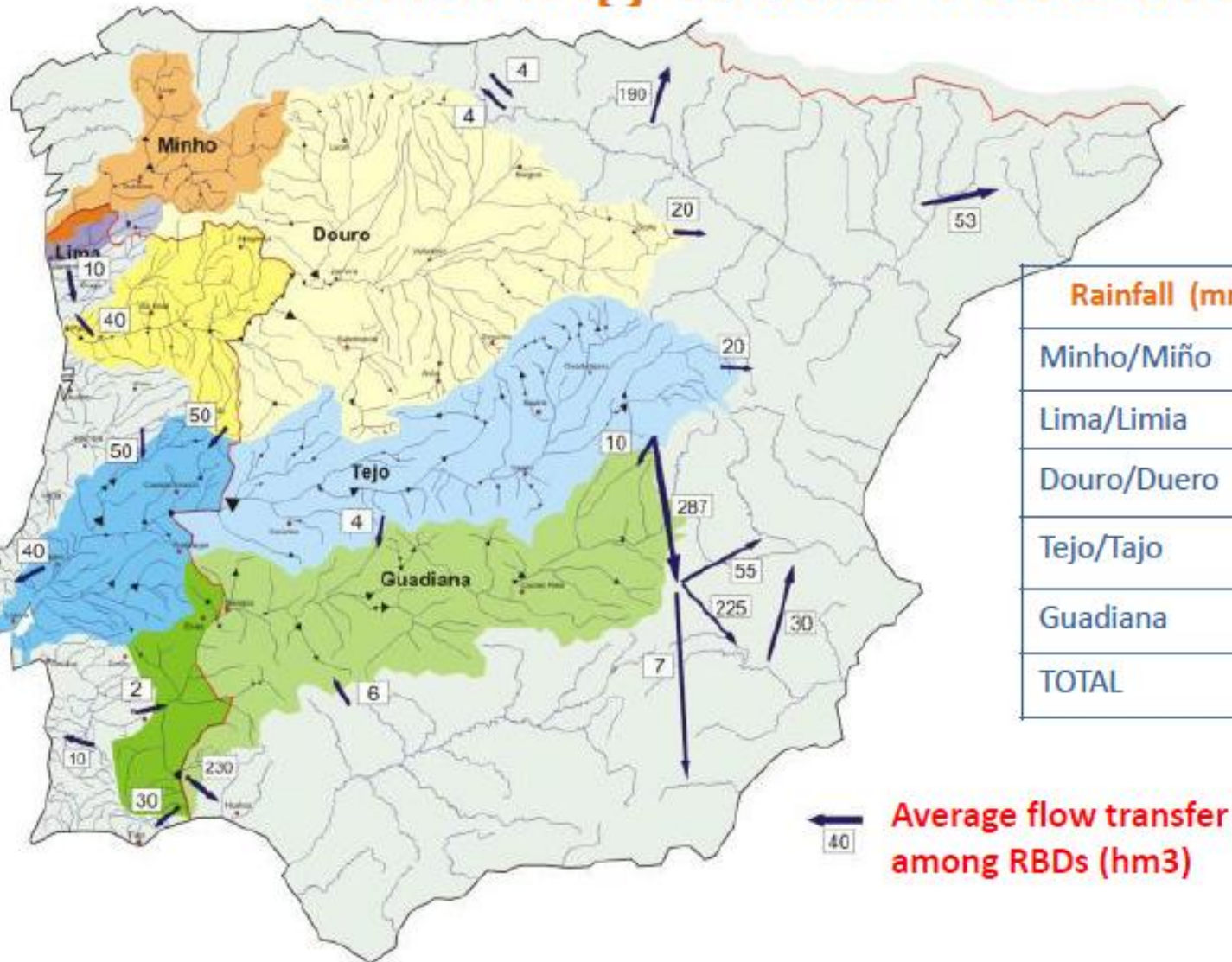
Iberian Peninsula: Annual Precipitation



Source: Ninyerola, Pons and Roure (2005)

Water Transfer Between River Basins

Sharing water resources



Rainfall (mm)	Portugal	Spain
Minho/Miño	2040	1228
Lima/Limia	2280	1440
Douro/Duero	1030	611
Tejo/Tajo	830	633
Guadiana	580	521
TOTAL	6760	4433

The Tagus-Segura water transfer

The water transfer in figures:

- In 1978 the first water runs through the transfer.
- From the Iberian System in Central Spain:
 - 600 hm³ of water goes to the Mediterranean Southeast region.
 - 50 hm³ of water goes to the protected area Tablas de Daimiel.
- Length: 286 km

More water, but not for irrigation

Since 1999 the whole 600 hm³ of water per year is being transferred. The main reason for the increase in transferred water is the improvement of the availability of infrastructures to make use of the water. In spite of this increase, not all planned irrigations are working. It can be concluded that the transferred water goes more and more to urban and tourist water supply instead of irrigation.

ICPDR Contracting Parties



Germany



Austria



Czech Republic



Slovakia



Hungary



Slovenia



Croatia



Bosnia & Herzegovina



Serbia



Montenegro



Romania



Bulgaria



Rep. of Moldova



Ukraine



European Union

- EU Member States (9)
- Non-EU Member States (5)

Stakeholder Involvement

22 Observer Organisations

icpdr **iksd**
International
Commission
for the Protection
of the Danube River
Internationale
Kommission
zum Schutz
der Donau

via**donau**



europa**ean** barge union **ebu**



VGB



DANUBEPARKS
network of protected areas



**Danube Tourist
Commission**



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competence
center

Danube Ministerial Meeting 2010

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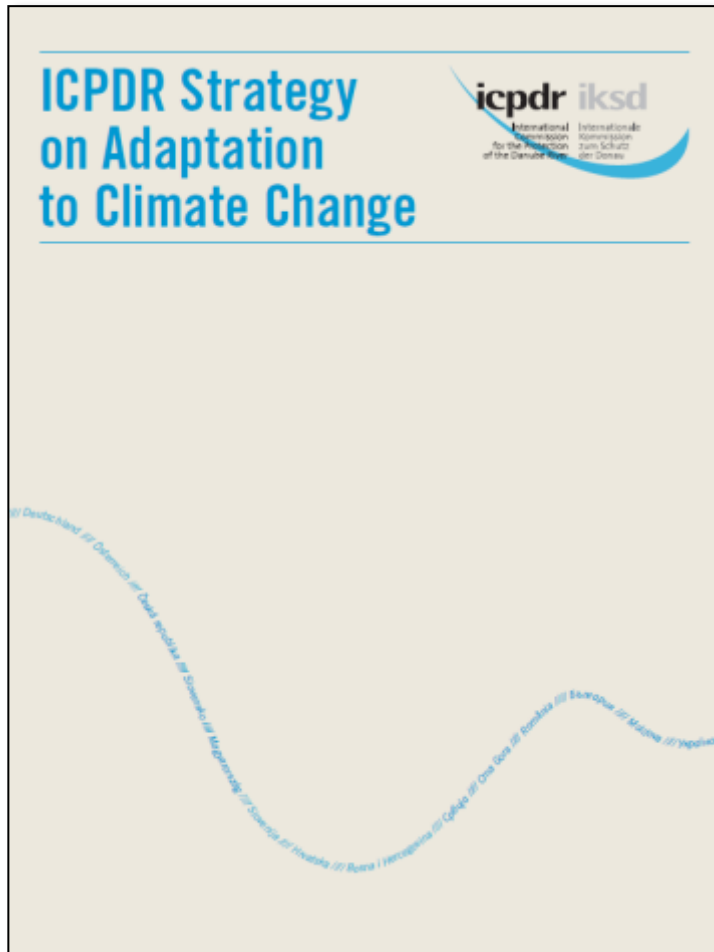


ICPDR was asked to develop until 2012 a **Climate Adaptation Strategy** for the Danube River Basin

Danube Climate Adaptation Strategy

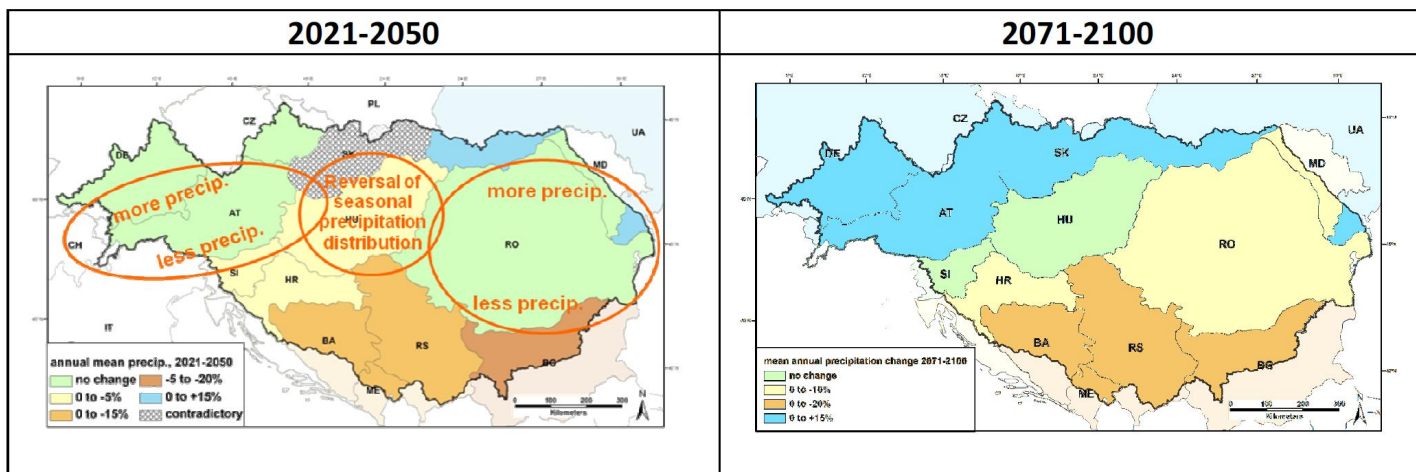
Main elements

<http://www.icpdr.org/main/activities-projects/climate-change-adaptation>



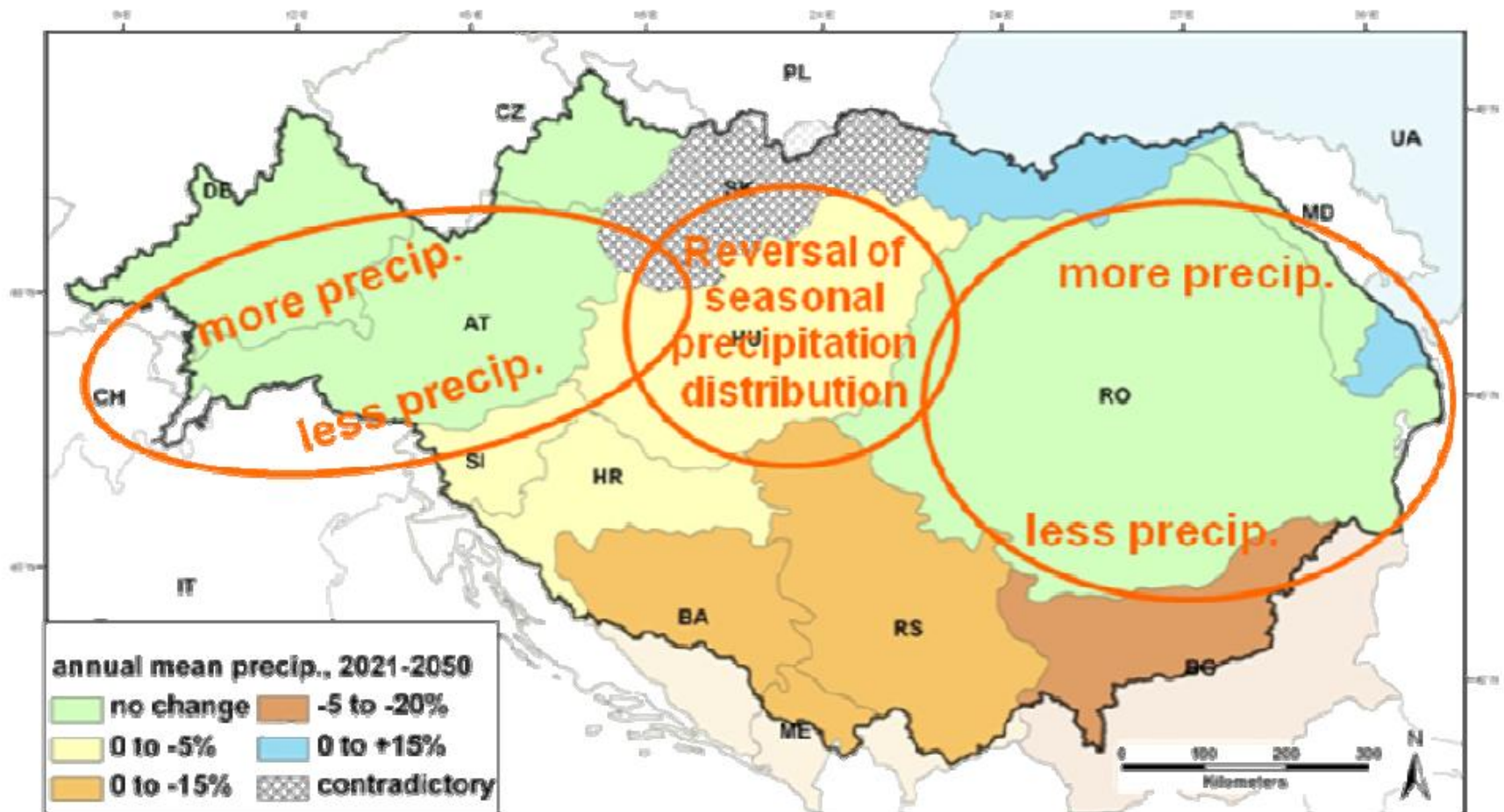
Contents:

1. Introduction
2. Framework conditions
3. Climate change scenarios
4. Water-related impacts
5. Vulnerability
6. Overview of possible adaptation measures
7. Guiding principles on adaptation and integration into ICPDR activities
8. Next steps

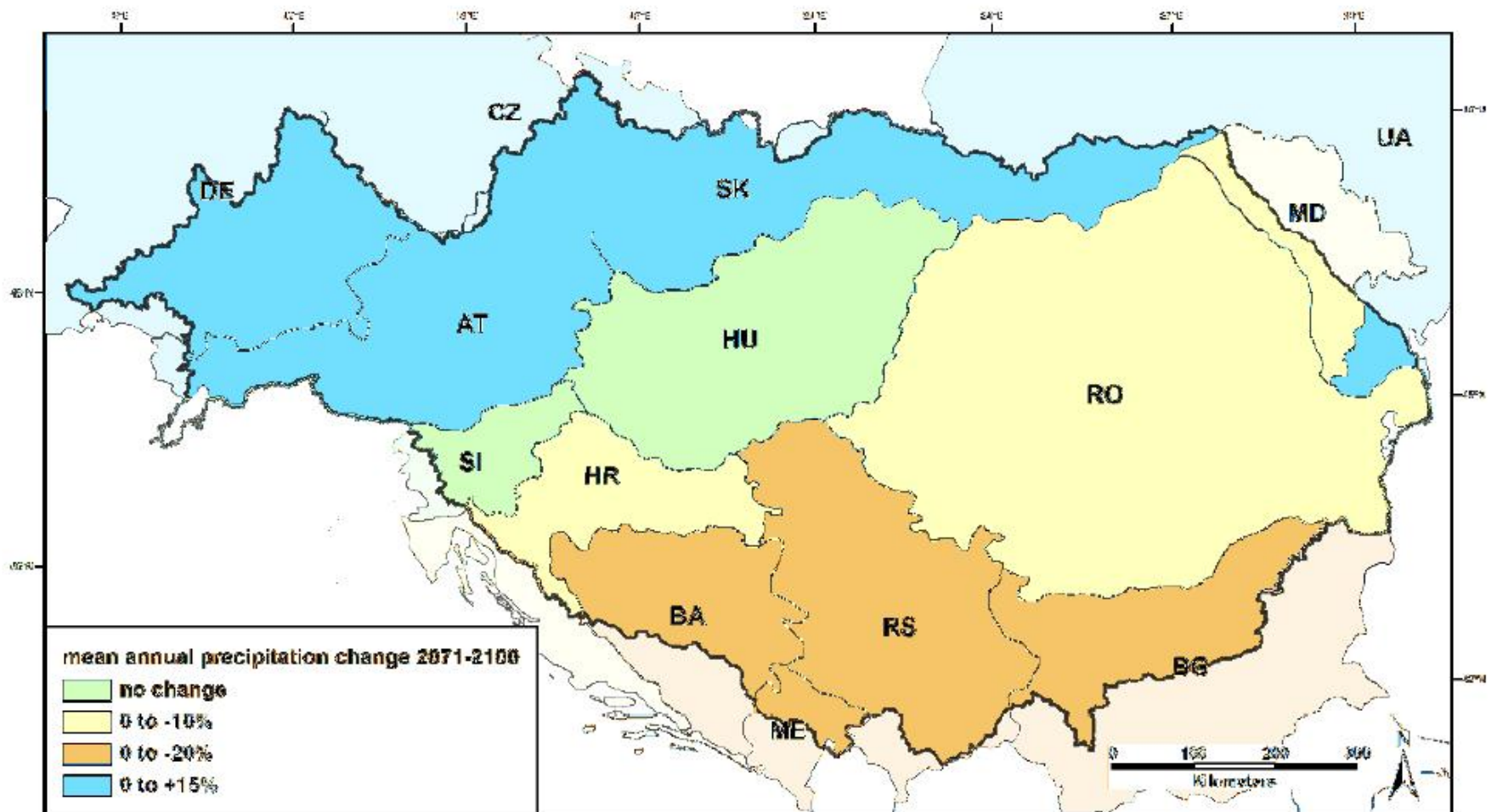


Changes in mean annual precipitation

2021-2050



2071-2100



Water-related impacts



- **Changes** in seasonal **runoff patterns**
- **Droughts**, low flow situations and **water scarcity** likely to become **more intense**, longer and more frequent
- Local and regional **increased heavy rainfall**, however, **no clear picture for changes in flood** magnitude and frequency
- **Changes for ecosystems** and biodiversity predicted with shifts of aquatic and terrestrial flora and fauna
- **Sectors** as agriculture, forestry, navigation and water related energy production **likely to suffer**

Second Mekong Climate Change Forum promotes 'trans-boundary' adaptation



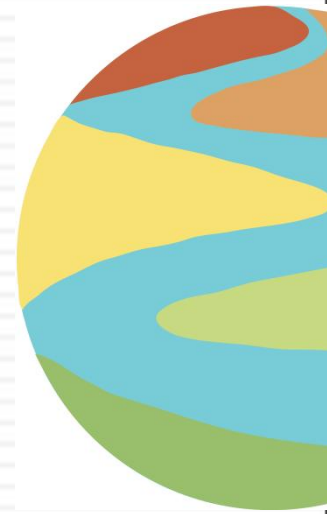
The [Second Mekong Climate Change Forum](#) was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia on 6–8 October 2014, five years after the first Forum in Bangkok, Thailand. The three-day event brought together 175 participants, including academics, development agency officials, and representatives of the Mekong River Committee (MRC) and National Mekong Committees, to share their knowledge and experience on the topic of climate change adaptation in the river basin, particularly in the trans-boundary context.



2nd Mekong Climate Change Forum

Adaptation to Climate Change
in the Transboundary Context

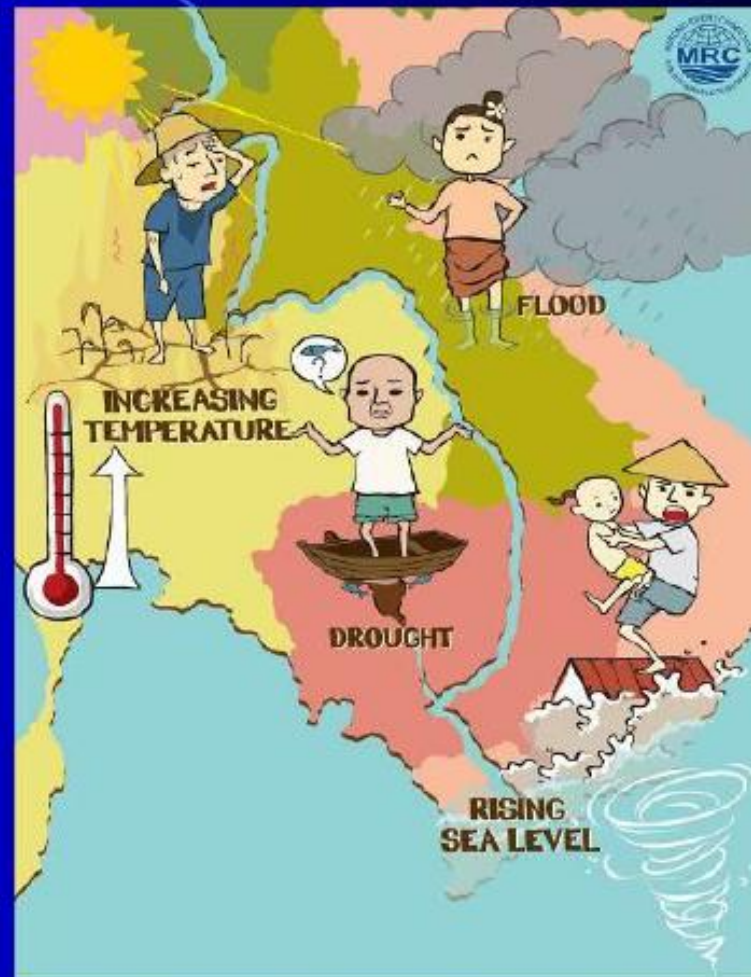
6 - 8 October 2014
Siem Reap, Cambodia



National and transboundary adaptation strategies and action plans in the Lower Mekong Basin, Cambodia

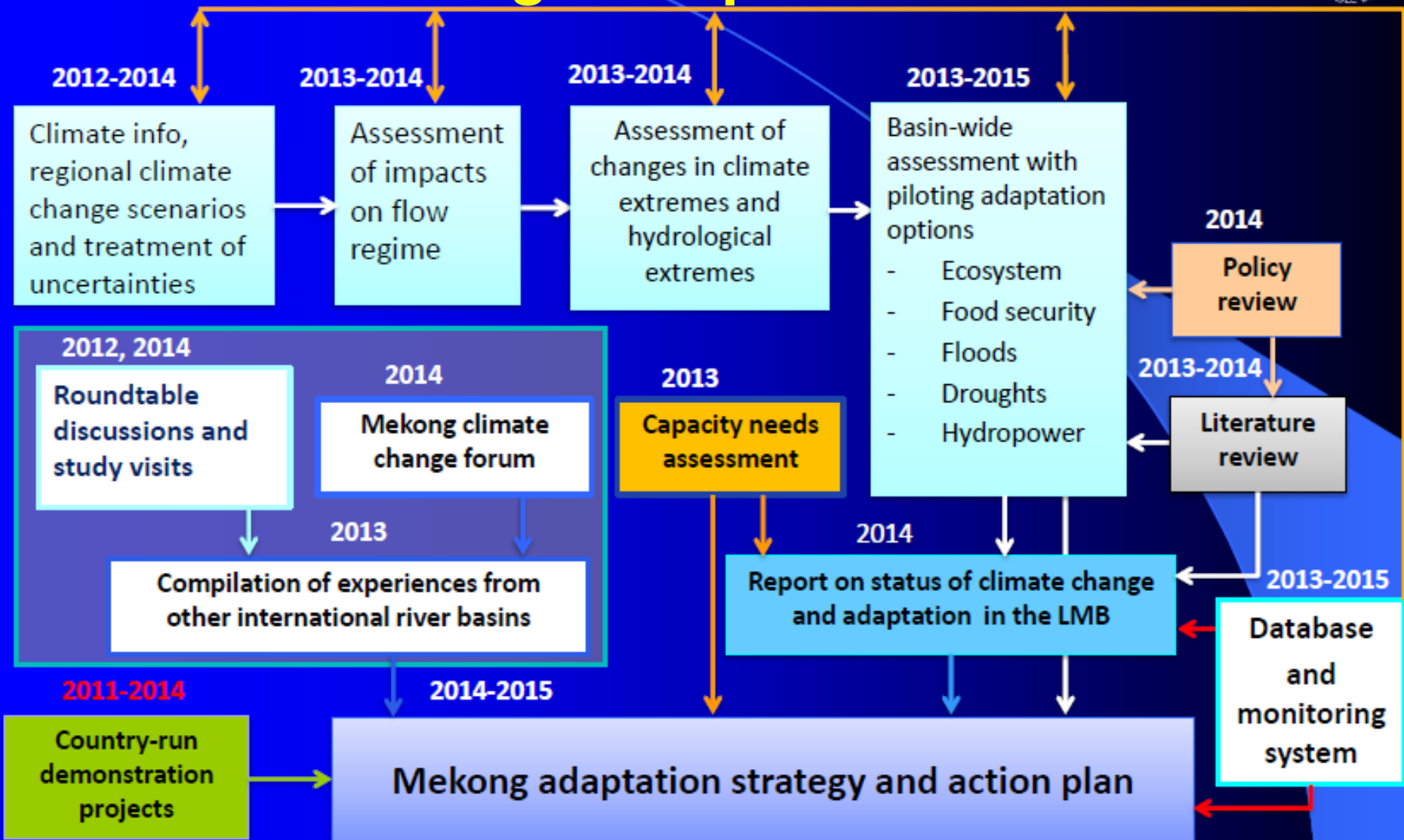
By **KOL Vathana**
Deputy Secretary General and
CCAI National Coordinator, CNMC

