



## The Alpine Drought Observatory, how to organize and share data in a cross-national mountain region following the fair data principles

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# ADO Alpine Drought Observatory

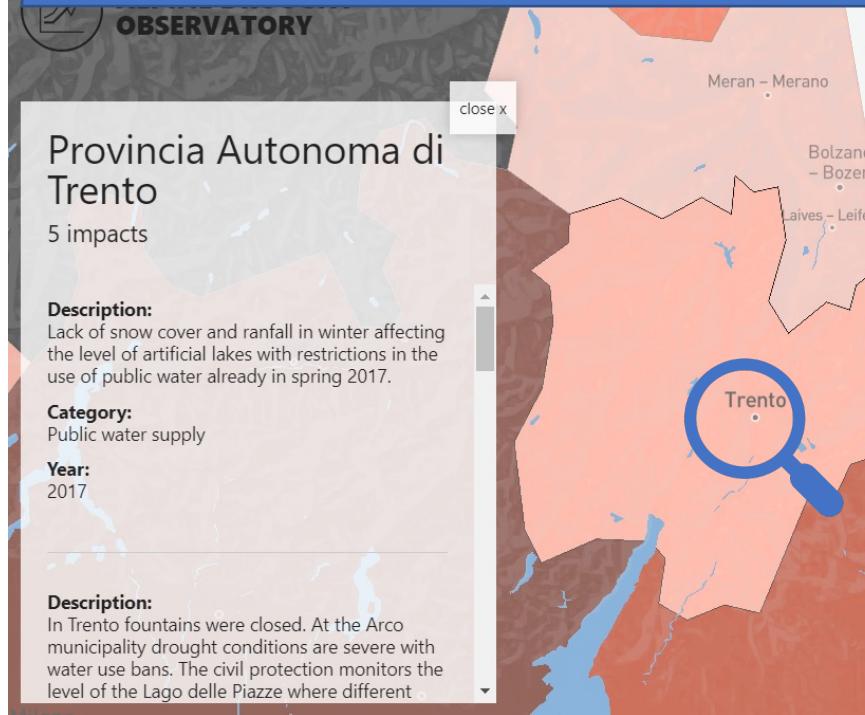
“The Alpine Drought Observatory (ADO) aims to create an online drought monitoring platform and develop policy implementation guidelines for proactive drought management in the Alpine Space region”

<https://www.alpine-space.org/projects/ado/en/home>



# Droughts in the Alps?

Can we detect these events using the ADO platform?



Winter 2017



Winter 2022



Winter 2023

# Concept



What are the most suitable and robust drought indicators for the alps?

Produce these indicators and validate them from 1980 - 2020:

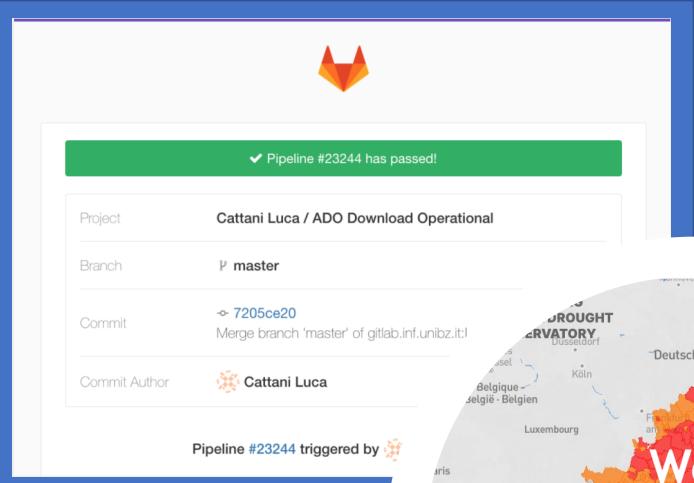
- Meteo (SPI, ...)
- Satellite (VHI, ...)
- Hydrology (Disch., ...)
- Impacts (News, ...)
- Vulnerabilities (Farms, ...)

