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**CLIMAAX**  
climate ready regions

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*CLIMate risk And vulnerability  
Assessment framework and  
toolboX*

***Preparing for regional Climate  
Risk assessments***

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# Regional Climate Risk Assessments are very diverse

Many challenges



Multiple data sources

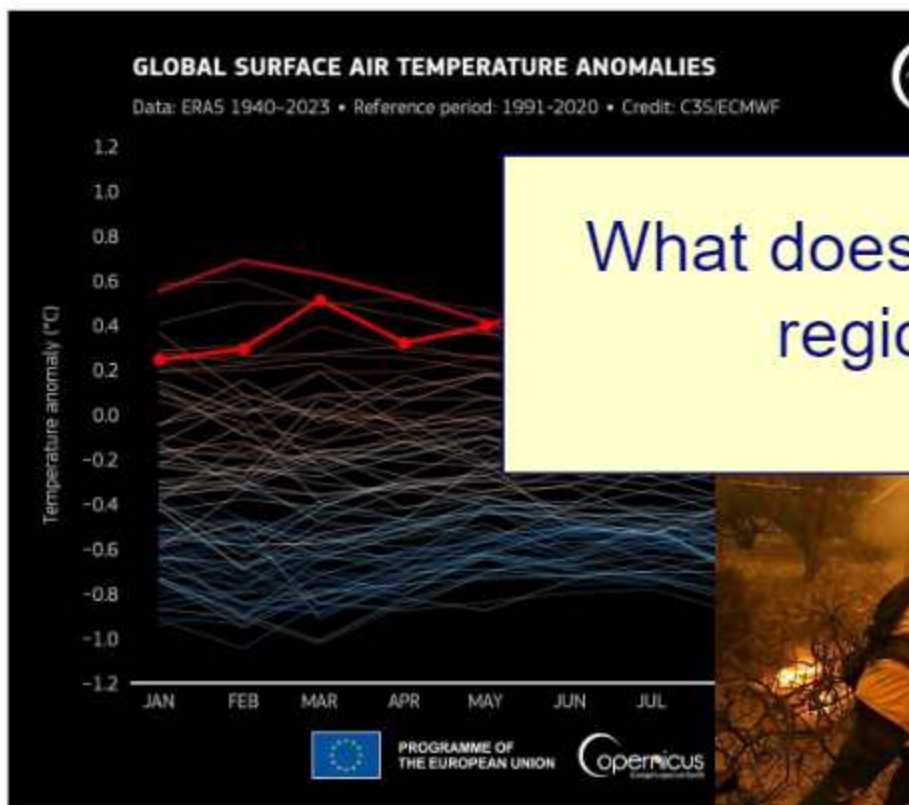
Our motto:  
standardized flexibility

Many regions