Climate change in the LMB



Work plan of CCAI 2011-2015

Climate Change Adaptation Initiative





Impacts and Risks from High-End Scenarios: Strategies for Innovative Solutions

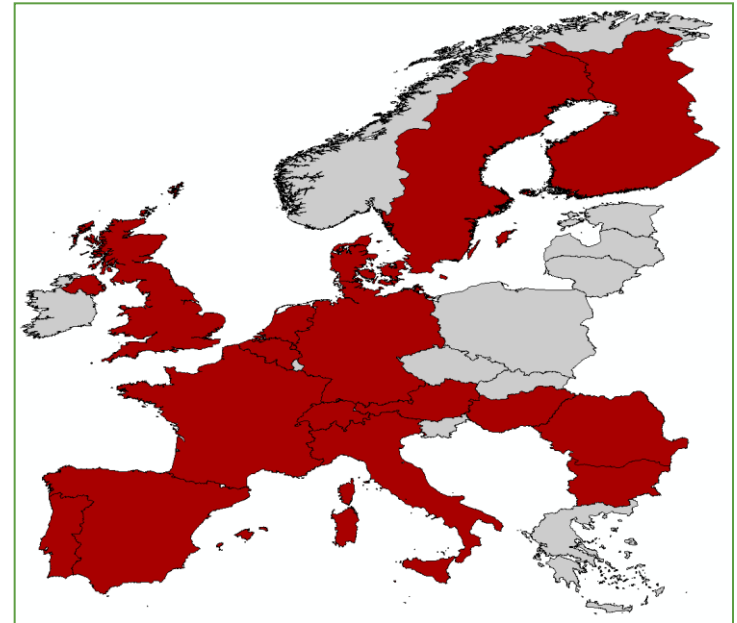


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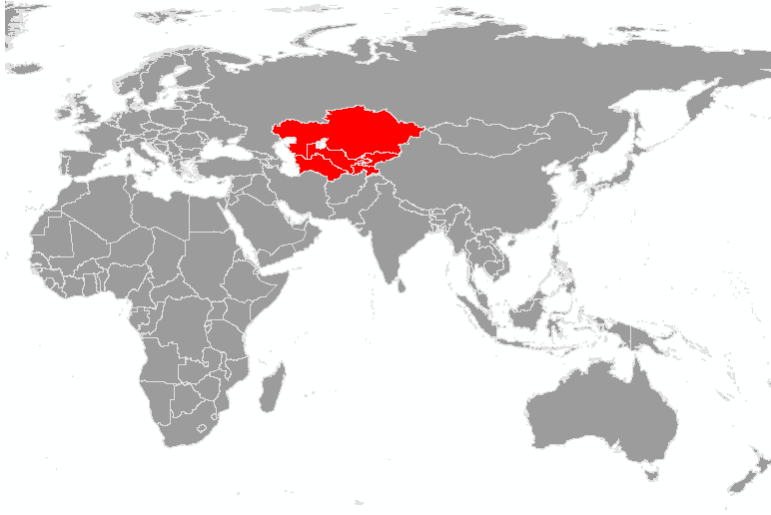
What is IMPRESSIONS?

- Impacts and Risks from High-End Scenarios: Strategies for Innovative Solutions
- EU FP7 Project which started 1 November 2013
- EU contribution: ~ 9m €
- Duration: 5 years
- Coordinated by University of Oxford, UK
- Transdisciplinary consortium of 24 partners from 16 European countries



Multi-scale: 6 case studies

Global and central Asia case studies



- ▲ 3 regional/local case studies
(Scotland, 2 Iberian catchments,
2 Hungarian municipalities)

European case study





The Iberian case study



EC Seventh Framework Programme
Contract Number: 603416



Overall aim

- To improve scientific understanding of the **implications of scenarios involving high levels of climate and socio-economic change in South-west Iberia**
- **Work jointly with decision-makers** to explore the development of systemic **transformative solutions** to problems related to the integrated resource management of the **Tagus and Guadiana** transboundary river basins under these ‘high-end’ scenarios.





Approach

- Provide illustrative **examples of existing integrated solutions** and initiatives relevant to improve capacities to cope with HES in the two selected river basins.
- Initial focus: role of **Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) and Ecosystem-based Adaptation** in the face of HES.
- Exploring the **effects of current and alternative policies under HES** and sustainable development pathways, including the role of transformative institutional innovation and cooperation;



Models

- Application of a detailed, process-based ecohydrological model (**SWIM**) to understand the impacts of extreme events (especially droughts) and the potential of Integrated River Basin Management for the **Tagus** river basin under high-end scenarios;
- Application of a detailed, process-based model of agroforestry resources (**LandClim**) to assess conditions for improving the resilience and productivity of the **Dehesa /Montado (oak-grassland) systems** and other forestry ecosystems under high-end scenarios.

REGIONAL CASE STUDY

SWIM, Soil and Water Integrated Model

Modelling progress (PIK- Germany)

River	Case Study	State of model	Additional data/information needed
Tagus	Iberian	Set up, calibrated and validated. Reservoir management included - 15 reservoirs in total. First impact assessments for ISI-MIP. RCP 4.5	Crop management, crop types, hydropower production rates (Spanish side)

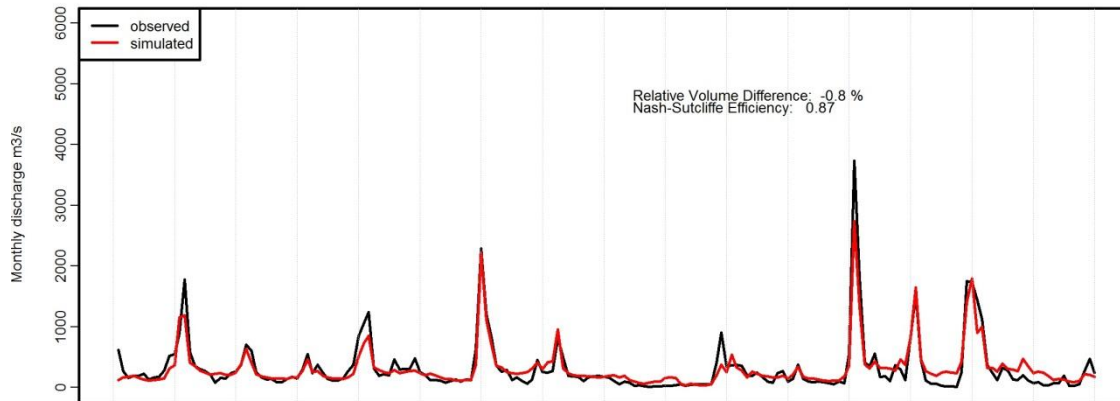


IBERIAN CASE STUDY

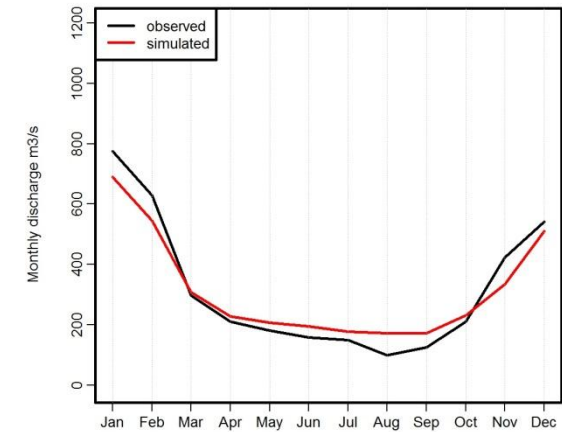
SWIM, Soil and Water Integrated Model

Calibration results Tagus river

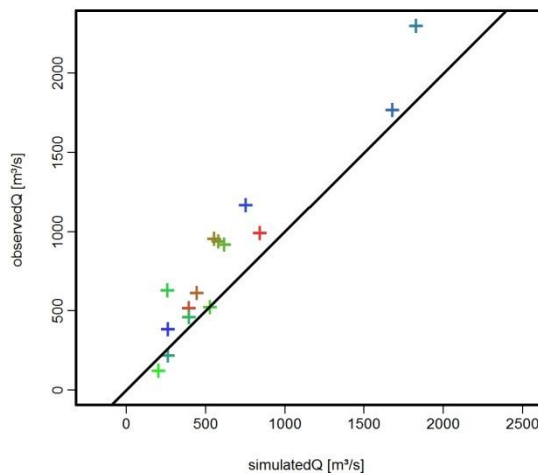
Monthly average discharge of Tagus River with reservoirs, gauge Santarem (WATCH)



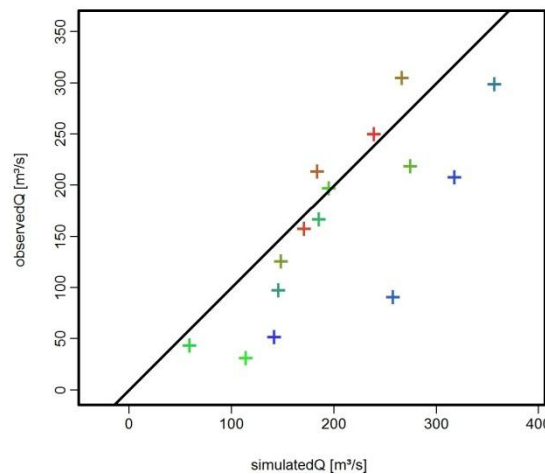
Yearly dynamics of Tagus River



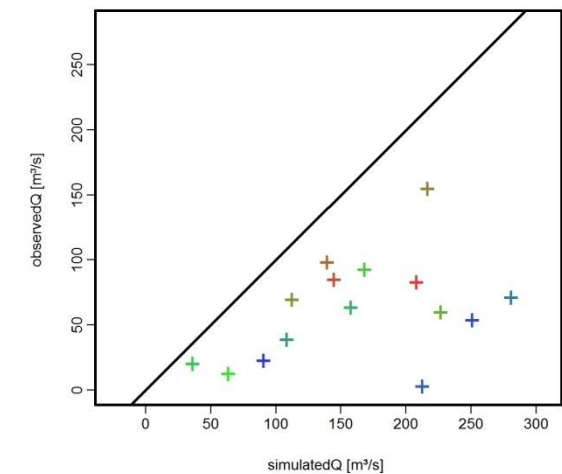
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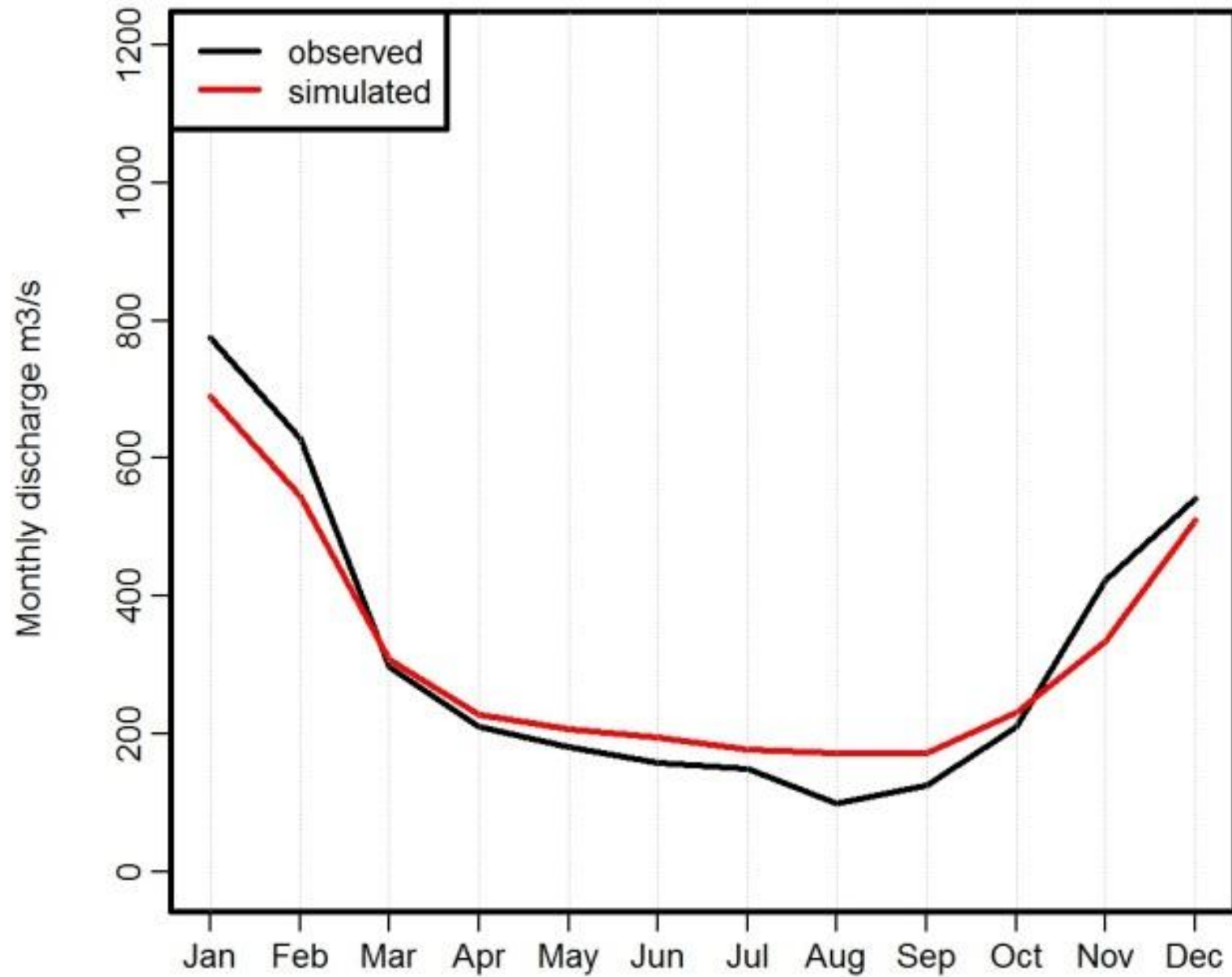
50 % quantile



