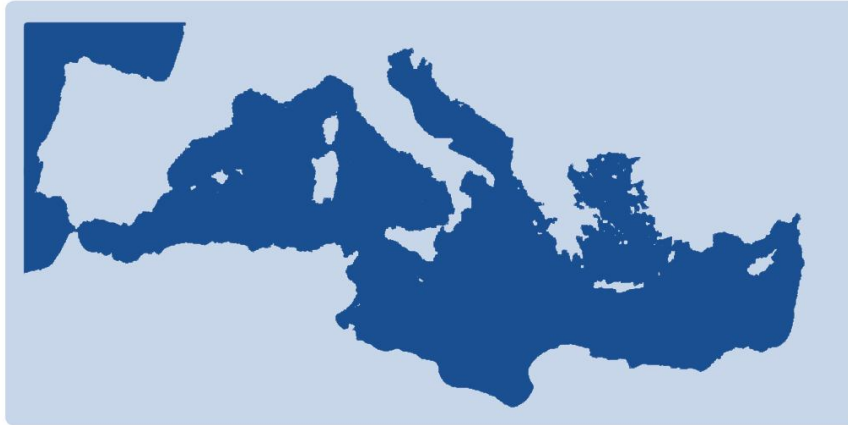


Climate Local Information in the Mediterranean  
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Climate services for energy  
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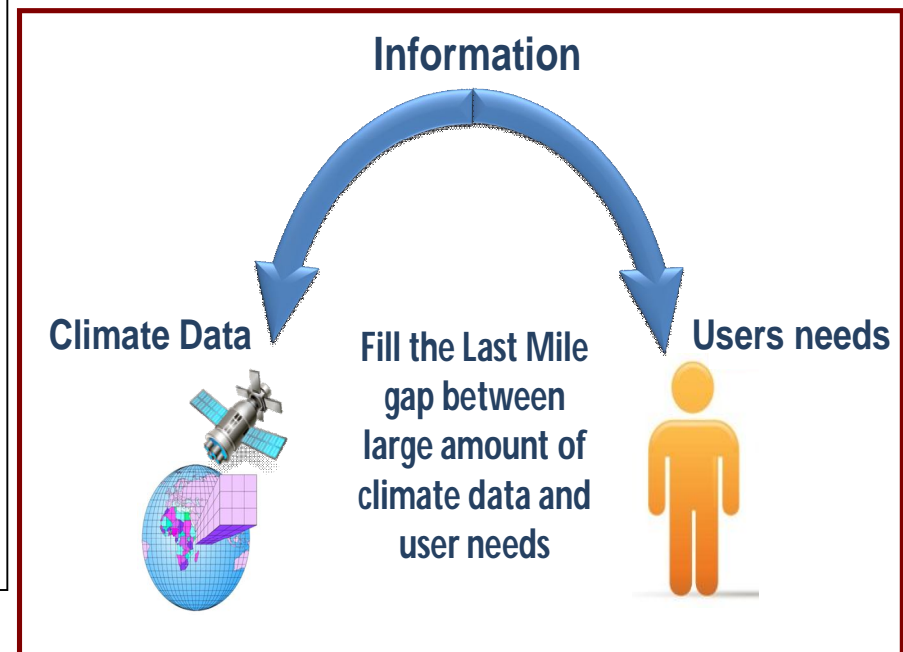


# What is CLIM-RUN?

## CLIM-RUN (2011-2014) Objectives



- Design and implementation of a **Climate Services protocol** for optimizing the **two-way information transfer** (bottom-up /up-bottom) between climate experts and stakeholders
- Advancement of the **science underpinning** the production of detailed **climate information** at regional to local scales tailored for **stakeholder needs**
- Test of the protocol via its application to a number of real world **case studies** in the **Mediterranean area** (mainly on Energy & Tourism and Natural hazards)