Open Source  
Operational  
Automated  
Timely

Accessible  
Understandable  
FAIR  
Actionable

# The ADO Platform

Production  
Docker  
GitLab  
Kubernetes



```
30 Aug 24 13:25 ./
15 Apr 6 12:45 ../
5 Jul 12 12:07 00_static_data/
7306 Jan 19 2022 CDI/
15940 Sep 9 14:49 REL_RR-1/
15940 Sep 9 15:46 REL_RR-12/
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Sep 9 15:17 REL_RR-3/
Sep 9 15:32 REL_RR-6/
14 07:01 SMA/
9 16:10 SPEI-1/
16:50 SPEI-12/
16:20 SPEI-2/
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Data  
Drought Indices  
Hydro Stations  
Impacts  
Vulnerability

Access  
Rasdaman/ODC  
openEO  
Env. Data Platform

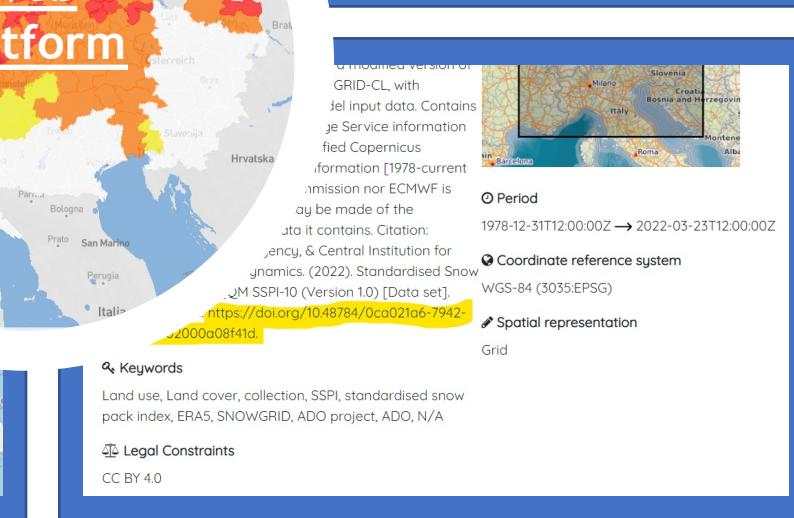
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ADO

Results: 39 items found

Precipitation Anomalies - ERA5

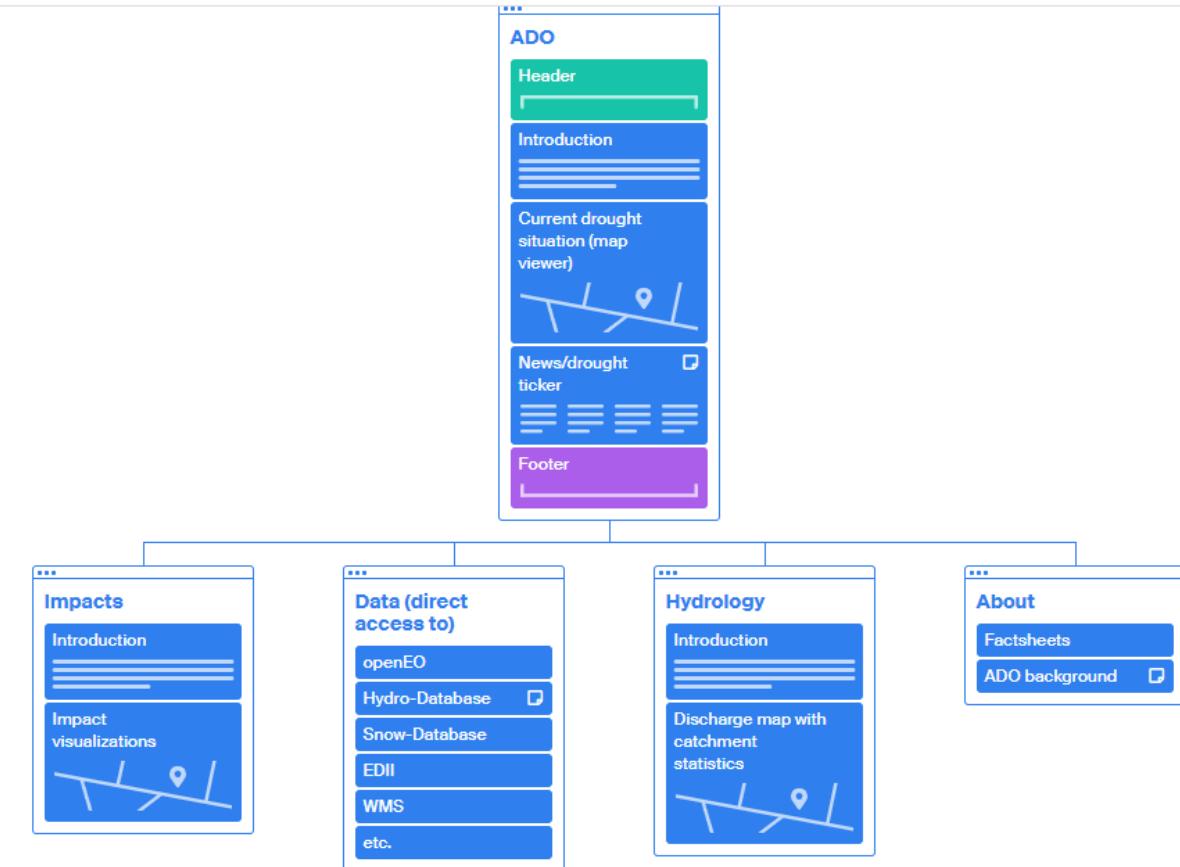
Precipitation Anomalies - ERA5\_QM\_REL\_RR-12



Metadata  
Fact Sheets  
STAC  
DOI  
FAIR

# Design Phase - Thinking about users...

Title	Description
Local/regional public authorities in the field of agriculture, water, and meteorology	Fabio Rossi is a member of the assessment of the drought, which helps him to interpret the latest information.
Policy Maker, e.g. Alpine Convention, EUSALP	Sebastian Wagner is employed by the Alpine Convention. He publishes management decisions for the Alpine Convention on the ADO website.
Scientist	Camille Bernard is a researcher who studies the wine harvest of the following year based on data from her study.
PhD, Expert in drought risk	Ramona Muhr is a PhD student who analyzes hazard and impact data to determine the causes of drought.
Advisor for agriculture	Lara Schmidt is an advisor for the Alpine Convention on the current drought. In order to do this, she analyzes data on the current drought.
Private person impacted by drought	Karl Mueller is currently impacted by drought. He wants to learn more about the current drought situation and has the possibility to search for information.
Forester in an Alpine area	Lina Rahm is a forest manager who wants to get more information about the effects of drought on forests.