10 % quantile



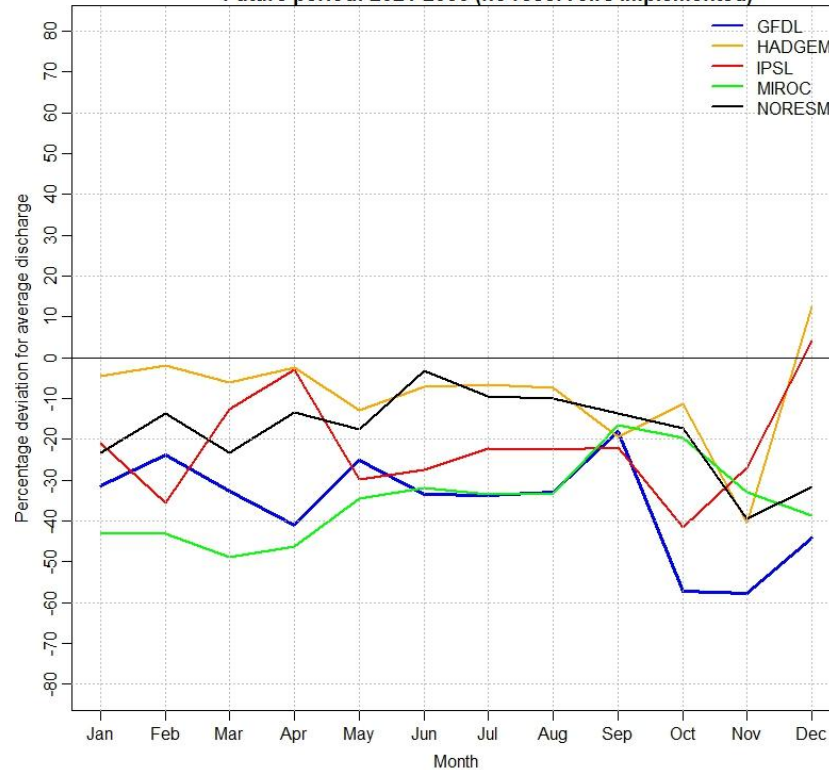
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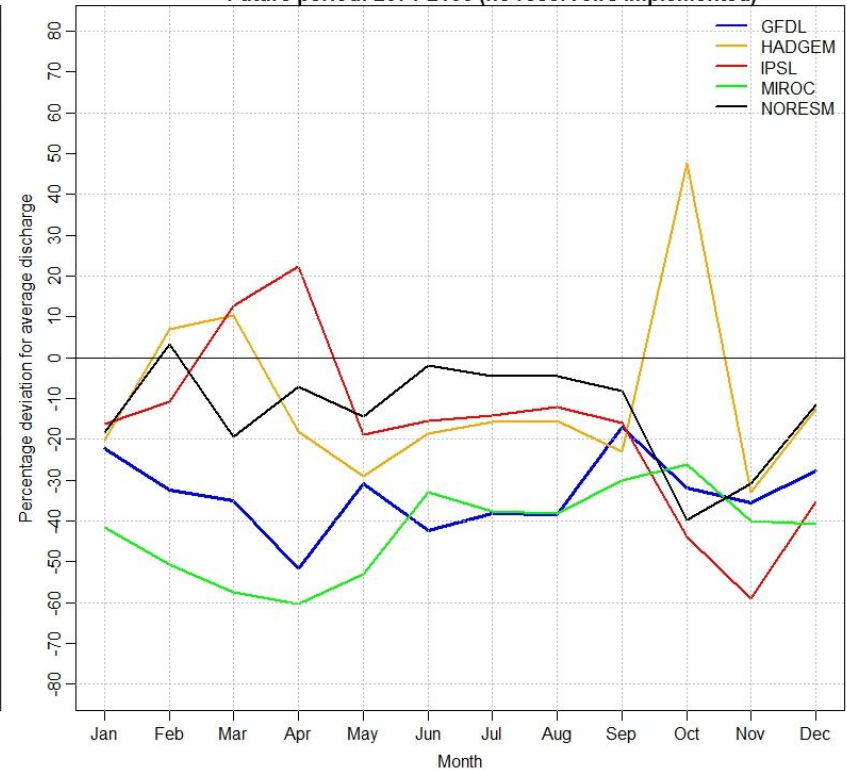
IBERIAN CASE STUDY

Impact of RCP 4.5 Scenario at the Outlet of Tagus River

Deviation in monthly average discharge of Tagus River
Future period: 2021-2050 (no reservoirs implemented)



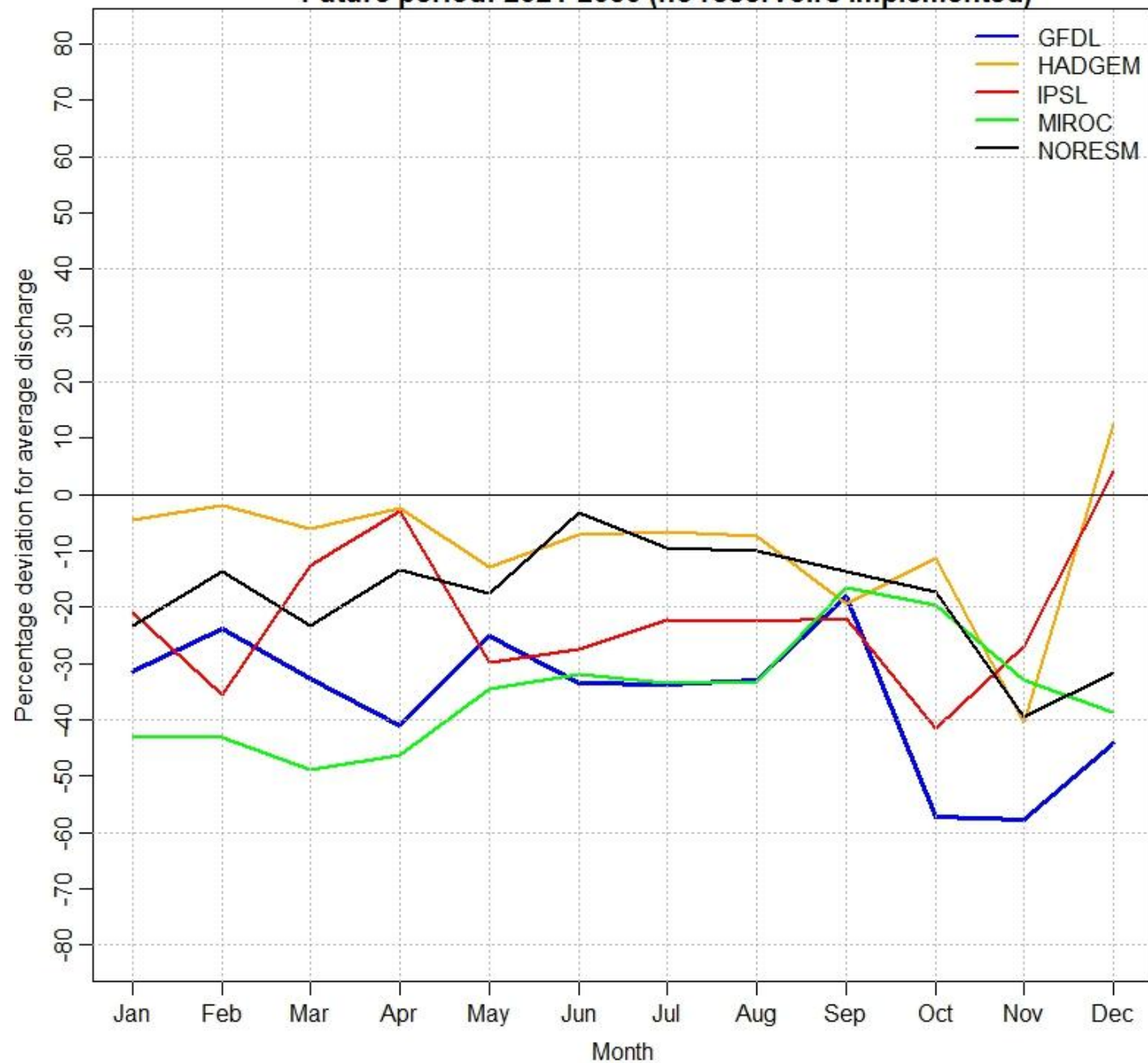
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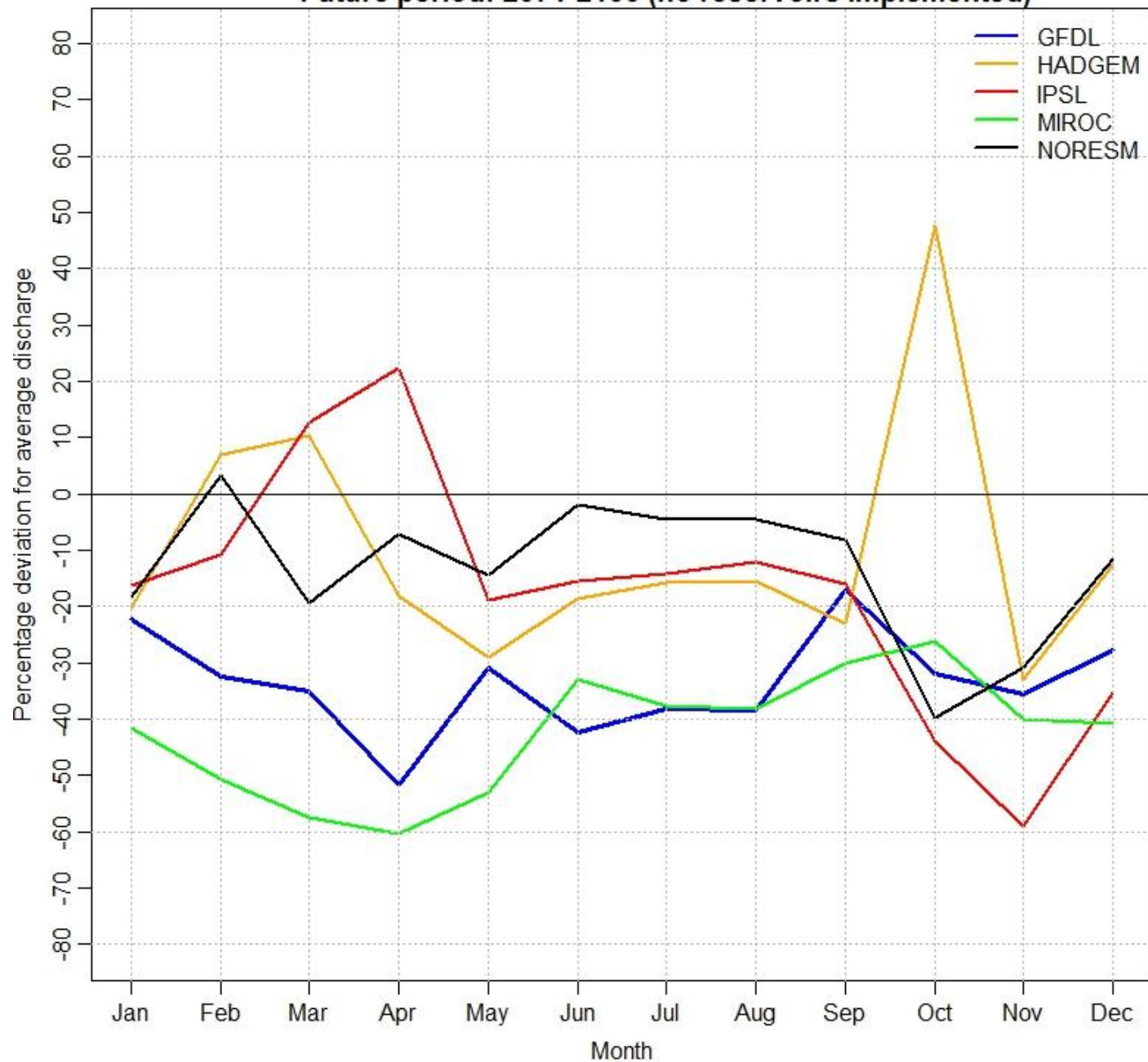
- ISI-MIP Scenarios: 5 GCM outputs, bias corrected for Iberian Peninsula

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More information on the website

<http://www.impressions-project.eu/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the IMPRESSIONS project website. The header features the 'IMPRESSIONS' logo in large white letters on a red and yellow background, with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Google+ to the right. Below the header, the tagline 'IMPACTS AND RISKS FROM HIGH-END SCENARIOS: STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS' is displayed. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'GENERAL AIM' on the left, 'BACKGROUND' in the center, and 'MEMBERS AREA' on the right. The 'GENERAL AIM' section describes the project's goal to advance understanding of high-end climate change impacts. The 'BACKGROUND' section discusses the need for radical action to avoid severe impacts. The 'MEMBERS AREA' includes a login form with fields for 'Username / Email' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, and a 'LOGIN' button. Below the login form is a link to 'Lost your password?'. A 'Keywords' section lists terms like 'Climate change', 'Impacts', 'Vulnerability', 'Adaptation', 'Mitigation', 'High-end climate scenarios', 'Extreme socio-economic scenarios', 'Tipping points', 'Cross-sectoral', 'Uncertainty', 'Stakeholder engagement', and 'Decision support'. A search bar is located below the keywords. The 'HIGHLIGHTS' section features a large photo of six people standing in front of a building. The 'NEWS' section lists recent updates, including 'IMPRESSIONS workshops: Making the case for Hungary' and 'The CLIM-RUN project: Adapting to climate change, Mediterranean style'. A vertical menu on the left side of the page lists various sections: HOME, THE PROJECT, MAIN OUTCOMES, RESEARCH AREAS, PARTNERS, PARTNER PROJECTS, ONLINE LIBRARY, DELIVERABLES, IMPRESSIONS, and PUBLICATIONS. A vertical banner on the far left of the slide contains the website URL 'www.impressions-project.eu'.