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## CLIM-RUN Case studies



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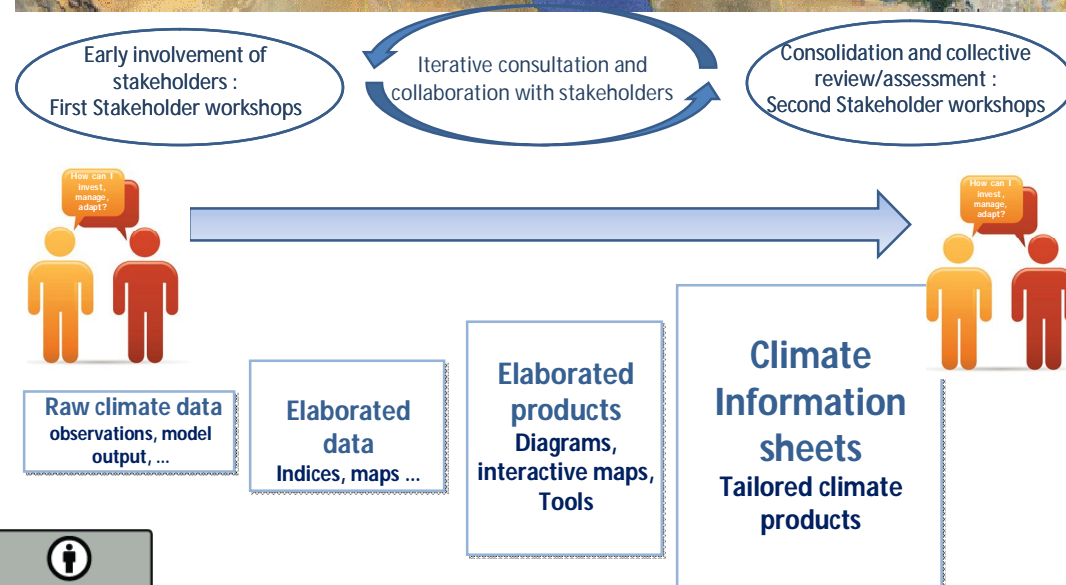


**Tourism:** Tunisia, France, Cyprus, Croatia

**Energy:** Spain, Morocco, Cyprus, Croatia

**Wild Fires:** Greece

**Integrated Case Study:** North Adriatic



Downward solar radiation has been identified as one of the relevant climate variables of interest for Energy case studies

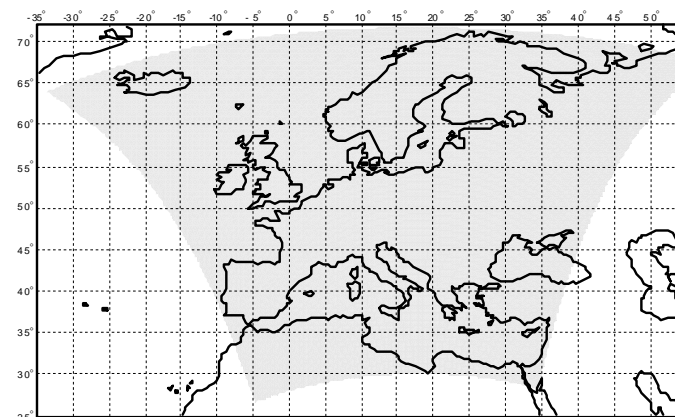
# The Approach: ENSEMBLES DATA

## ENSEMBLES FP6 GCMs- RCMs MATRIX

|                |                  | Global Model |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------|
|                |                  | ERA 40       | HadCM3Q16 | ARPEGE | BCM | ECHAM5-MPIOM r3 | MIROC3.2 hires | HadCM3Q0 |
| Regional Model | C4IRCA3          |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | CNRM-RM4.5       |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | DMI-HIRAM5       |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | ETHZ-CLM         |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | ICTP-RegCM3      |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | KNMI-RACMO2      |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | METNO-HIRAM      |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | METO-HC HadRM3Q0 |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | MPI-M-REMO       |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | SMHIRCA          |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |
|                | UCLM-PROMES      |              |           |        |     |                 |                |          |



ENSEMBLES domain



The table shows the GCMs- 25Km RCMs combinations extracted from the ENSEMBLES archive to develop the CLIMRUN products on future solar power generation scenarios