Journalist for environmental topics	Peter F. is a Journalist for environmental topics. He uses the ADO website to gather information on the increasing frequency and severity of droughts.
Content manager	Ana V. is an official at ACPD who uses the ADO platform to prepare an overview of the current drought situation.
Official at Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief	



... not only experts!

# Infrastructure

<https://openeo.org/>



OpenEO  
Clients



Python



Web based  
Javascript

Process Graph

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OpenEO  
Driver



4 Cores  
8 GB RAM

EURAC  
OpenEO  
REST



8 Cores  
16 GB RAM

Python & R  
UDFs

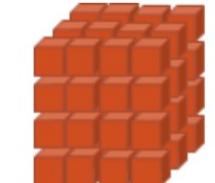
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Databases

RASDAMAN  
WCPS

16 Cores  
128 GB RAM

**rasdaman**  
raster data manager



**OPEN DATA CUBE**

**DASK**

ODC  
DASK

32 Cores  
150 GB RAM



VMs for ADO  
partners



20 Cores  
96 GB RAM



Pre-processing EO



16 Cores  
128 GB  
RAM





# ADO on gitlab - Open Source

ADO

**A ADO**  Group ID: 1379 

ADO > openEO4ADO

**O openEO4ADO**  Project ID: 3759

57 Commits 1 Branch 0 Tags 2.7 MB Files 2.7 MB Storage

Tutorial and snippets on how to use openEO in the ADO project

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 Update README.md Zellner Peter James authored 17 hours ago 

 README    

Name	Last commit	Last update
python	Update ADO_Python_Tutorial.ipynb	1 month ago
r	updated login procedure	1 week ago
register_and_login_guide	Update README.md	17 hours ago
README.md	fixed my name	1 day ago

**openEO4ADO**

Tutorial and snippets on how to use openEO in the ADO project

 vhi  scripts for downloading mod11a1 and mod09, calculation of land surface temperature, ...  0 4 months ago

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<https://gitlab.inf.unibz.it/ado>

ADO > openEO4ADO

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 Update ADO\_Python\_Tutorial.ipynb Claus Michele authored 1 month ago 