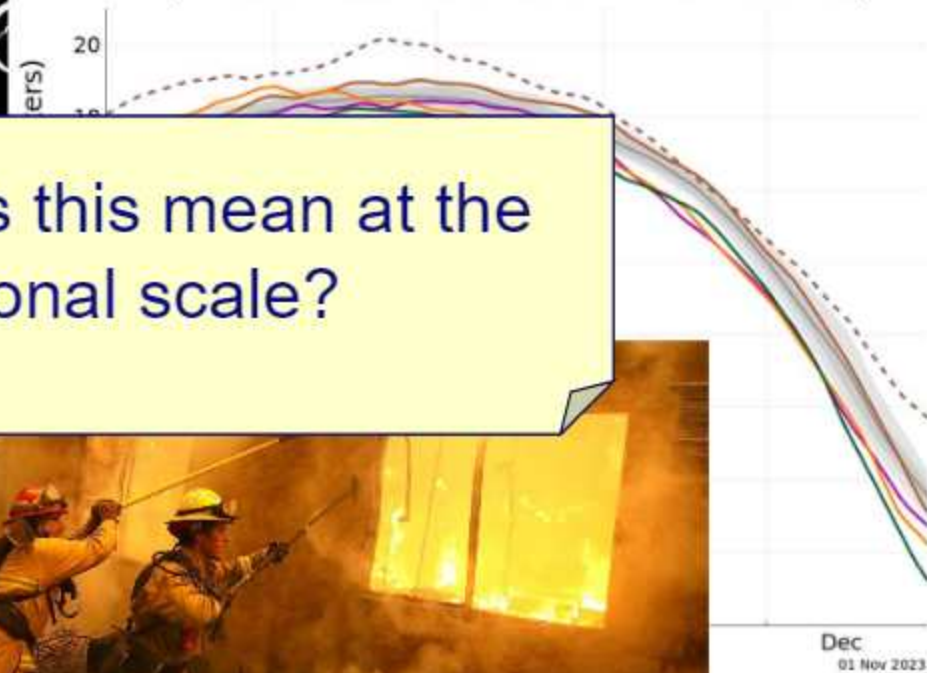


Part of the  
EU Mission on  
Adaptation

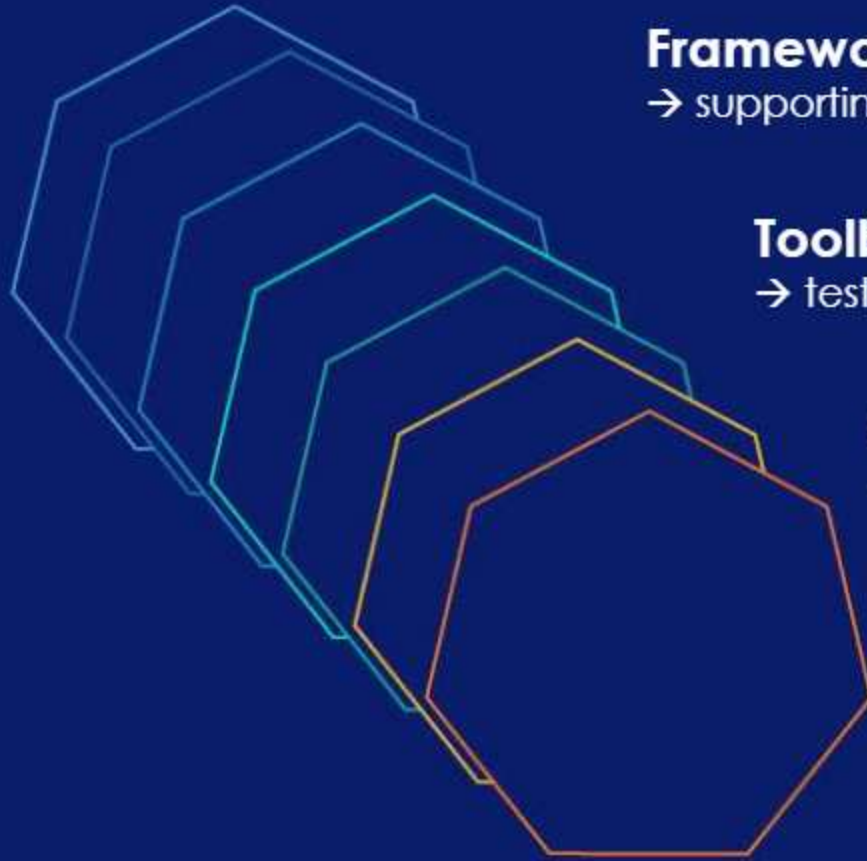
Antarctic Sea Ice Extent  
(Area of ocean with at least 15% sea ice)



What does this mean at the regional scale?



# The pillars of CLIMAAX



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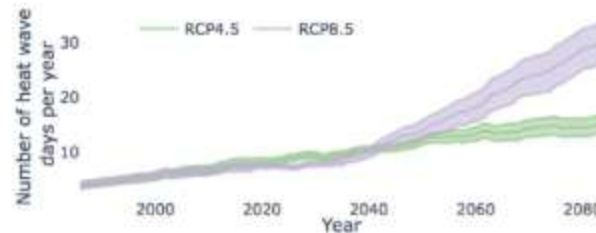
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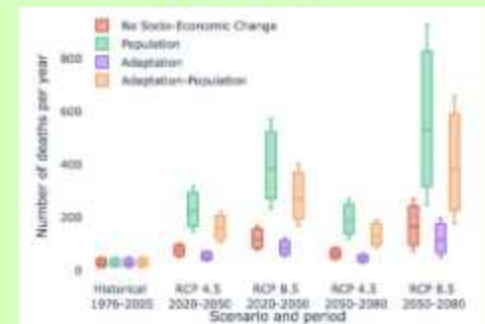
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**PRESENT  
RISKS**

