



Virtual workshop on Compute and Analytics

Compute Services requirements for the climate impact community using C4I

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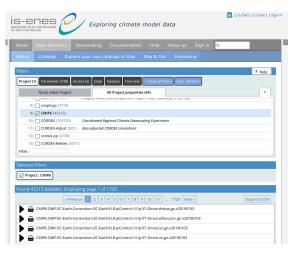


C4I Platform: Current Status

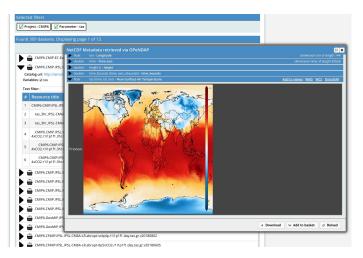


C4I Status

- CMIP6 data findable and can be processed (ICCLIM, subsetting)
- Hardware failure in October 2018 (downtime)
- Migrated to AWS, will be moved to SurfSara
- MyProxy replaced by OAUTH2 with certificates
- Average of 2.100 unique users each month (AWStats)



Search showing CMIP6 data



Visualization of CMIP6 data

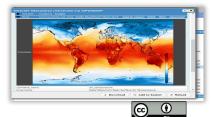




Example use case: Calculating Summer Days (SU) - step 1

- Calculate number of days where maximum temperature is above 25 degrees per European country, based on experiment RCP 2.6 and model MIROC5
- Go to C4I and sign in
- Go to Search and select:
 - Model: CMIP5
 - Parameter: tasmax
 - 3. Time frequency: daily
 - 4. Experiment: rcp26
 - 5. Model: MIROC5.
 - 6. Ensemble: r1i1p1
 - 7. Select the latest version
- Select a file from the dataset and add it to your basket

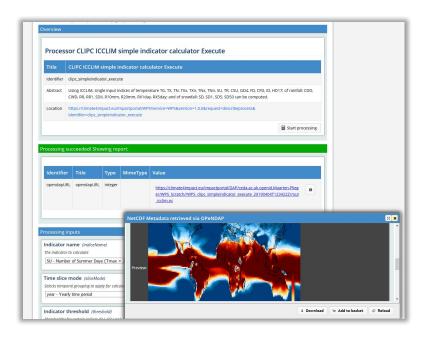








- Go to Processing and select ICCLIM simple indicator calculations
- Select SU, Summer days. Leave the threshold to 25 degrees Celsius
- Select the file from your basket and click "Start processing"
- Inspect the output



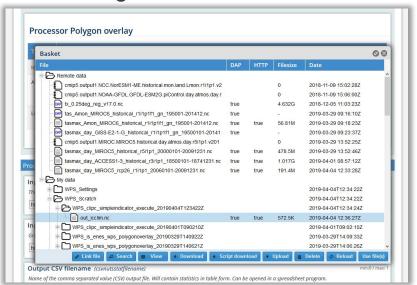




Calculate region statistics – step 3



- Go to Processing and select Polygon overlay
- For "Input File B Gridded data", choose the latest result with SU from your basket. This is the most recent folder under WPS_Scratch
- As variable select "SU", as time range select "*"
- Click "Start processing"

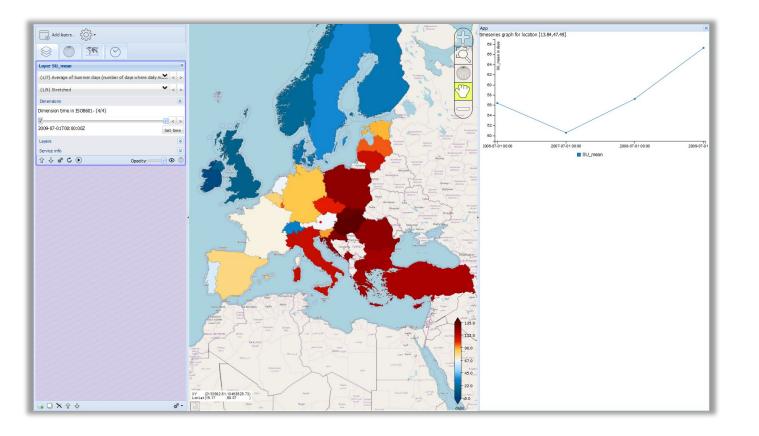






Summer days per European country for MIROC5 / RCP26.



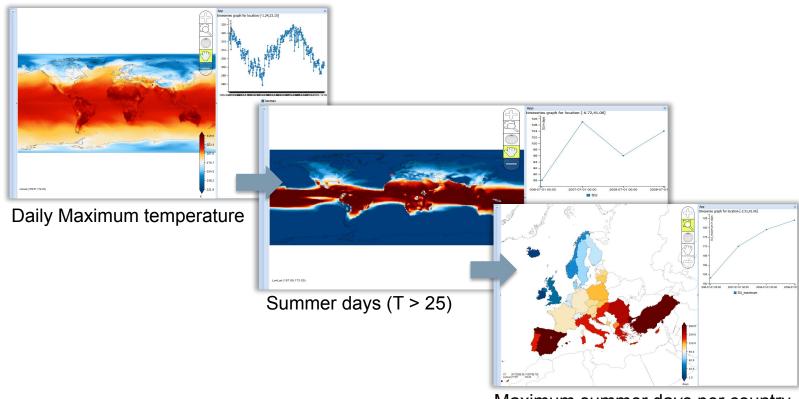






To summarize this use case:



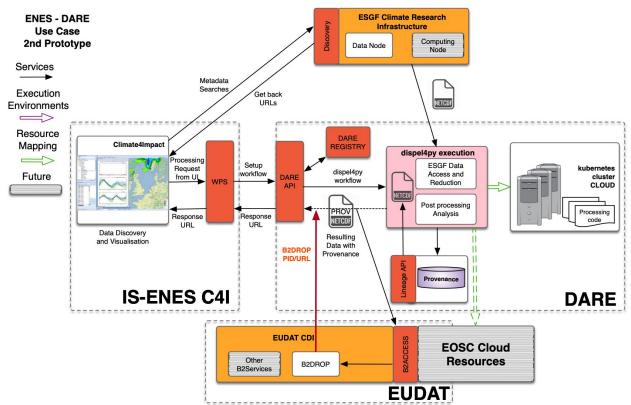




C4I Platform: Related Projects



H2020-DARE: 01/18-12/20





IS-ENES3 C4I developments



Planned C4I Tasks in IS-ENES3

- Task in WP3, WP7 and WP10 (virtual WP....)
 - WP3: Community building, standards (metadata), requirements
 - WP7: Operational C4I service
 - WP10: Developments of C4I

Goals:

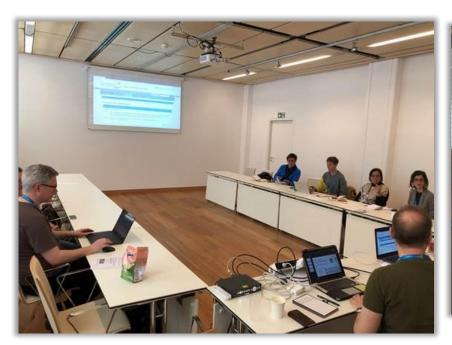
- Users' engagement: climate research community, climate impact community as well as interdisciplinary research community
- Make all ESGF climate model data and services (CMIPs, CORDEX) accessible
- Separate computing and portal infrastructure
- Provide advanced data processing and new user-friendly interfaces for data analytics



User engagement: Splinter sessions, web seminars, classrooms



- Receive feedback from users
- Keep users in the loop, show them new features









User requirements related to C4I (1)



- For impact studies often relatively high spatial resolutions are required:
 - EUROCORDEX is therefore very interesting for them
- Impact research needs: several climate scenarios (ensemble) is needed
 - Information on biases
 - Changes under the various RCPs
 - => for a large range of climate variables (not just averages, also extremes, variability)
- **Terminology** in climate science is often a problem for impact researchers
 - Provide more information and guidance
 - Expert / Non-expert mode could be needed (variable names, etc.)
 - Provide guidance/default values for scenario parameters
 - Avoid having impact researchers deal with files
- For use in impact models generally bias-corrected data are needed
 - Impact researchers are often not able to do a good bias correction themselves



User requirements related to C4I (2)



- Provide better tools for impact researchers to overcome:
 - Large amounts of data
 - NetCDF format.
 - Tools to "cut out" certain regions, time periods
 - Tools to process the data without the need to download the data
- A very robust platform is needed
 - Avoid cryptic error messages
 - Optimize to overcome the extremely long times for processing
 - Need to better guide and inform the user: tailored error messages, guidance on how to proceed
- Very complete guidance material is needed
- Training must be provided for impact researchers





Improvements and needs from compute and analytics

- Currently C4I handles ESGF data on file level
 - Files are pieces of data with approximately 5 years of climate data
 - We want to make it easier to process long sequences of data
 - Compare experiments
- We want to bring the processing to the data
 - Collaborate with ESGF CWT and results from H2020 DARE?
 - Calculations should run faster
- Currently provenance tracking is too limited
 Enhance usage of W3C PROV-DM standard and WPS_PROV toolkit
 - Track actions, record how a product was generated, make process repeatable.







Questions





User requirements related to C4I (1)



- For impact studies often relatively high spatial resolutions are required. EUROCORDEX is therefore very interesting for them
- For impact research often not enough resources are available to take into account a whole
 ensemble of climate models, but two is regularly possible. How to select 2 model runs
 (or a few more) that show the range of impacts? Information on biases, changes under the
 various RCPs for a large range of climate variables (not just averages, also extremes,
 variability) would be very useful to make a good selection (is it possible to generate this
 info with ESMval and make this available in an easy way?)
- **Terminology** in climate science is often a problem for impact researchers. In the C4I portal there are many options/filters. Some could be formulated in a different way, such that it is clearer for a broader range of users. Further more, more guidance/explanation can also help and default options. E.g. most impact researcher do not understand the names of the files or they do not know what "Tasmax" means. For the spatial resolution e.g. daily data could be used as default
- For use in impact models generally **bias-corrected data** are needed. Impact researchers are often not able to do a good bias correction themselves



User requirements related to C4I (2)



- Many impact researcher have problems with large amounts of data and the NetCDF format. Therefore the possibilities to "cut out" certain regions, time periods with in the C4I is very useful for them. Also the various options to process the data without the need to download the data is very useful
- At the moment the C4I portal regularly gives **error messages**, takes **extremely long times for processing** (with regularly error messages at the end). Would it be possible to give some more feedback on the time required for e.g. processing and providing indications on what is the problem in the case of error messages?
- If we want a broader group to use the C4I portal, more guidance material is needed and more training. People from the broader group often do not have much background knowledge on climate data and to use the portal, one needs a considerable level of knowledge on climate data