# ENSEMBLES RCMs details



| Institute | Model         | # Lev | H. Res       | Solar Const.               | Aerosols  |
|-----------|---------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| C4I       | RCA3          | 31    | 25km         | $\sim 365 \text{ W/m}^2$   | Equivalent CO <sub>2</sub>  |
| CHMI      | Aladin CY28t3 | 27    | 50km         | Constant                   | Equivalent CO <sub>2</sub>  |
| CRNM      | Aladin 4.5    | 31    | 50km         | Standard                   | Tegen et al. 1977   |
| CRCM      | OURANOS 4.2.3 | 29    | 50km-25km    | $\sim 365 \text{ W/m}^2$   | Boucher, M. Pham (2002), JGR  |
| DMI       | n.a.          | n.a.  | 25km         | n.a.                       | n.a.  |
| ETHZ      | CLM 2.4.6     | 32    | 25km         | $\sim 368 \text{ W/m}^2$   | J.F. Geleyn, ECMWF, 4.11.1982   |
| GKSS      | CLM 2.4.6     | 32    | 50km         | $\sim 368 \text{ W/m}^2$   | J.F. Geleyn, ECMWF, 4.11.1982   |
| HC        | HadRM3.0      | 19    | 50km<br>25km | $\sim 365 \text{ W/m}^2$   | SO <sub>2</sub> and DMS: Stott et al 2006<br>Oxidants: Johns et al 2003 |
| ICTP      | RegCM3        | 19    | 25km         | $\sim 365 \text{ W/m}^2$   | Briegleb 1992 (JGR)   |
| INM       | RCA3          | 31    |              | $\sim 365 \text{ W/m}^2$   | Equivalent CO <sub>2</sub>  |
| KNMI      | RACMO2.1      | 40    | 25km<br>50km | $\sim 370 \text{ W/m}^2$   | four types of aerosols according to Tanré (1984)                        |
| MET.NO    | HIRHAM2       | 31    | 25km         | $\sim 376 \text{ W/m}^2$   | aerosols from ECHAM4 (constant during 1960-2000)                        |
| SMHI      | RCA3          | 24    | 25km<br>50km | $\sim 370 \text{ W/m}^2$   | Constant  |
| LCLM      | PROMES        | 28    | 50km         | $\sim 395.6 \text{ W/m}^2$ | Not Considered  |