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ADO_Python_Tutorial.ipynb	Update ADO_Python_Tutorial.ipynb	1 month ago
README.md	Update README.md	1 month ago
environment.yml	added openeo conda environment	1 month ago
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**README.md**

Accessing and Analyzing ADO Datasets with openEO

Author [michele.claus@eurac.edu](mailto:michele.claus@eurac.edu)

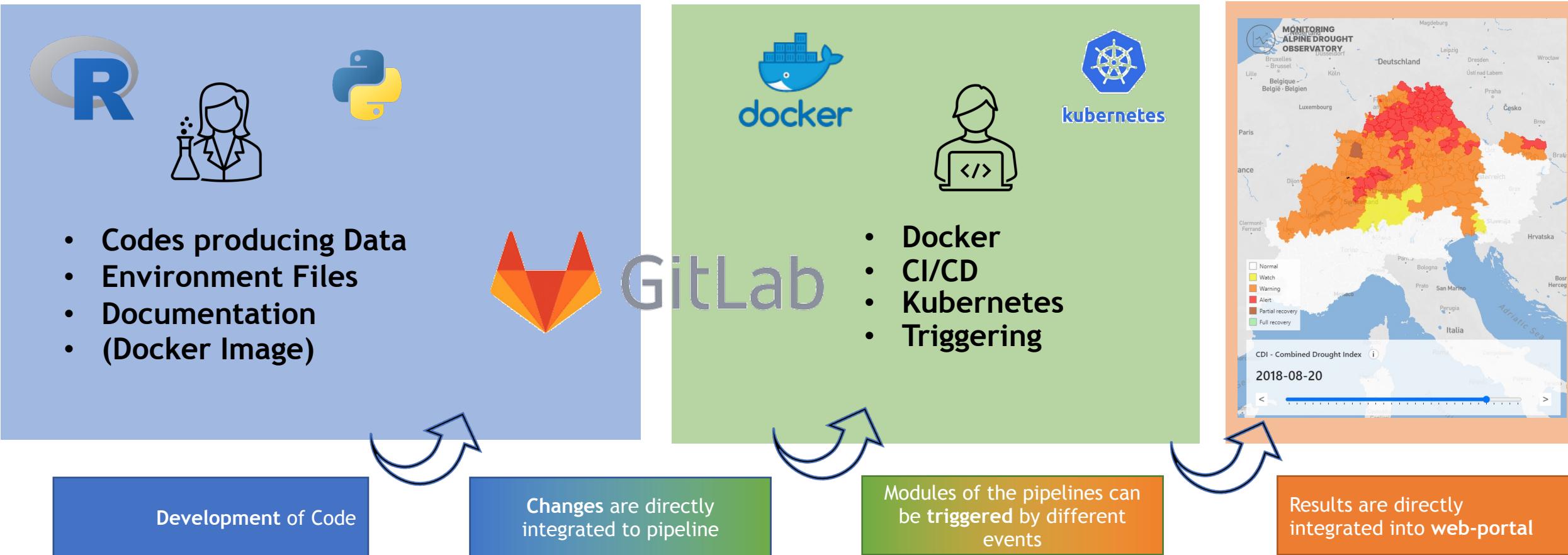
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Useful links:

OpenEO Python Client documentation: <https://open-eo.github.io/openeo-python-client/index.html>



# ADO Production Pipelines

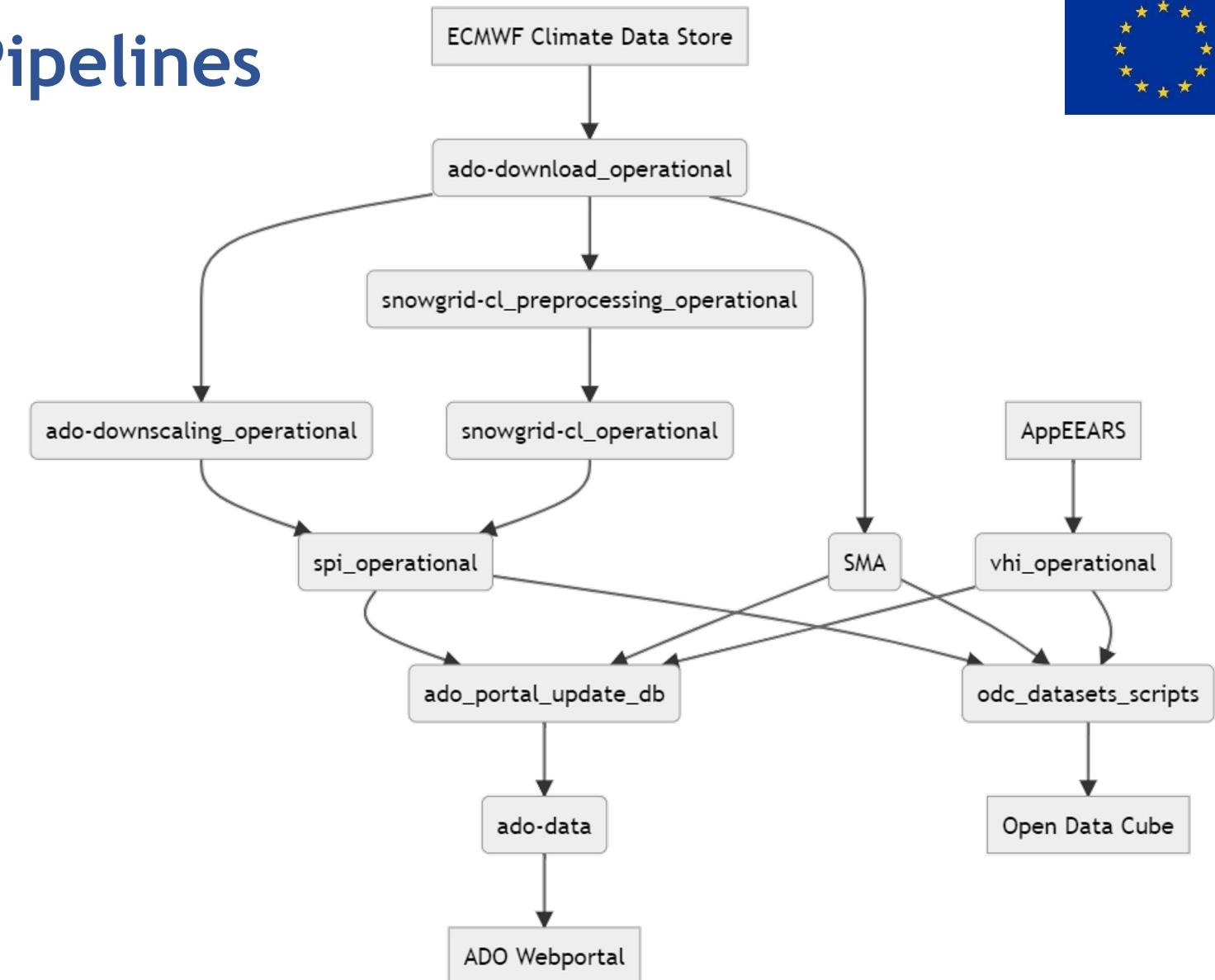


Development Search

Open □ 42 +  
Setup CI/CD ado/meteorology/snowgrid-cl-operational#1

Closed □ 49  
Large Chunks, lower performance ado/meteorology/snowgrid-cl-operational#6  
Copy collections to CEPH\_PRODUCTS/ADO: tmax ado/operational\_pipelines#12  
transfer project to 'ADO/meteorology' namespace  
Sep 9 ado/meteorology/snowgrid-cl-operational#5  
Webhooks for checking update of appears archive ci/cd medium ado/vhi\_operational#4

# ADO Pipelines





# Pipeline Operations

Success Mail

✓ Pipeline #23244 has passed!

**Project:** Cattani Luca / ADO Download Operational  
**Branch:** master  
**Commit:** ↳ 7205ce20 Merge branch 'master' of gitlab.inf.unibz.it:Luca...  
**Commit Author:** Cattani Luca

Pipeline #23244 triggered by Cattani Luca

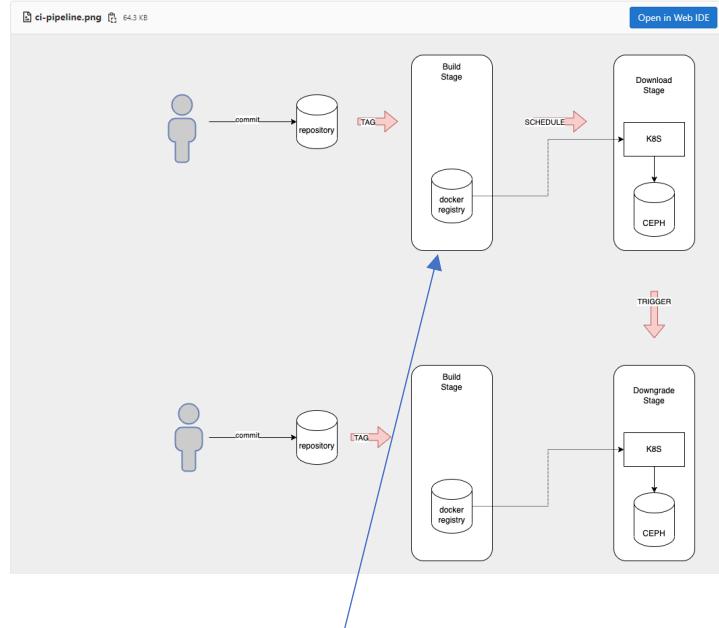
Error Mail

✗ Pipeline #22804 has failed!

**Project:** Cattani Luca / ADO Download Operational  
**Branch:** master  
**Commit:** ↳ b2622371 Update .gitlab-ci.yml file  
**Commit Author:** Cattani Luca

Pipeline #22804 triggered by Cattani Luca had 1 failed job.

## Pipeline



## API Key etc.

Variables store information, like passwords and secret keys, that you can use in job script.

Variables can be:

- Protected: Only exposed to protected branches or tags.
- Masked: Hidden in job logs. Must match masking requirements. [Learn more](#).