IMPRESSIONS

IMPACTS AND RISKS FROM HIGH-END SCENARIOS: STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

GENERAL AIM

IMPRESSIONS aims to advance understanding of the implications of high-end climate change, involving temperature increases above 2°C, and to help decision-makers apply such knowledge within integrated adaptation and mitigation strategies.

BACKGROUND

There is widespread acceptance that the climate is changing. Although the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change warns that the increase in global temperature should be below 2°C to avoid severe impacts, projections based on current emission trends point to much more substantial warming, with possible increases of 4°C or more in the long-term unless there is radical action to cut emissions.

Despite the increasing plausibility of these high-end scenarios, there are few studies that assess their potential impacts and the options available for reducing the risks. Existing modelling tools and methods fail to account for potential tipping points, the need to cope with radical rather than gradual change, the complex interactions between sectors and the synergies and trade-offs between adaptation and mitigation actions. It is vital that decision-makers have access to reliable scientific information on these uncertain, but potentially high-risk, scenarios of the future, so that they can make effective adaptation and mitigation plans.

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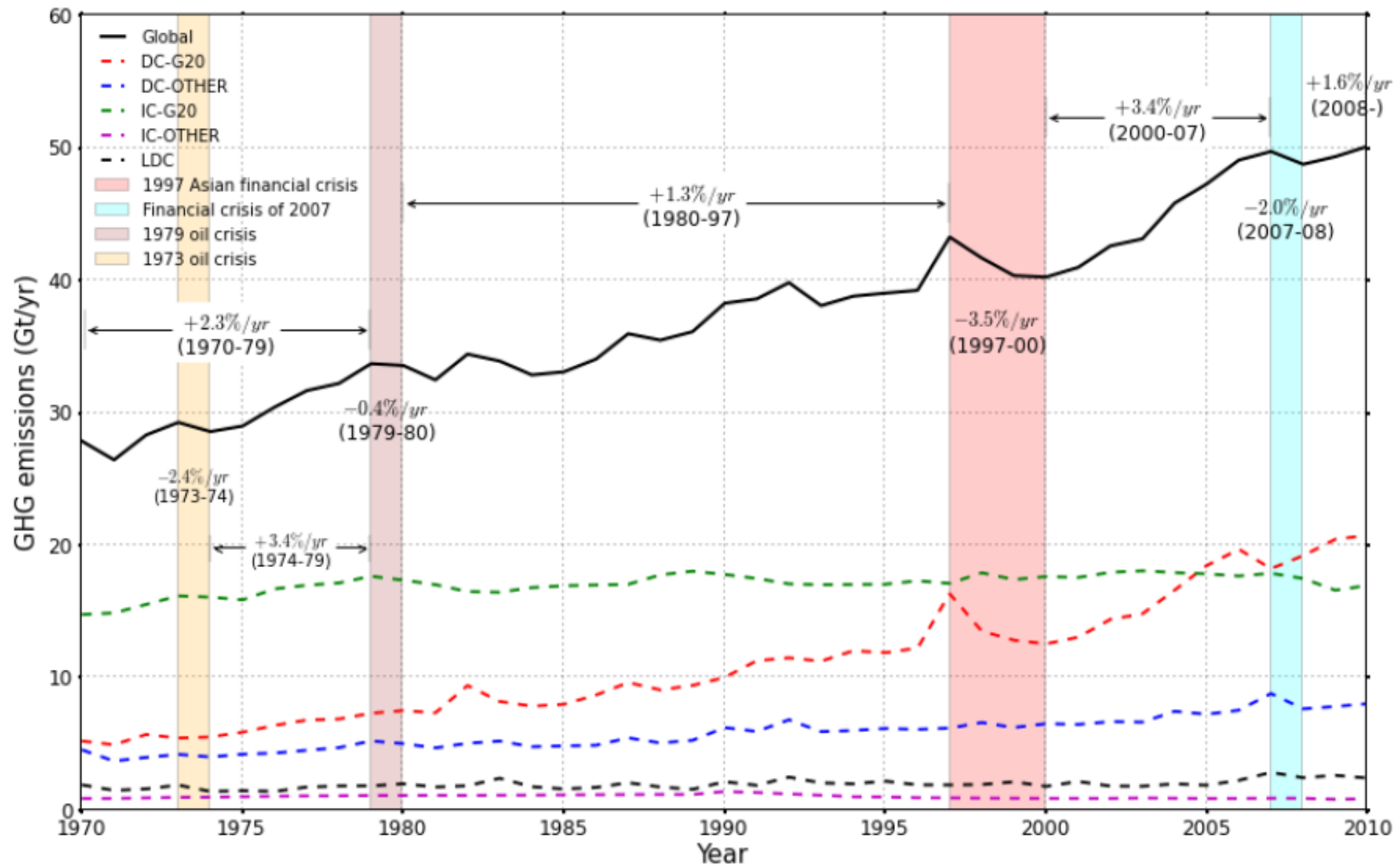
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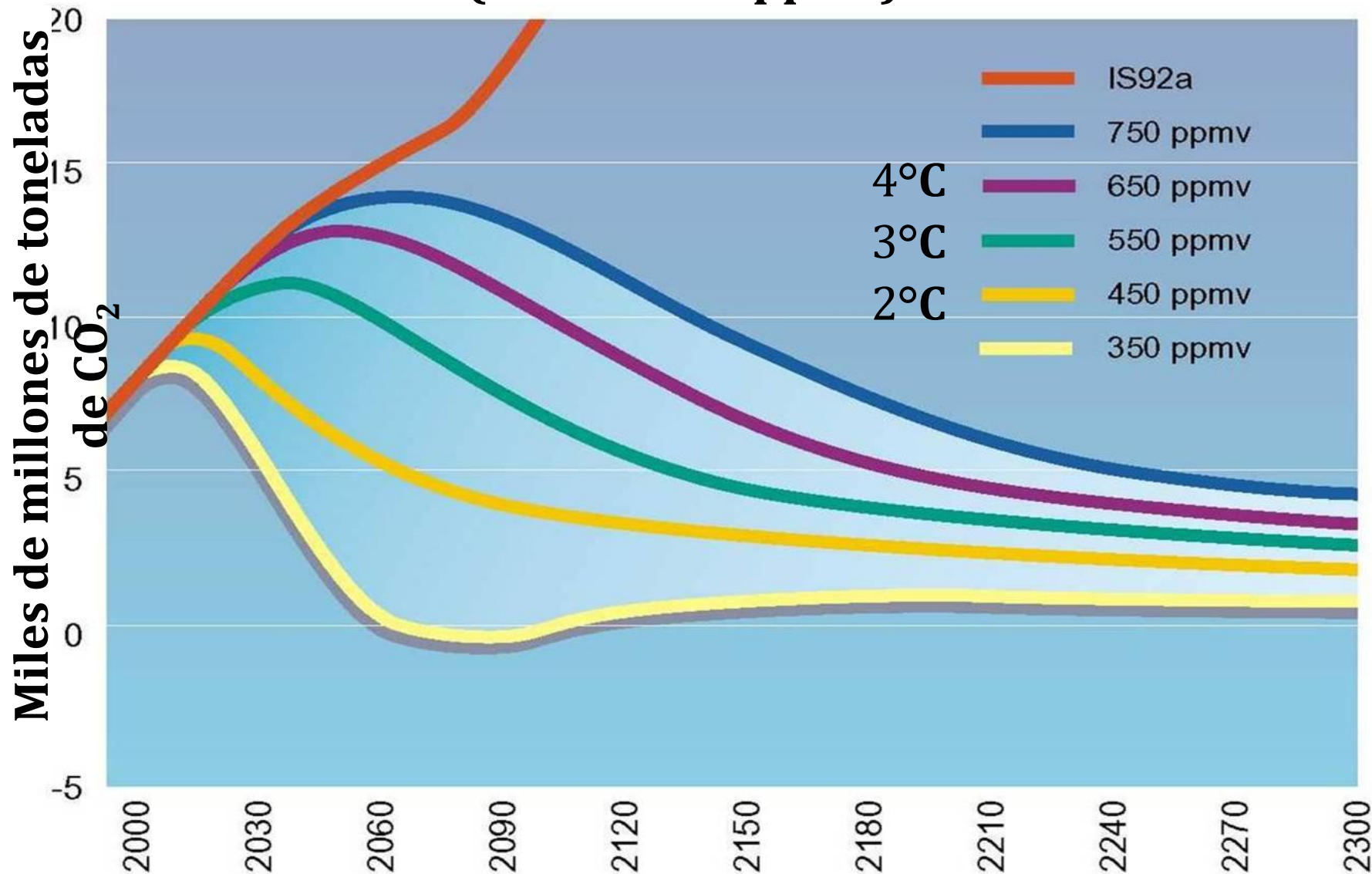
Global Greenhouse Gases emissions since 1970



IPCC, 2014

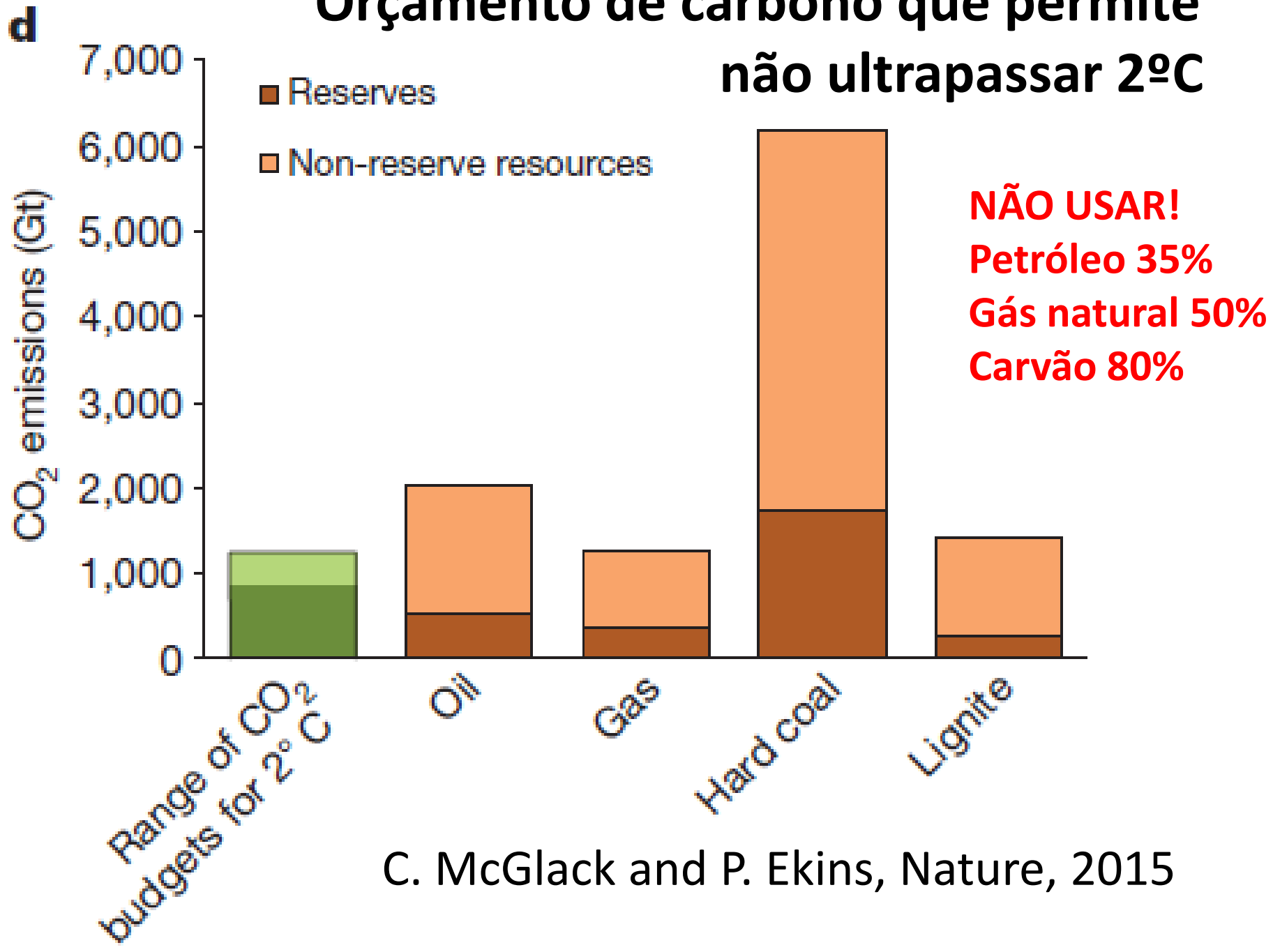
Trajectórias das emissões de CO₂e

(2005 = 380 ppmv)