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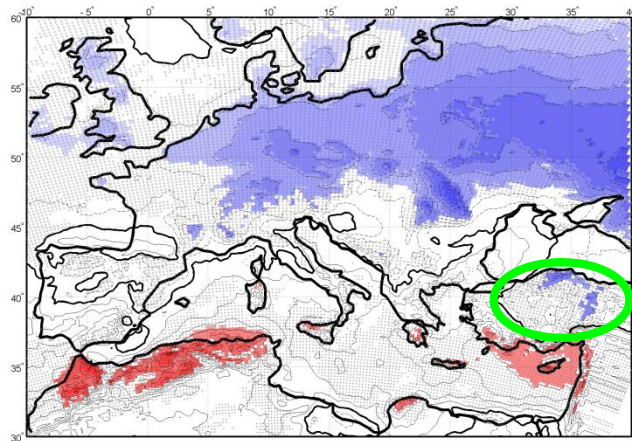
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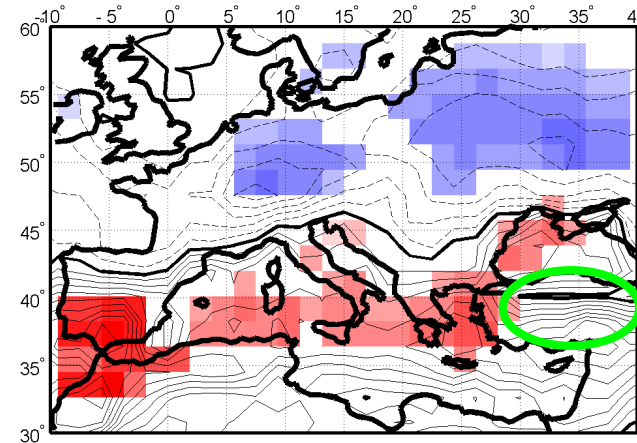
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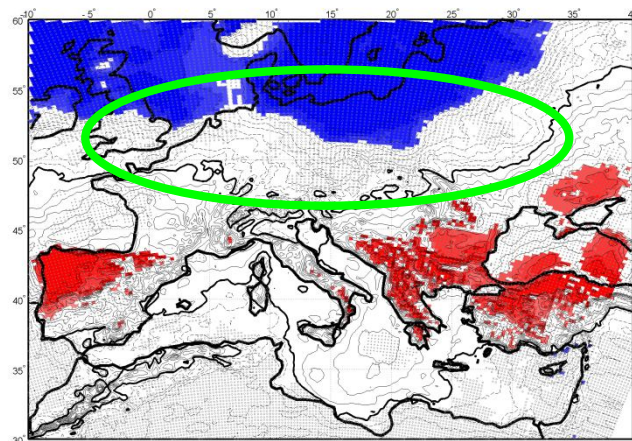
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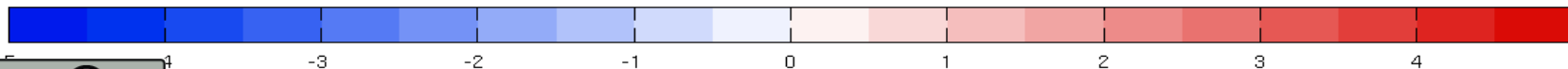
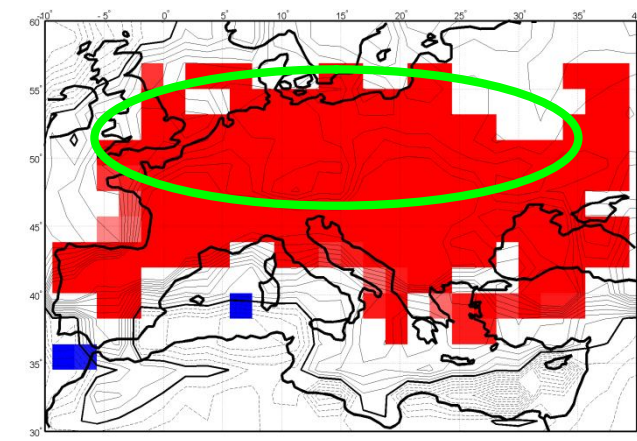
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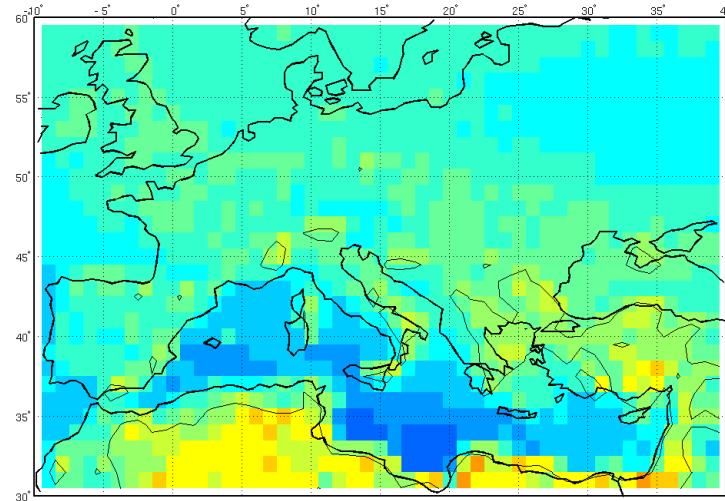