Type	↑ Key	Value	Protected
Variable	CDSAPI_KEY	*****	



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## Schedule

**Edit Pipeline Schedule**

Description: download

Interval Pattern

Every day (at 5:00am)  
 Every week (Friday at 5:00am)  
 Every month (Day 0 at 5:00am)  
 Custom (Cron syntax)

0 3 \* \* \*

Cron Timezone: UTC



## ATMOSPHERE



1. Precipitation Anomalies (%)

2. Standardised Precipitation Index

3. Standardised Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index

4. Soil Moisture Anomalies

5. Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

6. Vegetation Health Index (VH)

7. Standardised Snowpack Index

8. Hydrological Indices (SDI, SCI)

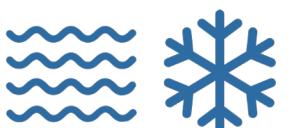
## TOP-SOIL



## VEGETATION HEALTH



## SURFACE WATER GROUNDWATER



+ combined drought index - CC

+ integration of impacts

Search

MOD16 Evapotranspiration - 500 m

ADO\_EVAP\_SSEBOP\_1km\_4326  
SSEBop Evapotranspiration - 1 km

ADO\_LST\_MODIS\_231m\_3035  
Land Surface Temperature - 231m 8 day mean

ADO\_NDVI\_MODIS\_231m\_3035  
Normalized Difference Vegetation Index - 231m 8 day Maximum Value Composite

ADO\_NDVI\_MODIS\_231m\_3035\_ODC  
ADO\_NDVI\_MODIS\_231m\_3035\_ODC

ADO\_REL\_RR\_1\_ERAS5\_QM  
Precipitation Anomalies - ERA5\_QM REL\_RR-1

ADO\_REL\_RR\_2\_ERAS5\_QM  
Precipitation Anomalies - ERA5\_QM REL\_RR-2

ADO\_REL\_RR\_3\_ERAS5\_QM  
Precipitation Anomalies - ERA5\_QM REL\_RR-3

ADO\_REL\_RR\_6\_ERAS5\_QM  
Precipitation Anomalies - ERA5\_QM REL\_RR-6

ADO\_REL\_RR\_12\_ERAS5\_QM  
Precipitation Anomalies - ERA5\_QM REL\_RR-12

ADO\_SM\_anomalies\_ERAS5  
Soil Moisture Anomalies - ERA5

ADO\_SPEI\_1\_ERAS5\_QM  
Standardised Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index - ERA5\_QM

ADO\_SPEI\_2\_ERAS5\_QM  
Standardised Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index - ERA5\_QM

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Standardised Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index - ERA5\_QM