Fuente: Stern Review; World Resources Institute

Orçamento de carbono que permite não ultrapassar 2°C



VULNERABILIDADE ÀS MUDANÇAS CLIMÁTICAS

EXPOSIÇÃO

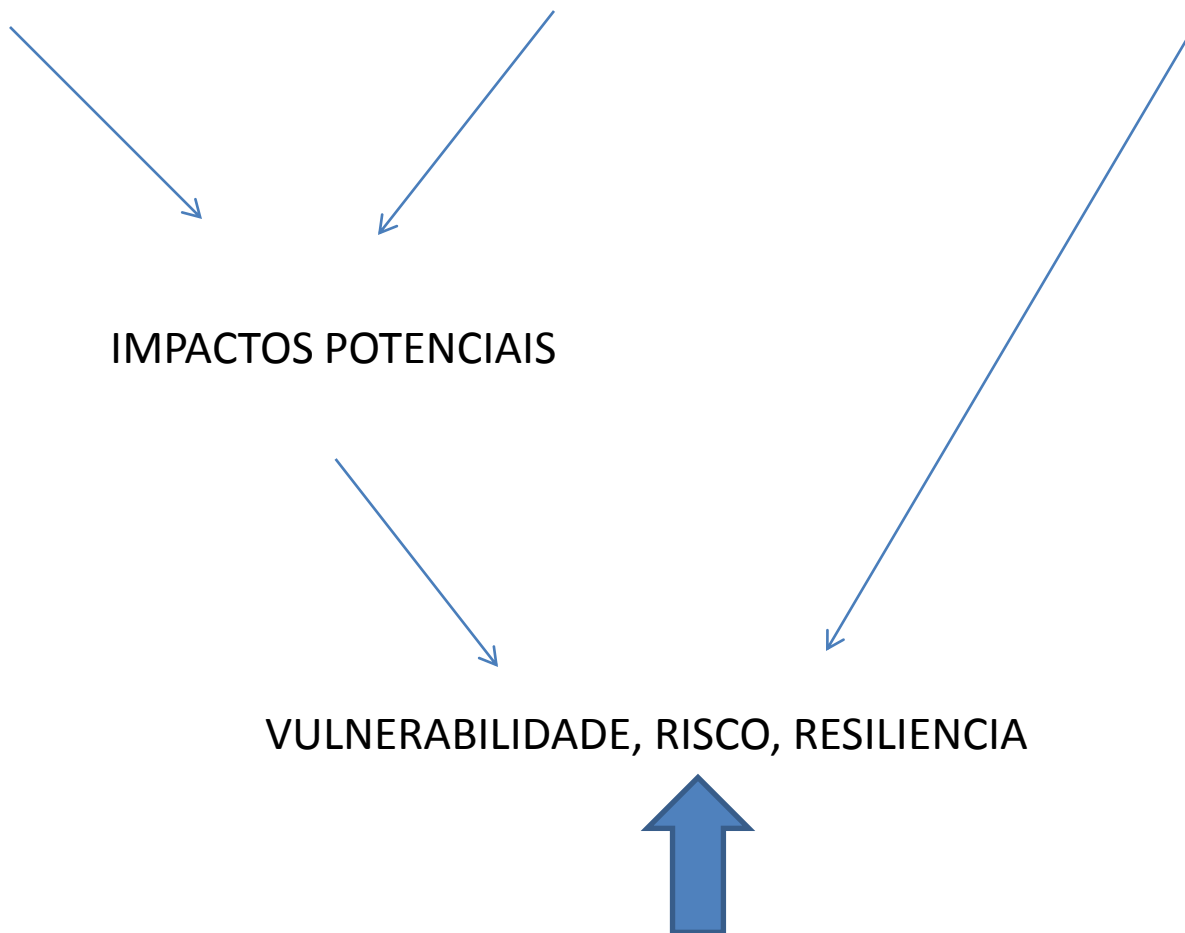
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VULNERABILIDADE, RISCO, RESILIENCIA

ADAPTAÇÃO PLANEADA

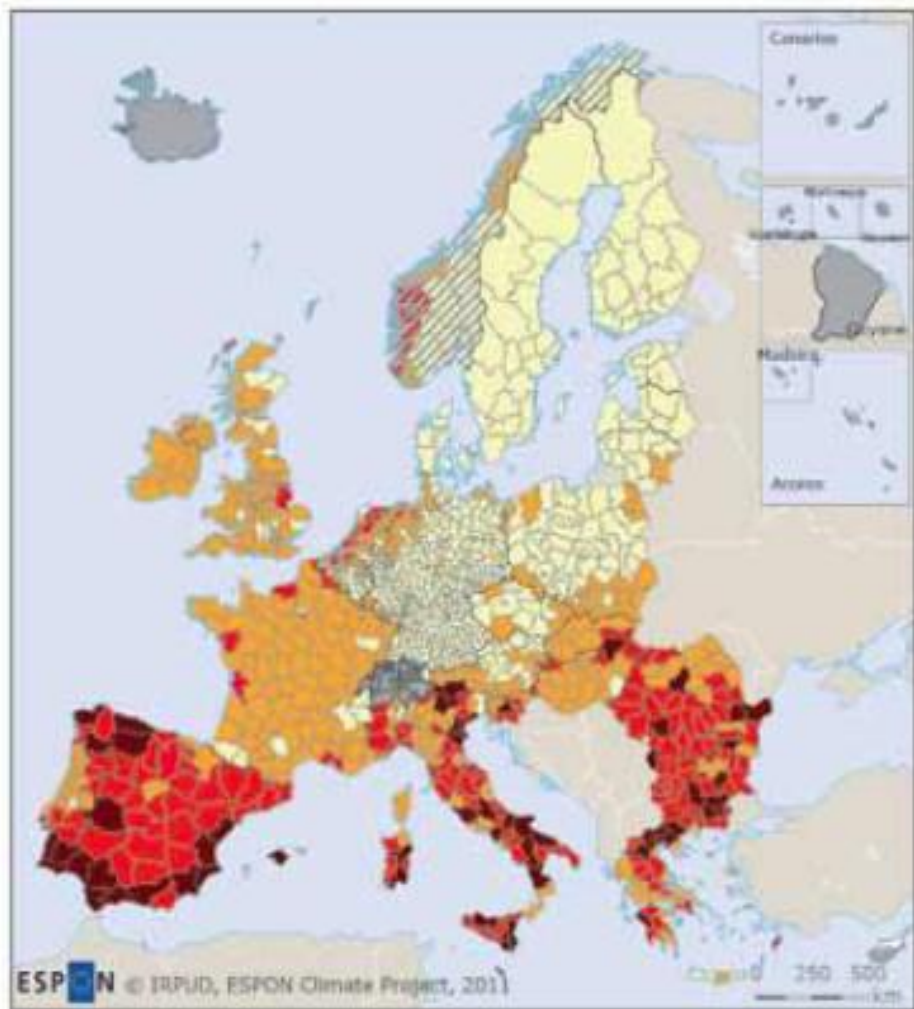




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Estratégias Municipais de Adaptação às Alterações Climáticas



Impactos, Capacidade Adaptativa e Vulnerabilidades



ESPON Climate (2011) Climate Change and Territorial Effects on Regions and Local Economies (Scientific Report). Institute of Spatial Planning (IRPUD), TU Dortmund University.

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_AppliedResearch/climate.html.

Vulnerabilidade Potencial às Alterações Climáticas

-  Vulnerabilidade Elevada
-  Vulnerabilidade Média
-  Vulnerabilidade Baixa
-  Sem Vulnerabilidade
-  Sem informação
-  Informação Reduzida

Obrigado pela vossa atenção

O principal fundamento e motivação para prosseguir e fortalecer a política de adaptação na UE têm sido os avanços feitos na qualidade e abrangência das estimativas dos custos dos impactos graves das mudanças climáticas para a UE num cenário de não-adaptação.

Estima-se que o custo mínimo da não-adaptação às alterações climáticas varie entre 100 mil milhões de euros por ano em 2020 e 250 mil milhões de euros em 2050, para o conjunto da UE.

Entre 1980 e 2011, as perdas económicas directas na UE devidas a inundações ultrapassaram 90 mil milhões de euros. Prevê-se que este montante se agrave, porquanto o custo anual dos danos causados por cheias fluviais está estimado em 20 mil milhões de euros na década de 2020 e em 46 mil milhões de euros na década de 2050.

O custo social das alterações climáticas pode também ser considerável. Ao longo do período 1980-2011, as inundações causaram mais de 2500 mortes e afectaram mais de 5,5 milhões de pessoas na UE

Essas medidas podem ser bastante eficazes, pois, “por cada euro gasto na protecção contra inundações, poderemos evitar seis euros de custos de danos”.

Estima-se que as medidas adicionais de protecção contra inundações se cifrem em 1,7 mil milhões de euros por ano na década de 2020, valor que aumentará para 3,4 mil milhões na década de 2050.

Se não se tomarem mais medidas de adaptação, o número de mortes causadas pelo excesso de temperatura nas ondas de calor poderá sofrer um acréscimo anual de 26 000 na década de 2020, ascendendo a 89 000 na década de 2050.

O projeto ClimateCost avalia em 11 mil milhões de euros o valor médio anual dos estragos provocados pela erosão e inundação nas zonas costeiras da UE no período de 2040-2070 num cenário de não adaptação conjugado com um cenário intermédio de emissões de gases com efeito de estufa.

O mesmo estudo projeta para os custos médios anuais do investimento em adaptação no mesmo intervalo de tempo valores compreendidos entre 1 e 1,5 milhares de milhões de euros (a preços de 2005).

Com essa adaptação os custos dos prejuízos provocados pelos impactos seriam reduzidos, relativamente aos custos da não adaptação, por um fator de 6 (Relatório do Grupo de Trabalho do Litoral, Dezembro de 2014).

Estratégia Nacional de Adaptação às Alterações Climáticas (ENAAAC)

Concluída a 1ª fase dos trabalhos da ENAAAC, estabelecida pela Resolução do Conselho de Ministros n.º 24/2010, de 1 de abril, foi elaborado pelo grupo de coordenação da ENAAAC o Relatório de Progresso que resulta das contribuições dos grupos sectoriais. Este relatório desenvolve os objetivos da estratégia, apresenta os resultados dos trabalhos dos diversos grupos setoriais e identifica linhas de força para o desenvolvimento da fase seguinte. Os setores abordados foram os seguintes:

Agricultura, Florestas e Pescas (GPP)

Florestas (ICNF)

Biodiversidade (ICNF)

Energia (DGEG)

Ordenamento do Território e Cidades (DGT)

Recursos Hídricos e Zonas Costeiras (APA)

Saúde (DGS)

Saúde - Fichas (DGS)

Segurança de Pessoas e Bens (ANPC)

O Relatório de Progresso pode ser consultado em:

http://www.apambiente.pt/_zdata/Políticas/AlteracoesClimaticas/Adaptacao/ENAAAC/RelatProgresso/Relat_Progresso.pdf

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Flood Risk and Vulnerability In Climate Change Scenarios

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Impacts and Risks from High-End Scenarios: Strategies for Innovative Solutions