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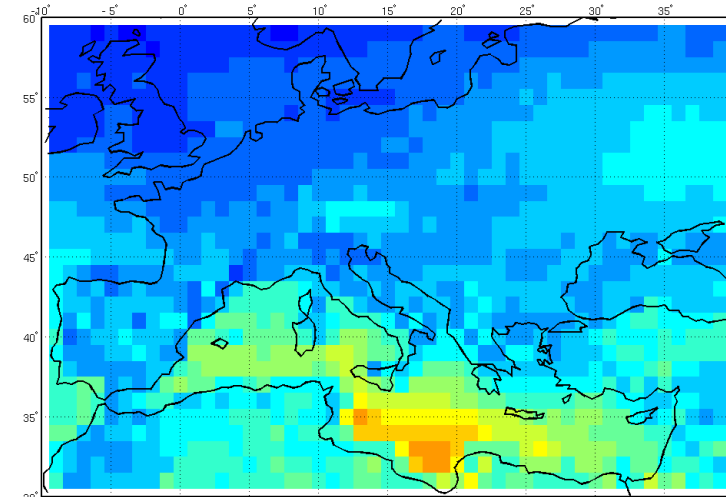
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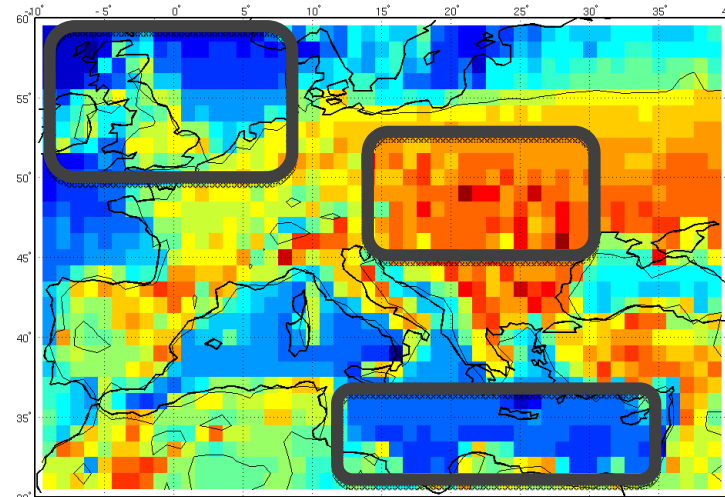
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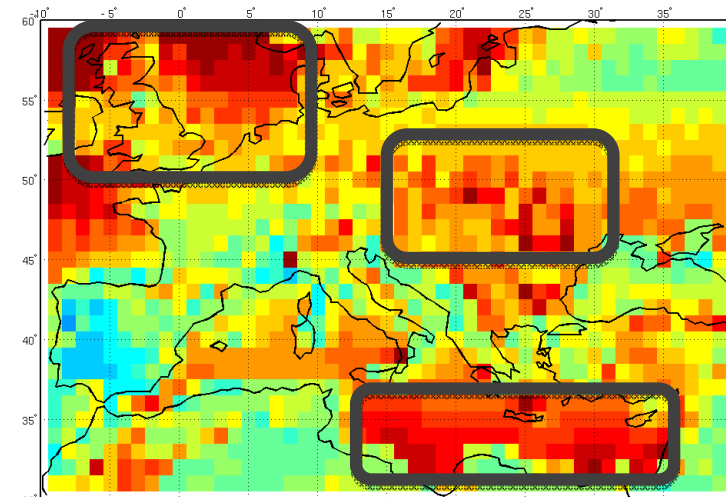
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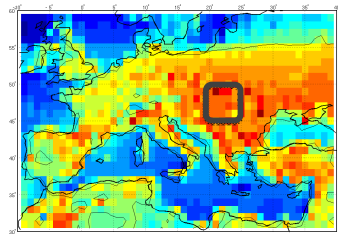
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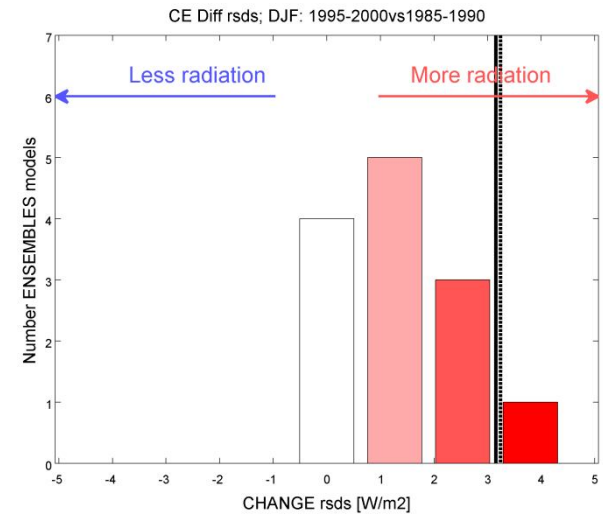
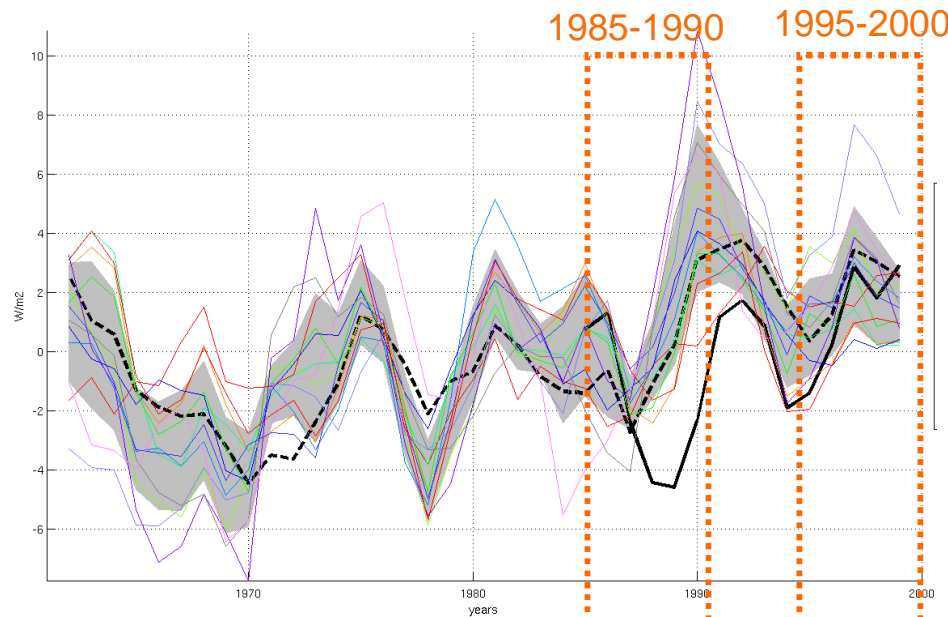
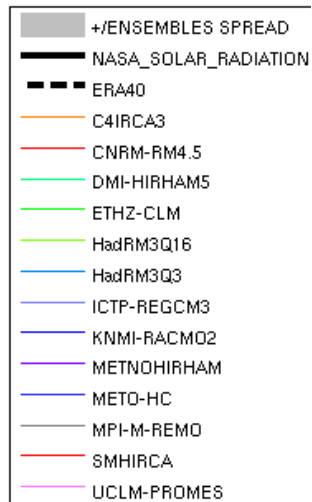