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Standardised Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index - ERA5\_QM

ADO\_SPEI\_12\_ERAS5\_QM  
Standardised Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index - ERA5\_QM

ADO\_SPI\_1\_ERAS5\_QM  
Standardised Precipitation Index - ERA5\_QM SPI-1

# Current List of Production Indices

OGC Web Coverage Service (WCS)   OGC Web Map Service (WMS)   Admin

GetCapabilities   DescribeCoverage   GetCoverage   ProcessCoverages   DeleteCoverage   InsertCoverage

WCS service endpoint: <http://saocompute.eurac.edu/rasdaman/ows>   **Get Capabilities**

119 coverages available, total volume 8.94 TB

Coverage ID	Coverage subtype	Coverage size	Display footprints
ADO			
ADO_SM_anomalies ERA5_QM	RectifiedGridCoverage	16.1 GB	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADO_SPEI_12 ERA5_QM	ReferenceableGridCoverage	1.97 GB	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADO_SPEI_1 ERA5_QM	ReferenceableGridCoverage	1.97 GB	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADO_SPEI_2 ERA5_QM	ReferenceableGridCoverage	1.97 GB	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADO_SPEI_3 ERA5_QM	ReferenceableGridCoverage	1.97 GB	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADO_SPEI_6 ERA5_QM	ReferenceableGridCoverage	1.97 GB	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADO_SPI_12 ERA5_QM	ReferenceableGridCoverage	1.97 GB	<input type="checkbox"/>
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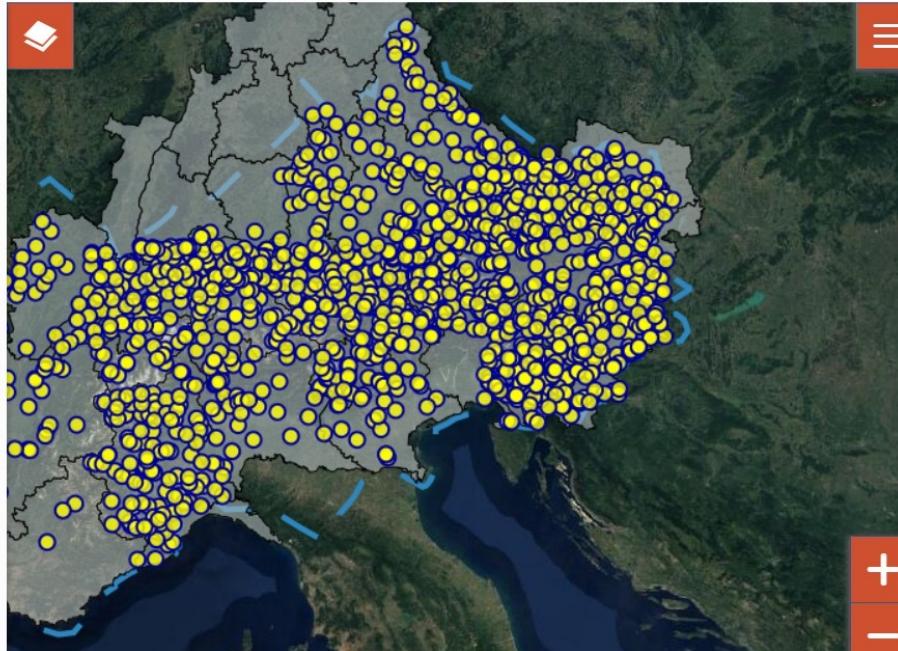
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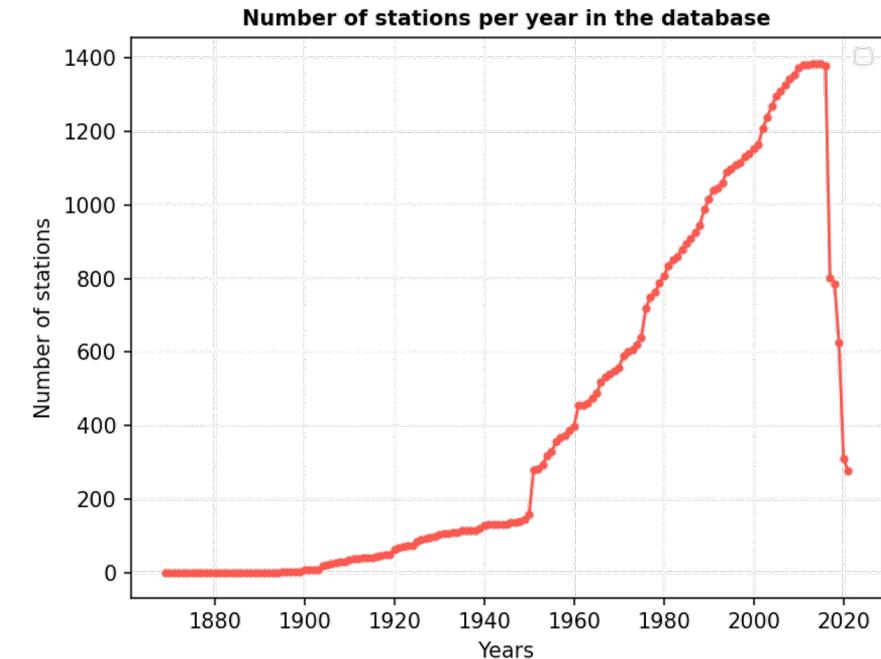
# Hydrological Data

**Alpine-wide dataset:** discharge, water level, groundwater level, metadata  
 Problems: **different data providers**, real time data availability

[https://edp-portal.eurac.edu/cdb\\_doc/ado/](https://edp-portal.eurac.edu/cdb_doc/ado/)



Country	Runoff stations
Austria	567
Italy	242
Switzerland	235
Slovenia	185
Germany	129
France	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1423</b>



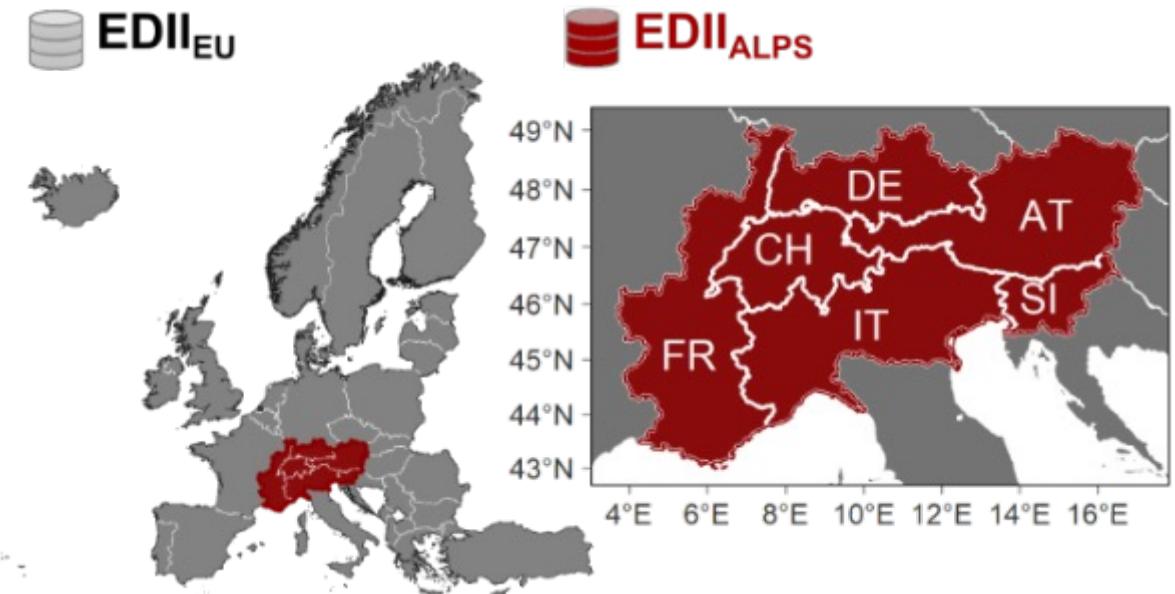