## INCREASE OF IMPACTS DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE



## FUTURE RISKS



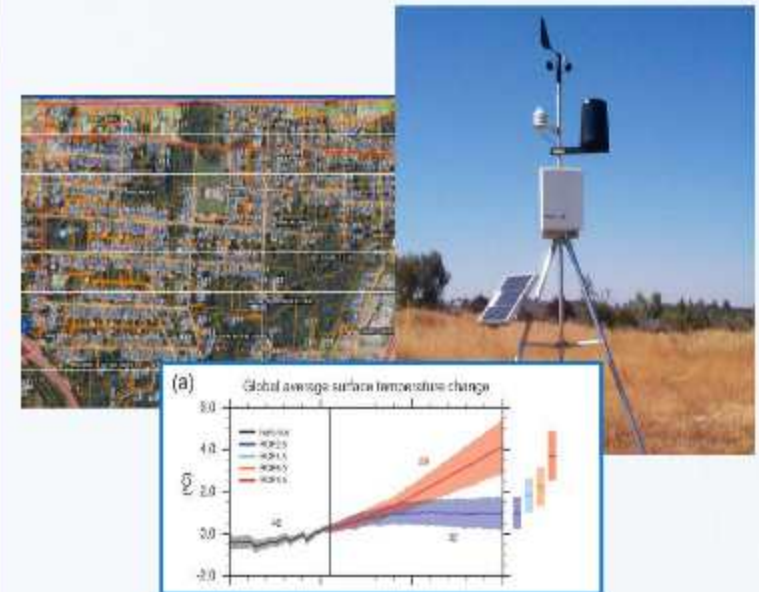
**METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH for REGIONAL/LOCAL SCALE**