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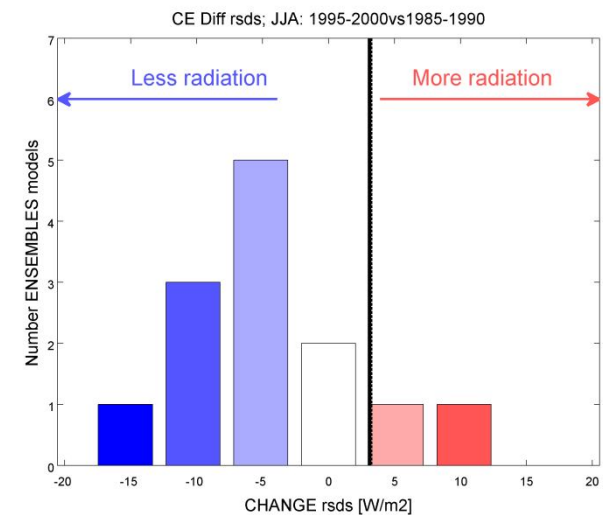
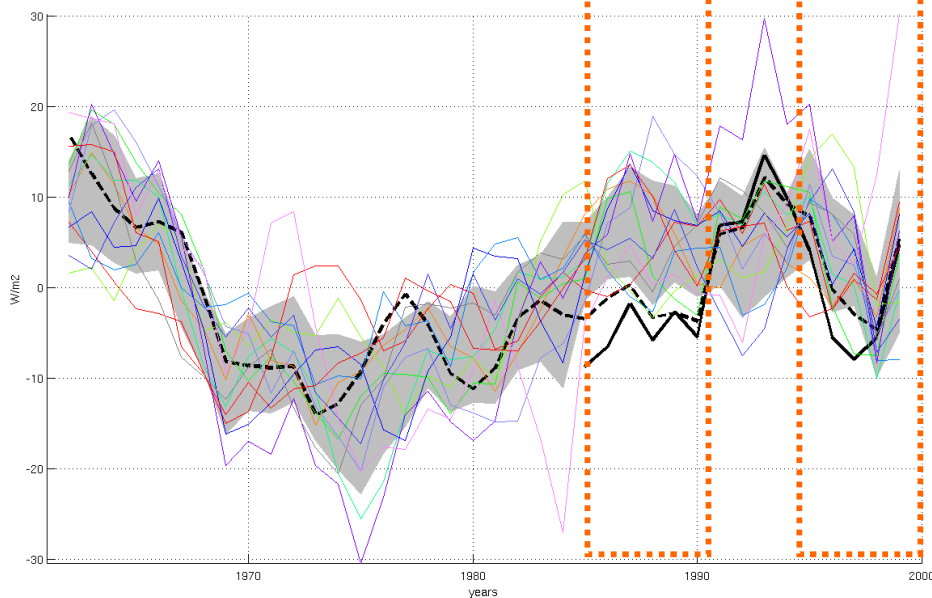
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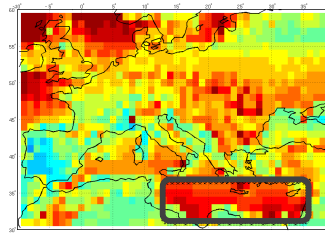
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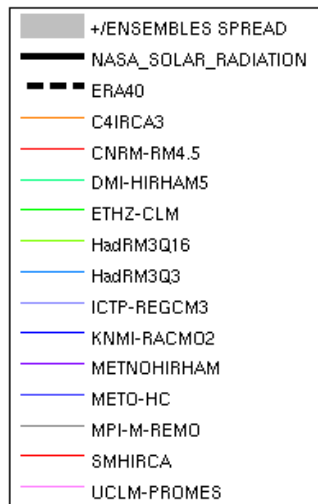