# Drought Impacts

- Substantial update of EDII database

- Various German and Italian text-reports
- Unwetterchronik ZAMG
- Drought.ch
- DMCSEE
- Propluvia.fr

- Filtered to the Alpine Space

→ First version of EDII<sub>ALPS</sub>  
allows various analyses



Stephan, R. *et al.* An inventory of Alpine drought impact reports to explore past droughts in a mountain region. *Nat Hazard Earth Sys* 21, 2485-2501 (2021). <https://nhess.copernicus.org/articles/21/2485/2021/>



# Meta Data

## Findable on EDP Environmental Data Platform

The screenshot shows the EDP Environmental Data Platform's search interface. The search bar at the top contains 'ADO'. Below it, there are several search filters: 'Type of resources' (Dataset), 'Spatial representation type' (Grid, Vector), 'Available in' (Download service, View service), and 'Keywords' (ADO, Land cover). The main results list includes a dataset titled 'MOD16 Evapotranspiration - 500 m' by 'eurac research - Institute for Earth Observation'.

<https://edp-portal.eurac.edu/geonetwork/>

## Findable on GEOSS

The screenshot shows the NEXTGEOSS portal. At the top, it says 'DATA PRO'. Below that, there are two main sections: 'MOD16 Evapotranspiration - 500 m' and 'Precipitation Anomalies - ERA5\_QM REL\_RR-12'. The 'Precipitation Anomalies' section is highlighted. It shows a map of the Alps with precipitation anomalies. Below the map, there is a detailed description of the dataset, including its source ('eurac research - Institute for Earth Observation') and its use ('Relative precipitation anomalies are based on downscaled ERA5 reanalysis data...').

Metadata available in  
ISO 19139 (XML)  
or  
STAC (JSON)

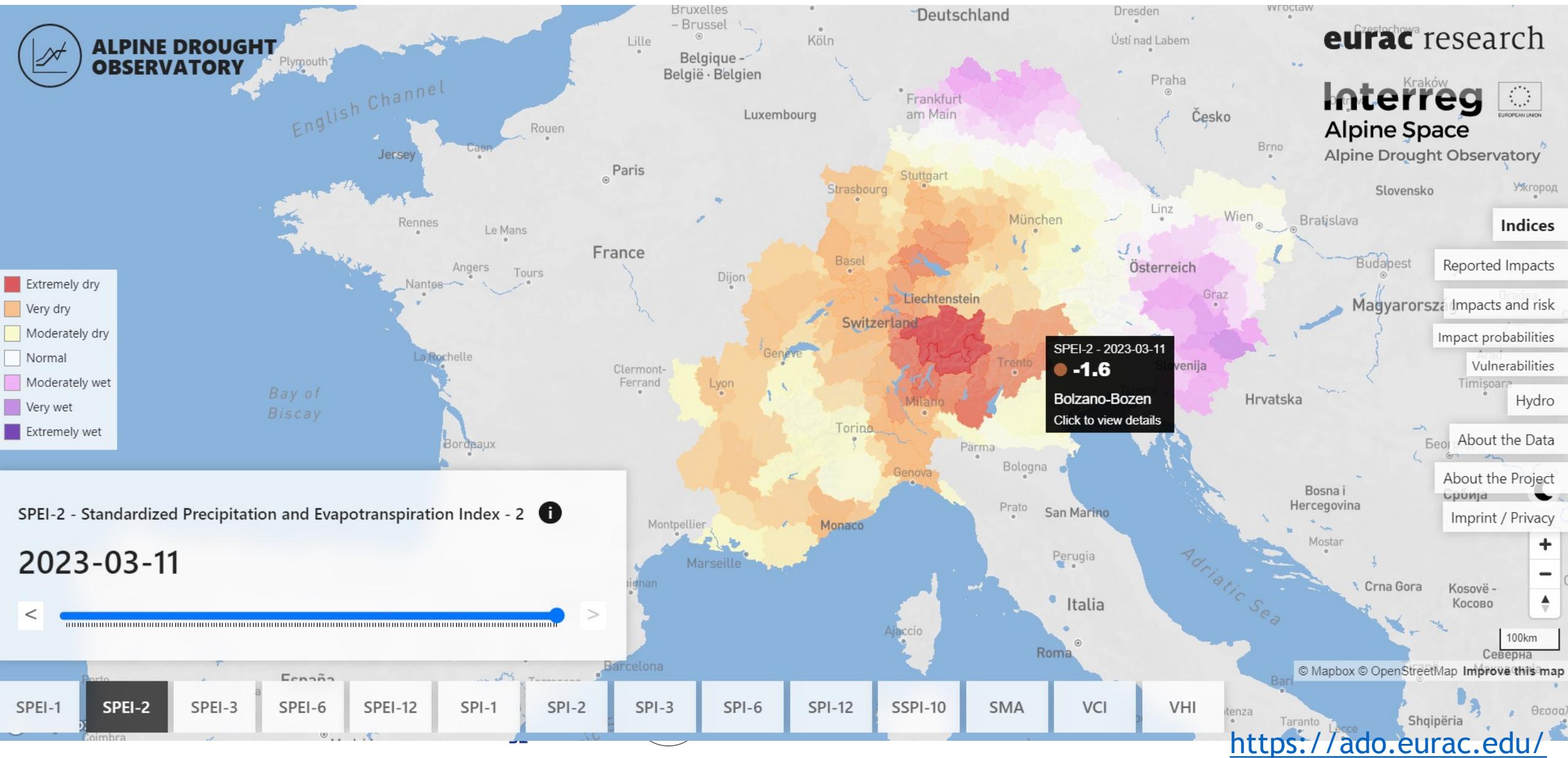
## Digital Object Identifiers DOI

[https://doi.org/10.48784/16006b70-534a-11ec-809b-02000a08f41d.](https://doi.org/10.48784/16006b70-534a-11ec-809b-02000a08f41d)