**ADAPTATION strategies to increase regional Resilience and  
Improve local Risk Management Plans**



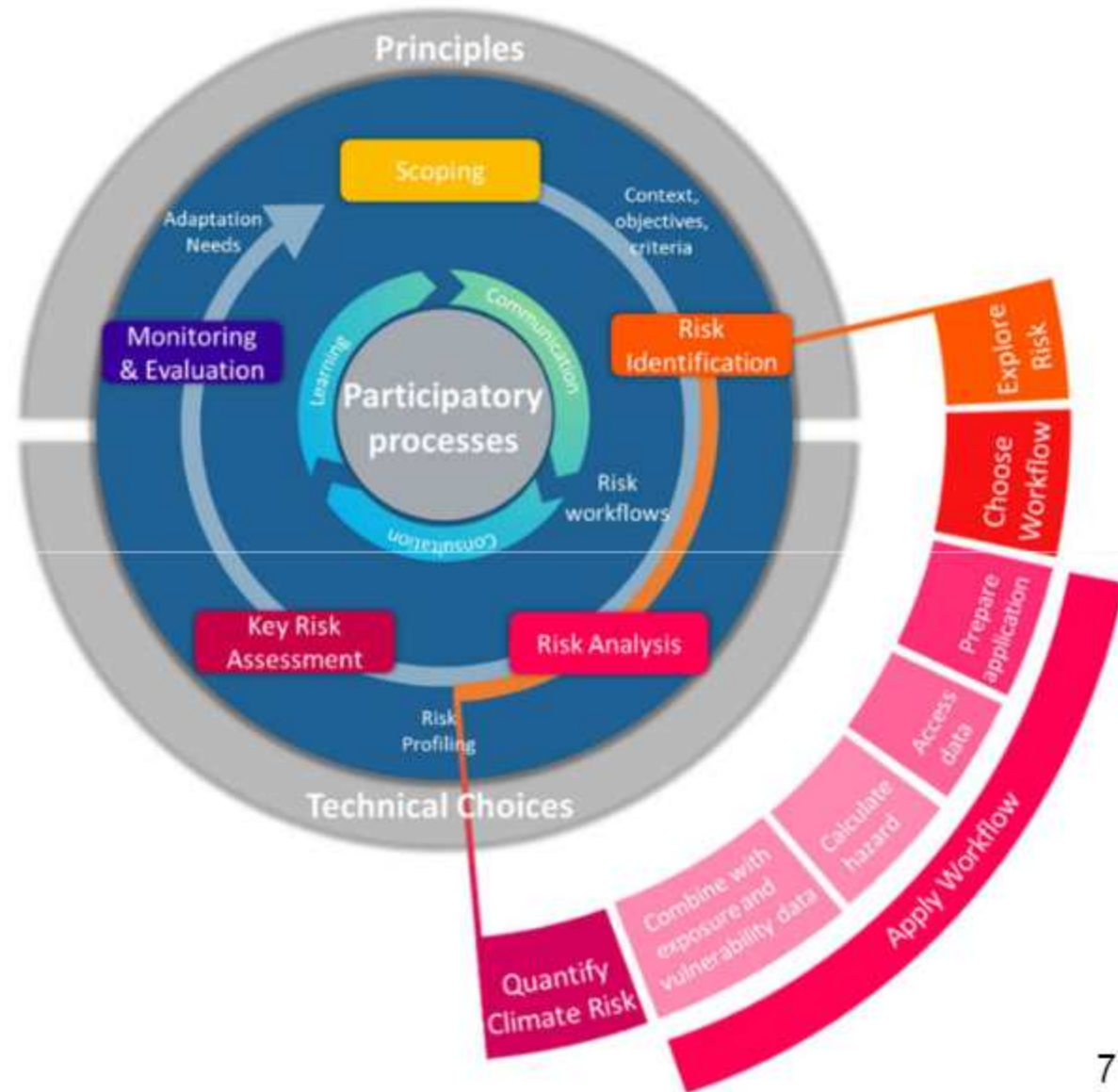
# Requirements for a regional CRA

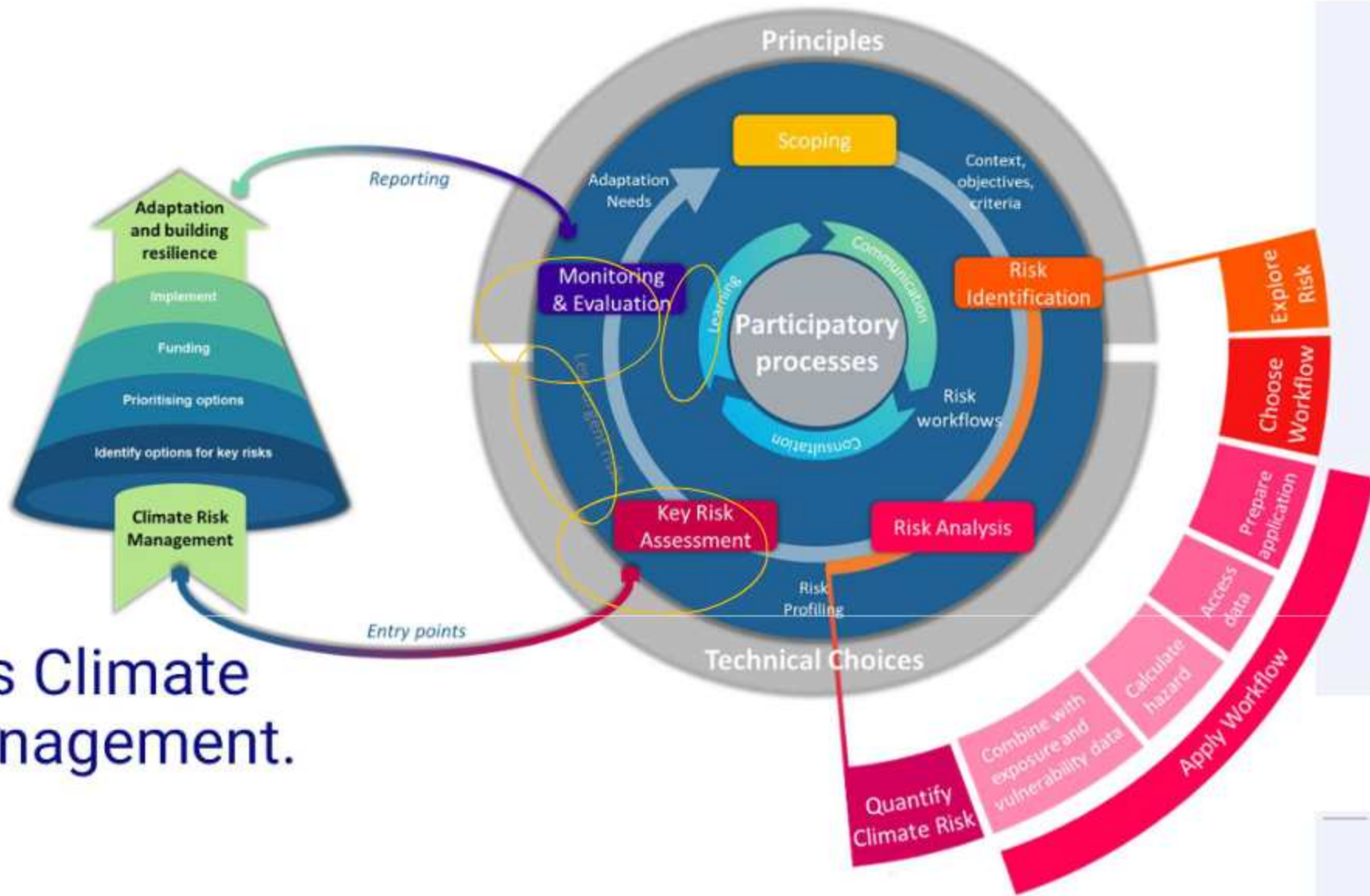
- Represent local characteristics (at high resolution)
- Represent local climate variability
  - *Regional climate trends*
  - *Local weather characteristics*
- Forward looking for hazard, exposure and vulnerability
- → Regional expertise is required