Overview

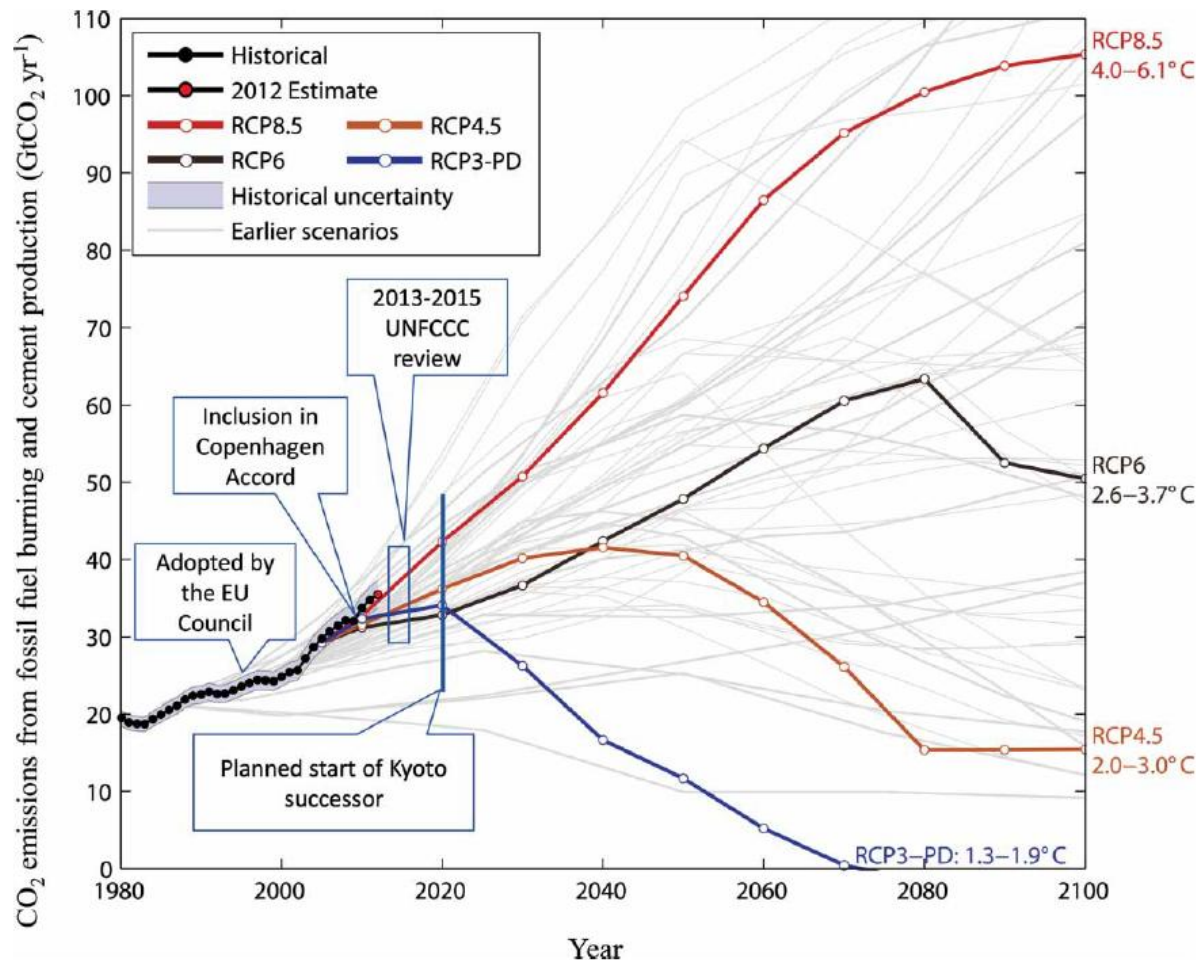


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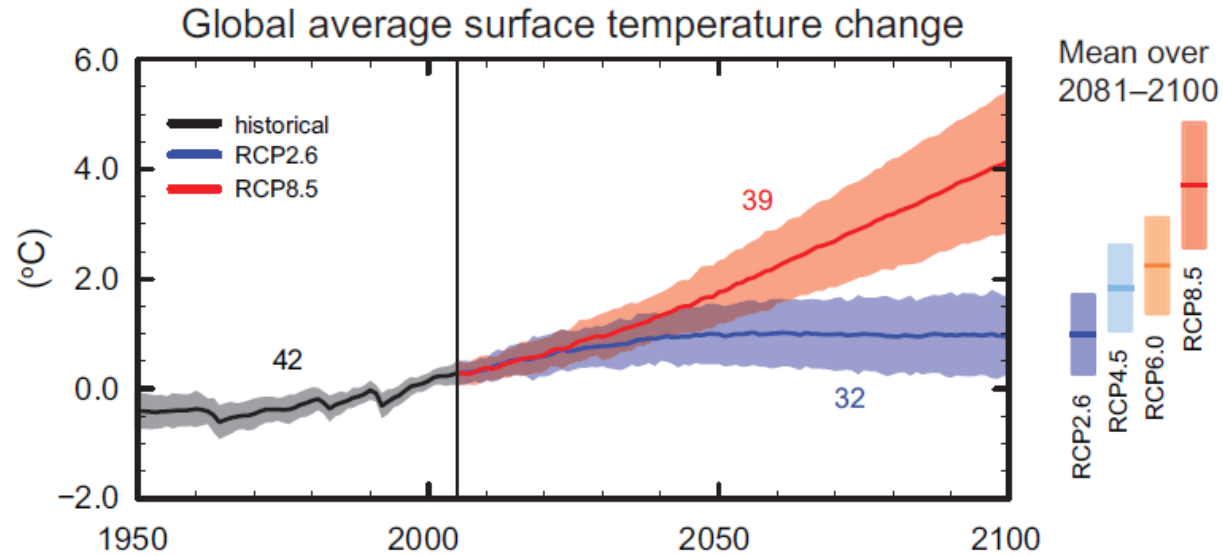
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- Recent research on mitigation indicates that the increasing growth in CO₂ emissions that has occurred since 2000 has significantly reduced the probability of limiting warming to 2°C.

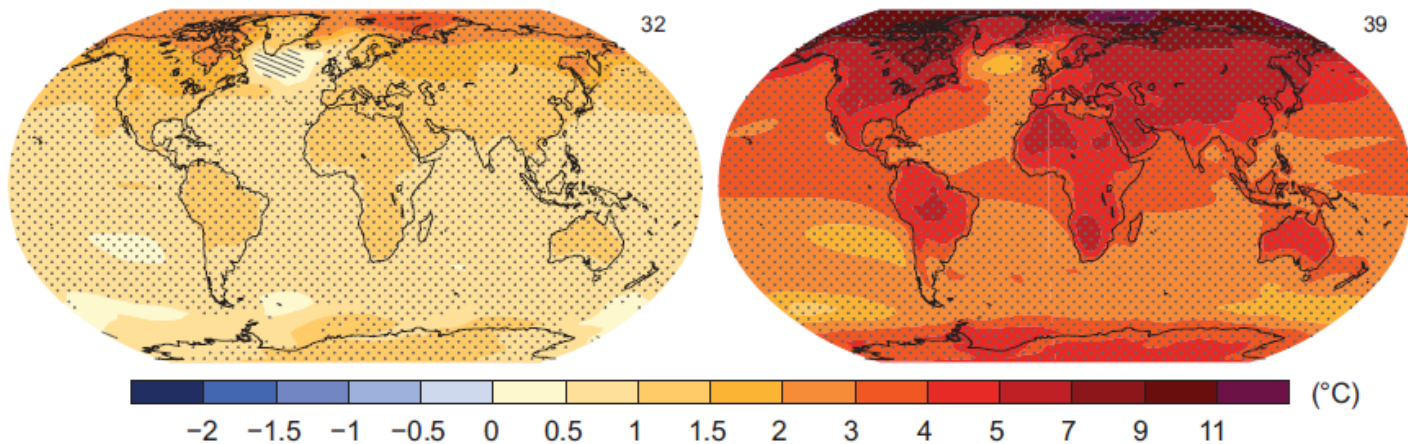


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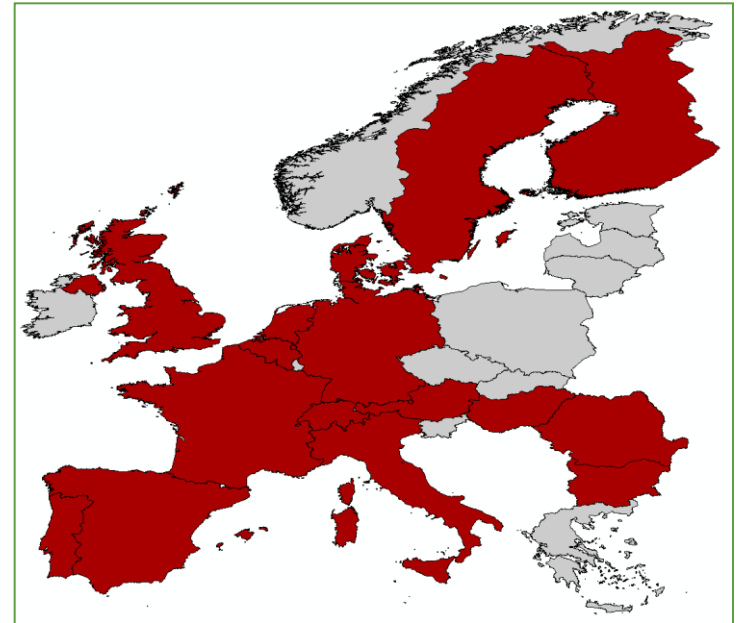


RCP 2.6 RCP 8.5
Change in average surface temperature (1986–2005 to 2081–2100)

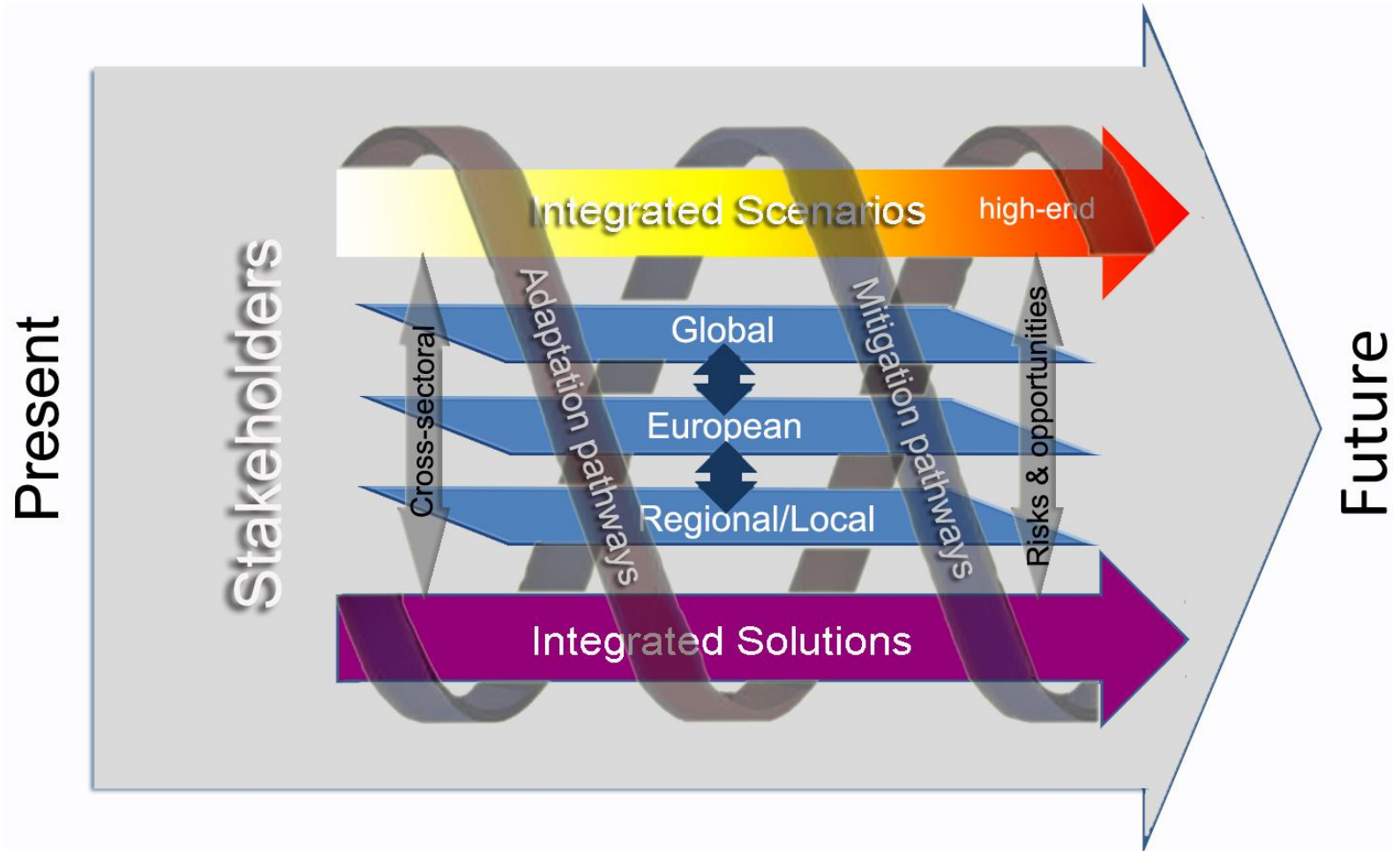


What is IMPRESSIONS?

- Impacts and Risks from High-End Scenarios: Strategies for Innovative Solutions
- EU FP7 Project which started 1 November 2013
- EU contribution: ~ 9m €
- Duration: 5 years
- Coordinated by University of Oxford, UK
- Transdisciplinary consortium of 24 partners from 16 European countries

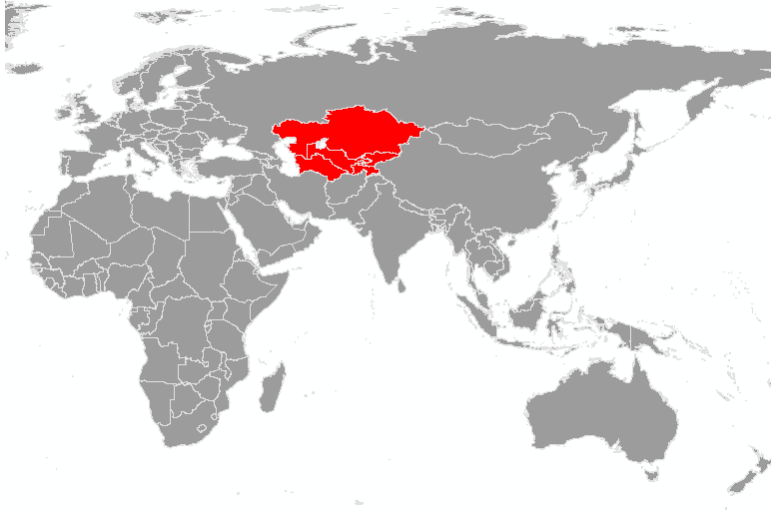


IMPRESSIONS Concept



Multi-scale: 6 case studies

Global and central Asia case studies



- ▲ 3 regional/local case studies
(Scotland, 2 Iberian catchments,
2 Hungarian municipalities)

European case study





The Iberian case study



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Overall aim

- To improve scientific understanding of the **implications of scenarios involving high levels of climate and socio-economic change in South-west Iberia**
- **Work jointly with decision-makers** to explore the development of systemic **transformative solutions** to problems related to the integrated resource management of the **Tagus and Guadiana** transboundary river basins under these ‘high-end’ scenarios.





