Co-designing the next generation of climate models for a better informed society

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PRIMAVERA project

PRIMAVERA (Processed-Based Climate Simulation: Advances in

High-Resolution Modelling and European Climate
Risk Assessment) is a European Commissionfunded project about designing and running new,
high-resolution global climate models, and assessing,
their ability to simulate societally important processes
and thereby supporting climate risk assessment
activities across Europe.

Representation of ocean surface currents from high to low model resolutions: (left) ~25km, (centre) ~60km and (right) ~130km.

Data from HadGEM3-based global coupled model.

Next generation climate models

Climate models represent the ocean, atmosphere, land, and sea ice by a grid made up of boxes of typically about 100km in size. They are usually run over multiple decades and data are available from the model simulations

at best on a daily basis.

PRIMAVERA will provide data at much smaller timescales (up to hourly) and with much finer grid size (typically 25km). This promises improved representation of important climate processes with potentially severe impacts on Europe. We also hope to capture some small scale atmospheric or oceanic phenomena or large scale ones with localised effects.

Relevance for society

Fine scale climate resolution can help us understand and assess how the risks of high-impact climate events, such as heat waves, floods, and droughts, are projected to change over the next few decades.

PRIMAVERA wants to explore whether these new models are better than existing models at representing the processes most important for society and how the outputs from these models can add value to the methods we currently use to assess climate risk.

To learn this, we collaborate with stakeholders to identify their needs for relevant and actionable climate data and information.

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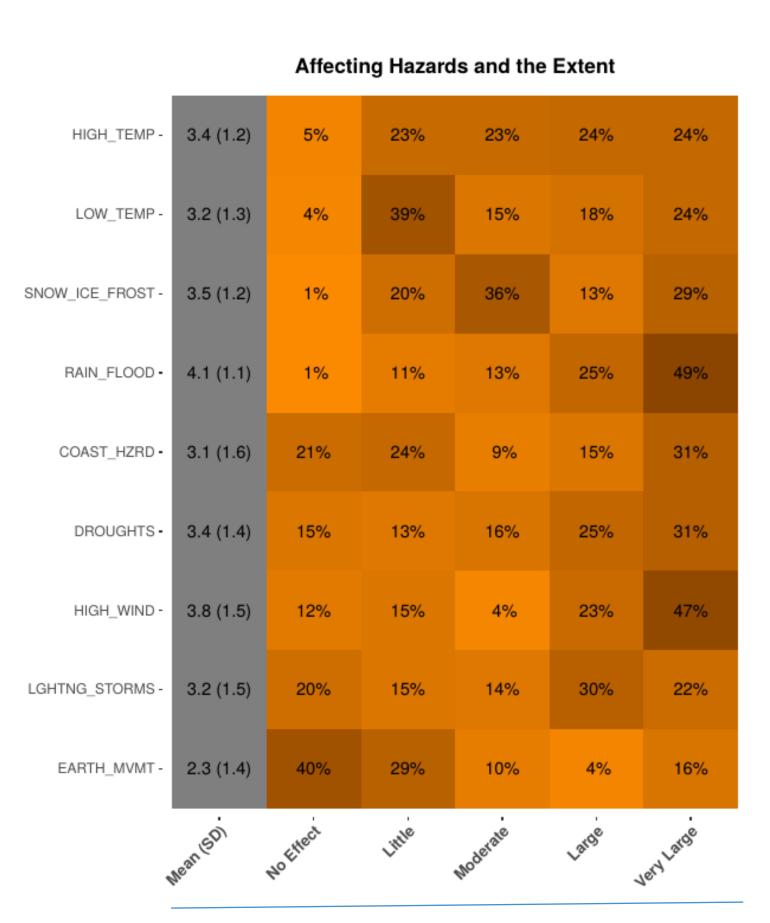
Droughts, floods and storms are examples of societally-important climate hazards

Co-design

PRIMAVERA project goes beyond simple information dissemination, while enforcing ideas exchange between stakeholders and the project scientists. This participatory design approach will help scientists understand decision-makers' short-term (operational) and longer-term (planning) strategies that are affected by climate variability and change. The scientists will together with stakeholders explore past climate and potential risk of future climate variability and change in a series of case studies. Finally, the project will identify unique features of high-resolution simulations that can improve representation of climate events of relevance to society.

Participatory activities

Percent



Results from the survey: most important hazards and their impact

Engaging

- Using various communication channels:
 - User Interface platform
 - * Factsheets* Storymaps
 - * Narratives of physical description of hazards and their drivers

Involving

Through the survey, interviews and workshops with users from energy, transport, agriculture, water management, insurance and other sectors.

Empowering

In focused one-to-one relationships with data providers, project champion users develop case studies in which they apply PRIMAVERA data to support their research and decision-making activities.

Get involved

We want to hear from users, stakeholders and policy-makers!

- * Sign up for PRIMAVERA updates mailing list
- * Come to one of the **sector-based workshops**

Questions? Email us: primavera_inquiries@bsc.es



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