# CRA Framework

- Setting the context
- Selection of hazards
- Use of available data
- Selection of indicators
- Assessment of risks





# Towards Climate Risk Management.



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## The CRA toolbox principles

- Accomodate risk analysis at high spatial resolution
- Standardised flexibility
  - Global and local data
- Forward looking for hazard, exposure and vulnerability
- Co-production



## Hazards included

- Coastal and riverine flooding
- Wildfire
- Heatwaves
- Heavy precipitation
- Droughts
- Snow storms



## First design: The recipes



## Exploring data by Hazard, Exposure and Vulnerability → Risk

### Connecting to a.o.:

- Copernicus DataStore
- JRC RiskDataHub
- EEA ClimateAdapt

[handbook.climaax.eu](http://handbook.climaax.eu)

## Hazard data

The downloaded storm footprints can be visualised to get an overview of what it is in the dataset. First, we need to open the storm footprint from the downloaded zipfile. Then we change the dimension from latitude and longitude to y and x so we can work with and manipulate the data later. Then, we need to set the CRS of the dataset since that has not been predefined by the Copernicus Climate Data Store. Before plotting we need to select the right variable to plot (FX) and specify the band of interest, in this case there is only one so that is easy (z=1)

```
with ZipFile(f"{data_dir}/storm.zip") as zf:
    # Let's get the filename first
    file = zf.namelist()[0]

    # And now we can open and select the file within Python
    with zf.open(file) as f:
        windstorm_europe = xr.open_dataset(f)

    windstorm_europe = windstorm_europe.rename({'Latitude': 'y', 'Longitude': 'x'})
    windstorm_europe = windstorm_europe.rio.set_spatial_dims(x_dim="x", y_dim="y", inplace=True)

    windstorm_europe.rio.write_crs(4326, inplace=True)

    windstorm_europe = windstorm_europe['FX']['z'=1]

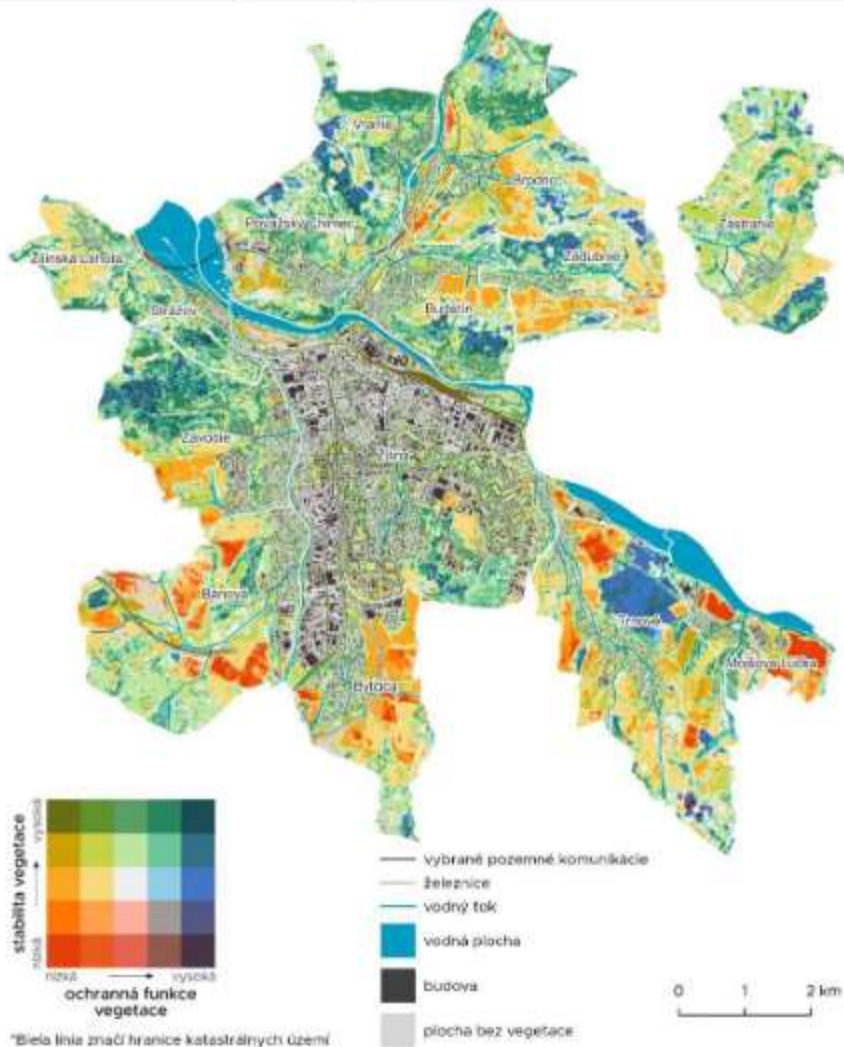
    #plot
    windstorm_europe.plot()
    plt.title("Windstorm across Europe")
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Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Windstorm across Europe')
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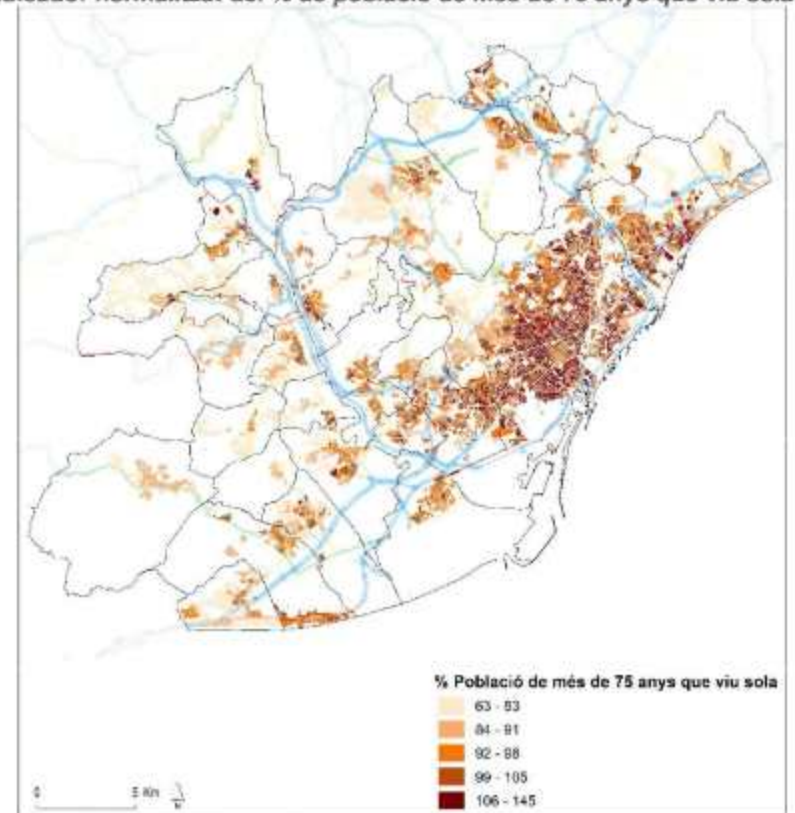


## Žilina city vegetation



## % of Population over 75 years that lives alone in Barcelona Metropolitan Area (2018): IERMB from IDESCAT

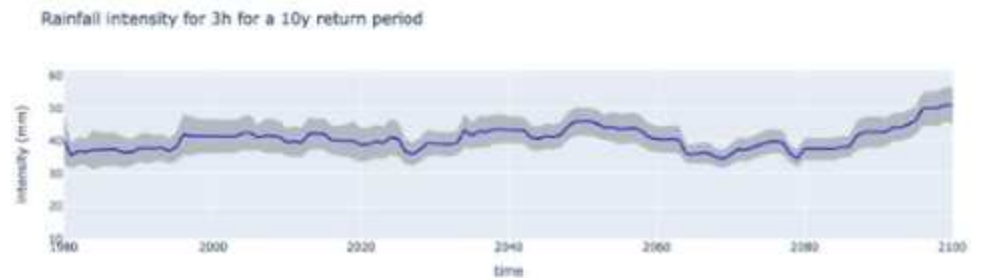