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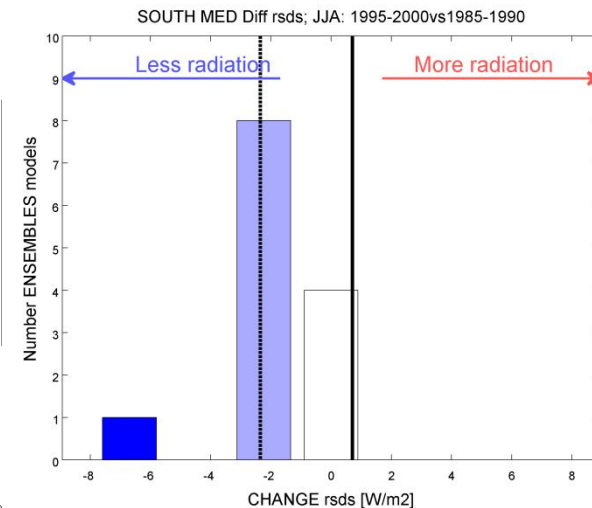
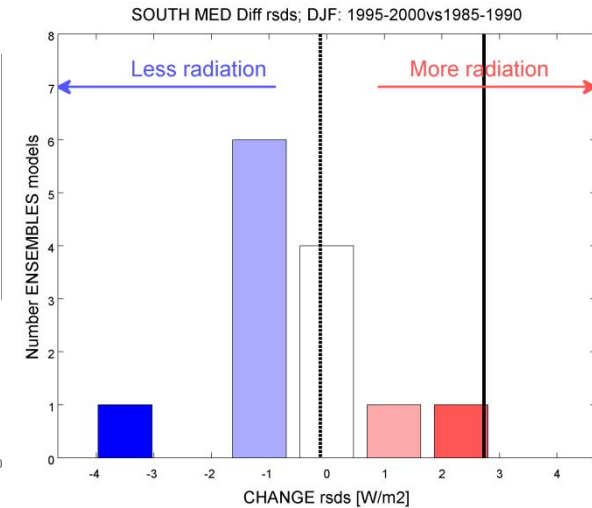
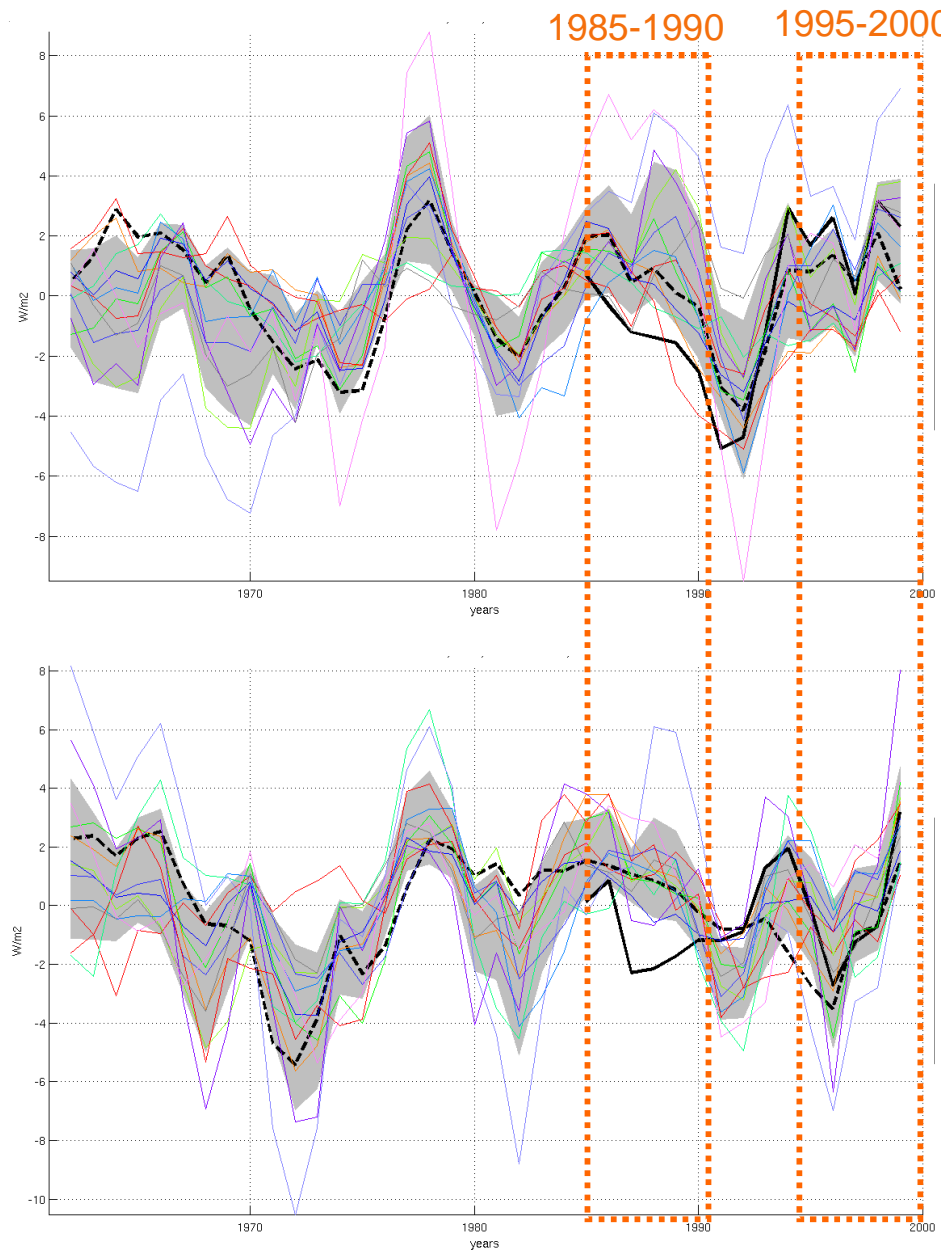
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# Conclusions