Approach

- Provide illustrative **examples of existing integrated solutions** and initiatives relevant to improve capacities to cope with HES in the two selected river basins.
- Initial focus: role of **Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) and Ecosystem-based Adaptation** in the face of HES.
- Exploring the **effects of current and alternative policies under HES** and sustainable development pathways, including the role of transformative institutional innovation and cooperation;



Models

- Application of a detailed, process-based ecohydrological model (**SWIM**) to understand the impacts of extreme events (especially droughts) and the potential of Integrated River Basin Management for the **Tagus** river basin under high-end scenarios;
- Application of a detailed, process-based model of agroforestry resources (**LandClim**) to assess conditions for improving the resilience and productivity of the **Dehesa /Montado (oak-grassland) systems** and other forestry ecosystems under high-end scenarios.

REGIONAL CASE STUDY

SWIM, Soil and Water Integrated Model

Modelling progress (PIK- Germany)

River	Case Study	State of model	Additional data/information needed
Tagus	Iberian	Set up, calibrated and validated. Reservoir management included - 15 reservoirs in total. First impact assessments for ISI-MIP. RCP 4.5	Crop management, crop types, hydropower production rates (Spanish side)

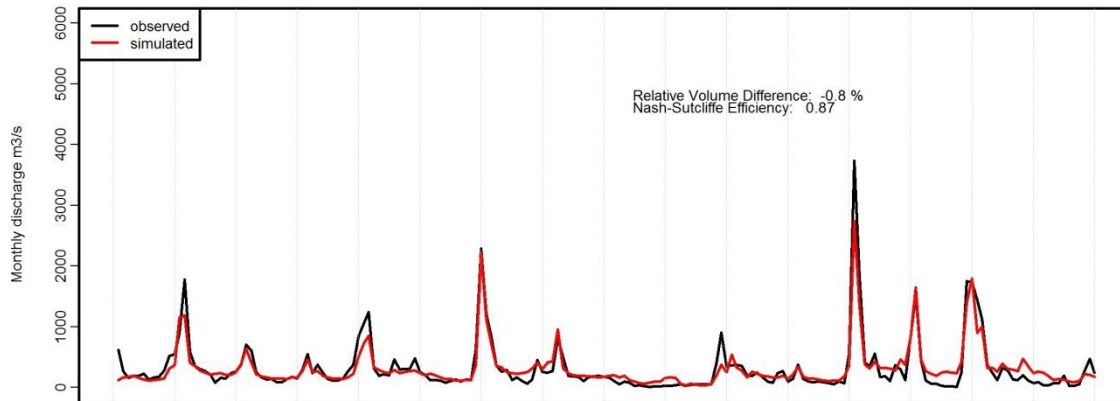


IBERIAN CASE STUDY

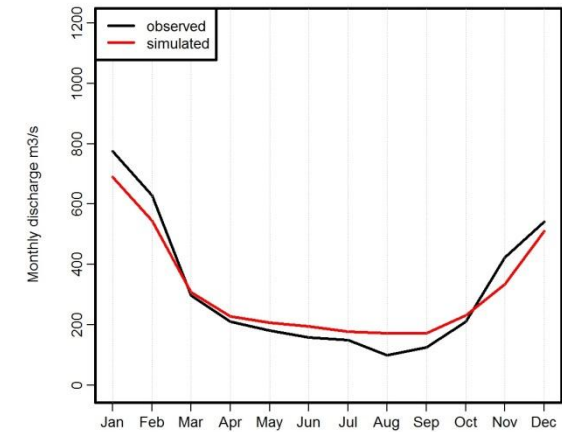
SWIM, Soil and Water Integrated Model

Calibration results Tagus river

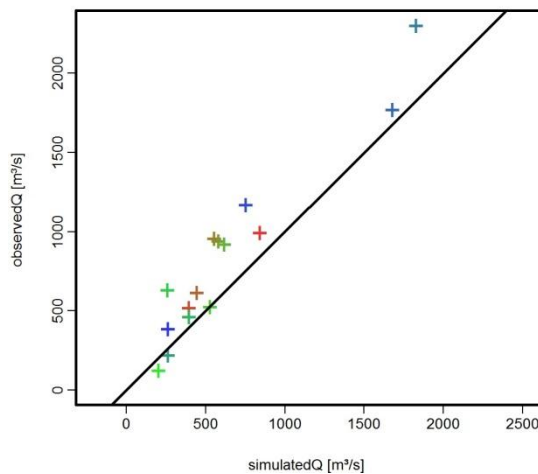
Monthly average discharge of Tagus River with reservoirs, gauge Santarem (WATCH)



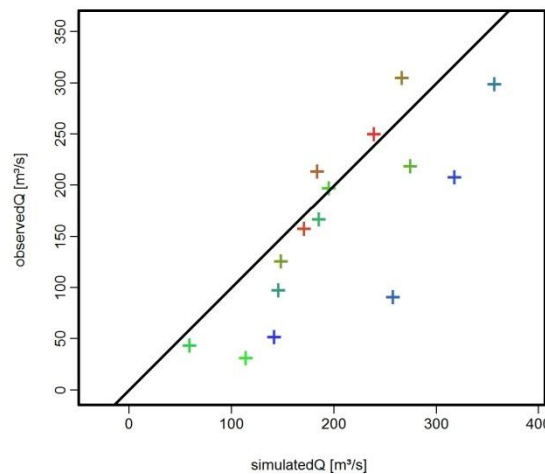
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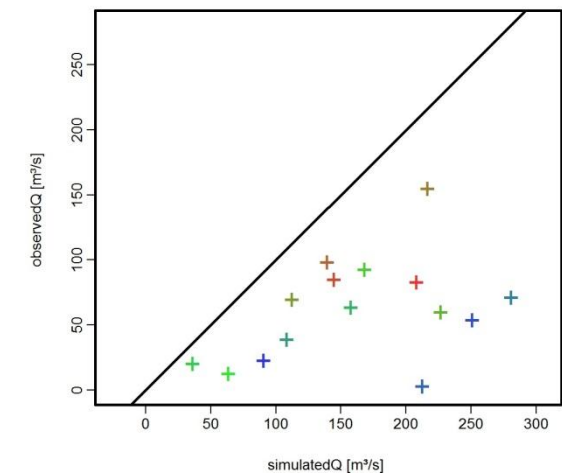
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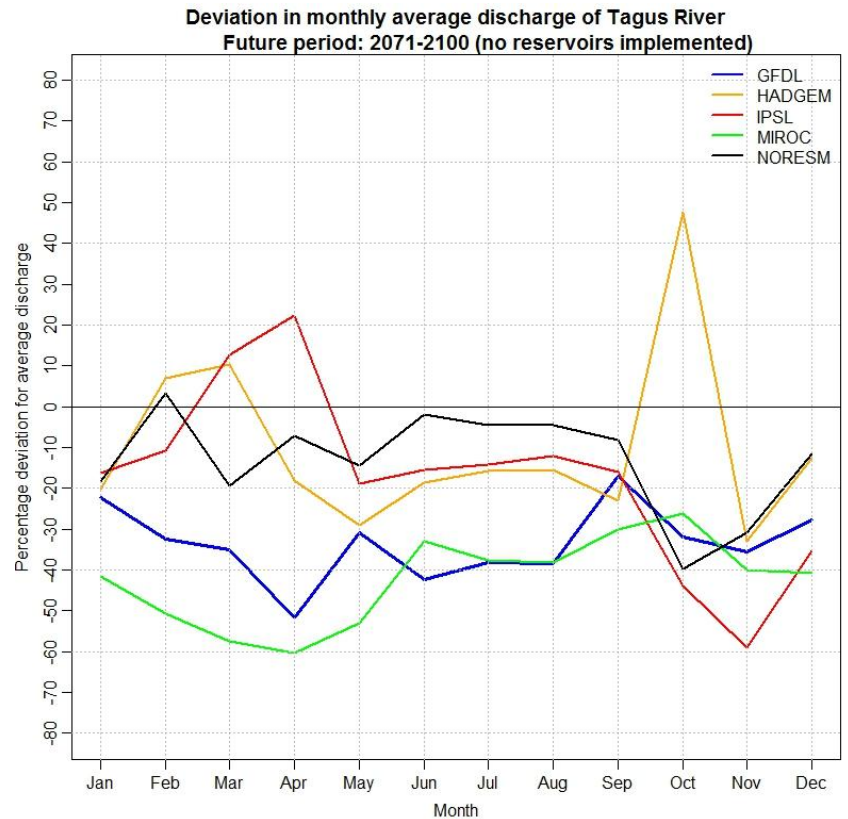
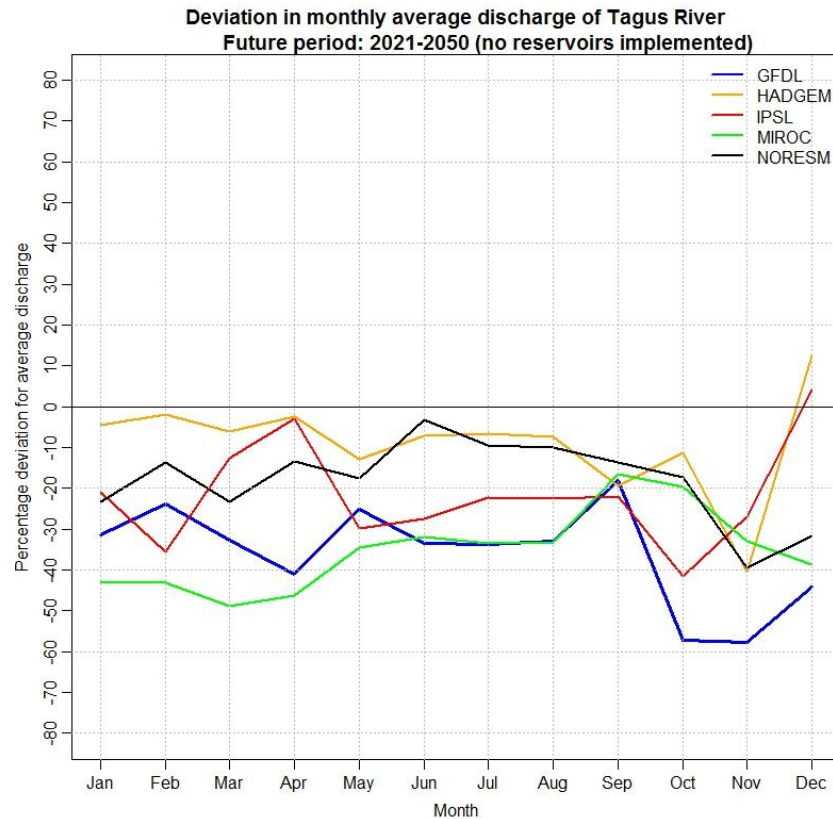
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Modelling progress (PIK- Germany)

IBERIAN CASE STUDY

Impact of RCP 4.5 Scenario at the Outlet of Tagus River



- ISI-MIP Scenarios: 5 GCM outputs, bias corrected for Iberian Peninsula

Modelling progress (PIK- Germany)



More information on the website

<http://www.impressions-project.eu/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the IMPRESSIONS project website. The header features the 'IMPRESSIONS' logo in large white letters on a red and yellow background, with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Google+ to the right. Below the header, the tagline 'IMPACTS AND RISKS FROM HIGH-END SCENARIOS: STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS' is displayed. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'GENERAL AIM' on the left, 'BACKGROUND' in the center, and 'MEMBERS AREA' on the right. The 'GENERAL AIM' section describes the project's goal to advance understanding of high-end climate change impacts. The 'BACKGROUND' section discusses the need for radical action to avoid severe impacts. The 'MEMBERS AREA' includes a login form with fields for 'Username / Email' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, and a 'LOGIN' button. Below the login form is a link for 'Lost your password?'. A 'Keywords' section lists terms like 'Climate change', 'Impacts', 'Vulnerability', 'Adaptation', 'Mitigation', 'High-end climate scenarios', 'Extreme socio-economic scenarios', 'Tipping points', 'Cross-sectoral', 'Uncertainty', 'Stakeholder engagement', and 'Decision support'. A search bar is located below the keywords. The 'HIGHLIGHTS' section features a large photo of six people standing in front of a building. The 'NEWS' section lists recent updates, including 'IMPRESSIONS workshops: Making the case for Hungary' and 'The CLIM-RUN project: Adapting to climate change, Mediterranean style'. A vertical menu on the left side of the page lists various sections: HOME, THE PROJECT, MAIN OUTCOMES, RESEARCH AREAS, PARTNERS, PARTNER PROJECTS, ONLINE LIBRARY, DELIVERABLES, IMPRESSIONS, and PUBLICATIONS. A vertical banner on the far left of the slide contains the website URL 'www.impressions-project.eu'.

IMPRESSIONS

IMPACTS AND RISKS FROM HIGH-END SCENARIOS: STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

GENERAL AIM

IMPRESSIONS aims to advance understanding of the implications of high-end climate change, involving temperature increases above 2°C, and to help decision-makers apply such knowledge within integrated adaptation and mitigation strategies.

BACKGROUND

There is widespread acceptance that the climate is changing. Although the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change warns that the increase in global temperature should be below 2°C to avoid severe impacts, projections based on current emission trends point to much more substantial warming, with possible increases of 4°C or more in the long-term unless there is radical action to cut emissions.

Despite the increasing plausibility of these high-end scenarios, there are few studies that assess their potential impacts and the options available for reducing the risks. Existing modelling tools and methods fail to account for potential tipping points, the need to cope with radical rather than gradual change, the complex interactions between sectors and the synergies and trade-offs between adaptation and mitigation actions. It is vital that decision-makers have access to reliable scientific information on these uncertain, but potentially high-risk, scenarios of the future, so that they can make effective adaptation and mitigation plans.

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