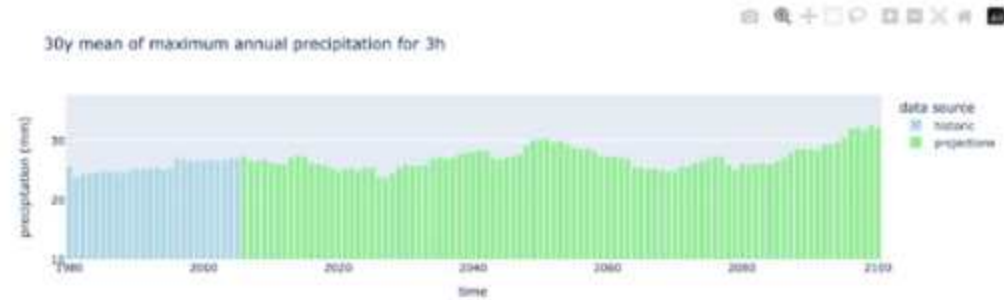
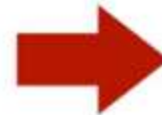
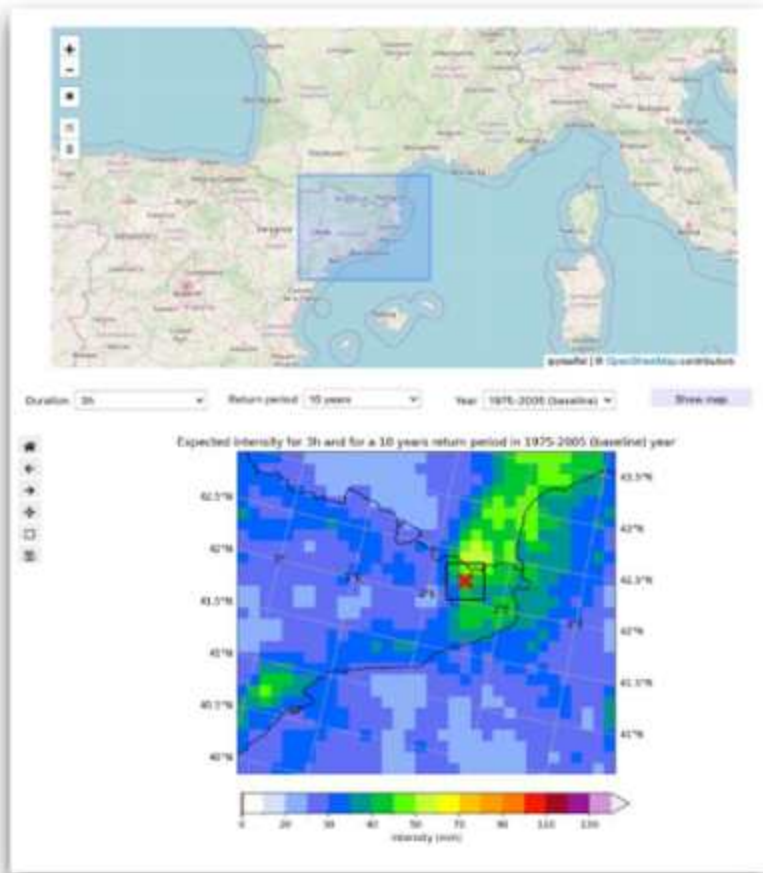
Mapa 3.10. Indicador normalitzat del % de població de més de 75 anys que viu sola. 2018.



Nota: Mètode de normalització:  $\mu = 100$  i  $\sigma = 10$ .

Font: IERMB a partir de Padró municipal d'habitants, IDESCAT.

# High intensity rainfall workflow - visualisation



Rainfall intensity (mm) for 3h

frequency	2005	2050	2099
2	23.64	26.21	26.69
5	33.81	38.84	42.09
10	42.47	45.87	51
25	56.22	59.76	63.1
50	68.95	69.35	72.73
100	84.2	87.9	82.89
200	102.52	94.42	93.64
500	132.56	93.02	108.83

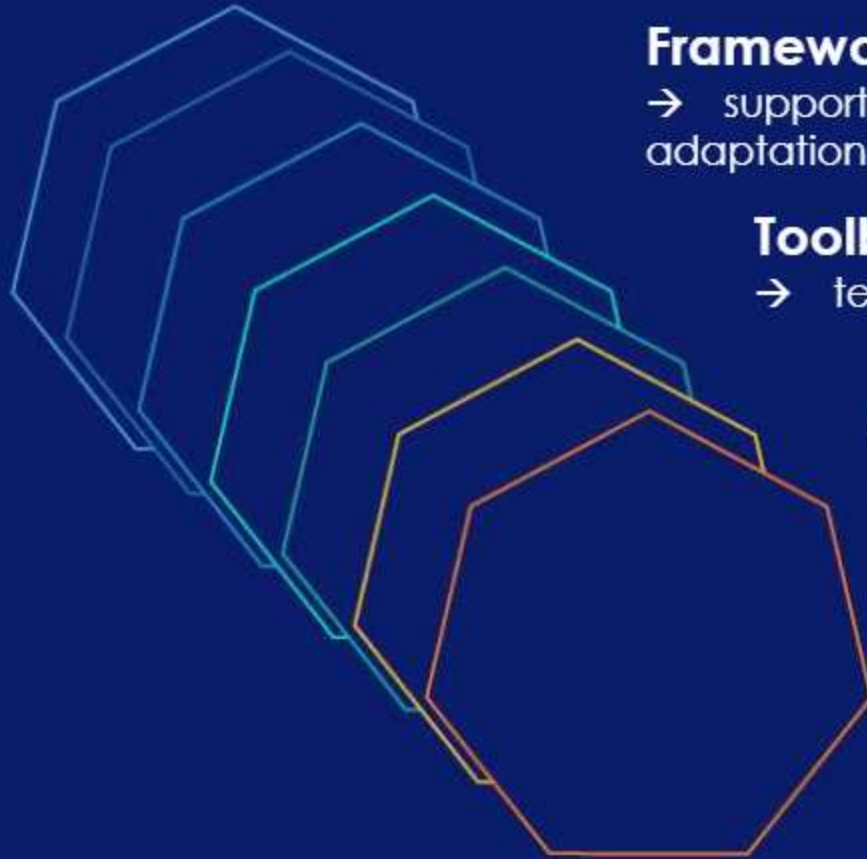
## Access and support

- Access to CRA framework
- Access to toolbox:
  - Viewer
  - Online iPython Notebooks
  - Download and modification of notebooks
- Helpdesk for technical support





What do we want to learn from this?



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# Synthesis of regional CRAs

## Lessons to be learned

- Finetuning the regional support service
- Exploit the market potential
- CRA standardization and connection to European policies



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