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## ■ Looking forward for CORDEX (EURO & MED)

### ■ Aerosols

- Aerosols schemes, dynamics and chemistry
- Aerosols primary and secondary effects

<RCM dependent>

### ■ Clouds

- Convection schemes
- Microphysical parameterization
- Transport from the borders (nesting)

<RCM dependent>

<Large-scale drivers dependent>

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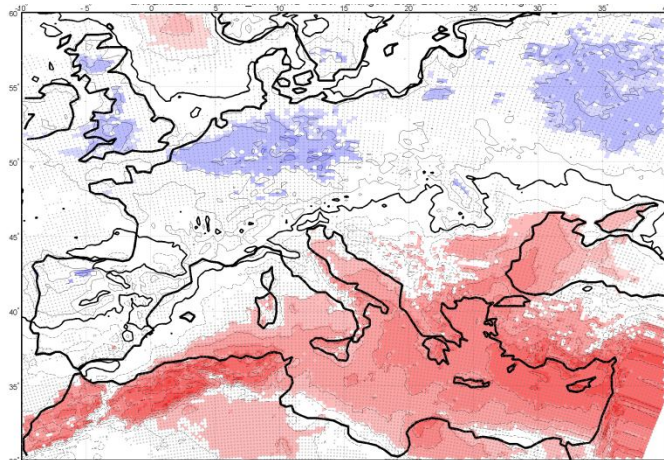
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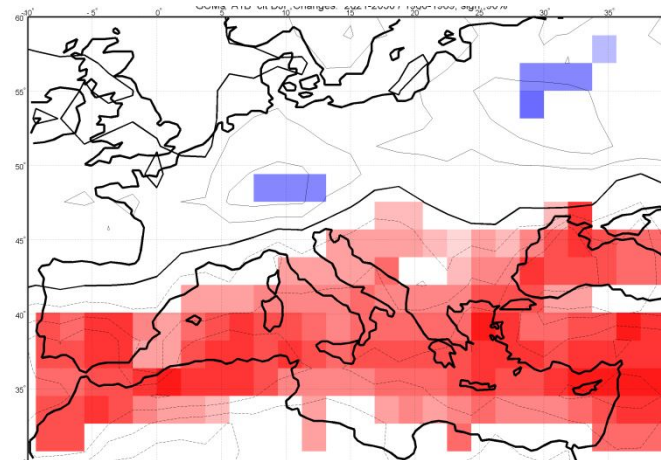
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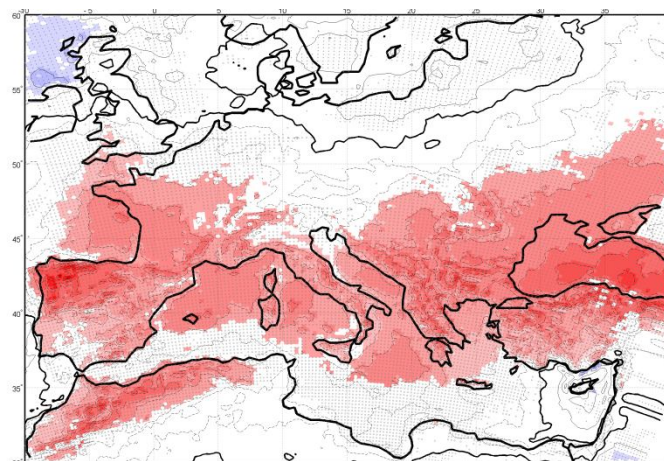
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