The screenshot shows a detailed view of a dataset on the EDP Environmental Data Platform. The title is 'Standardised Precipitation Index - ERA5\_QM SPI-6'. It includes a description: 'The Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) represents a standardized measure of what a certain amount of precipitation over the selected time period means in relation to expected amount of precipitation for this period. SPI is used on different time scales (1, 2, 3, 6, 12 months). The value of the SPI index around 0 represents the normal expected conditions regarding the amount of precipitation in the selected time scale compared to the long-term average (1981-2020). Value 1 represents approximately one standard deviation of precipitation amount during wet conditions and -1 denotes about one standard deviation of precipitation amount during dry conditions. Drought is usually defined as period when SPI values fall below -1. Input precipitation data is downscaled from ERA5 reanalysis using quantile mapping. Contains modified Copernicus Climate Change Service information [1978-current year]; Contains modified Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service information [1978-current year]. Citation: Slovenian Environment Agency, & Central Institution for Meteorology and Geodynamics. (2022). Standardised Precipitation Index - ERA5\_QM SPI-6 (Version 1.0) [Data set]. Eurac Research. https://doi.org/10.48784/16006b70-534a-11ec-809b-02000a08f41d.' Below the description is a map of the Alps with precipitation anomalies, labeled 'Spatial extent'.



# Drought Indices - Maps



# Drought Indices - Time Series



## How to read the values

Did you know? You can select and compare several indices.

SPEI / SPI / SMA	
2	Extremely wet
1.5	Very wet
1	Moderately wet
0	<b>Normal</b>
-1	Moderately dry
-1.5	Very dry
-2	Extremely dry

<b>SSPI</b>	
2	Highly more than normal
1.5	Much more than normal
1	More than normal
<b>0</b>	<b>Near normal conditions</b>
-1	Less than normal
-1.5	Much less than normal
-2	Highly less than normal

VCI / VHI	
100	Extremely high vitality
75	High vitality
50	<b>Average vitality</b>
25	Low vitality
0	Extremely low vitality

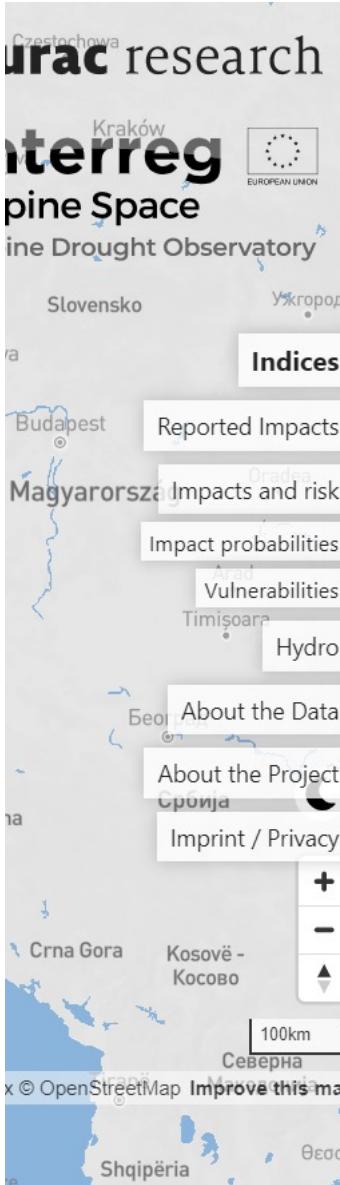


More information about the data:

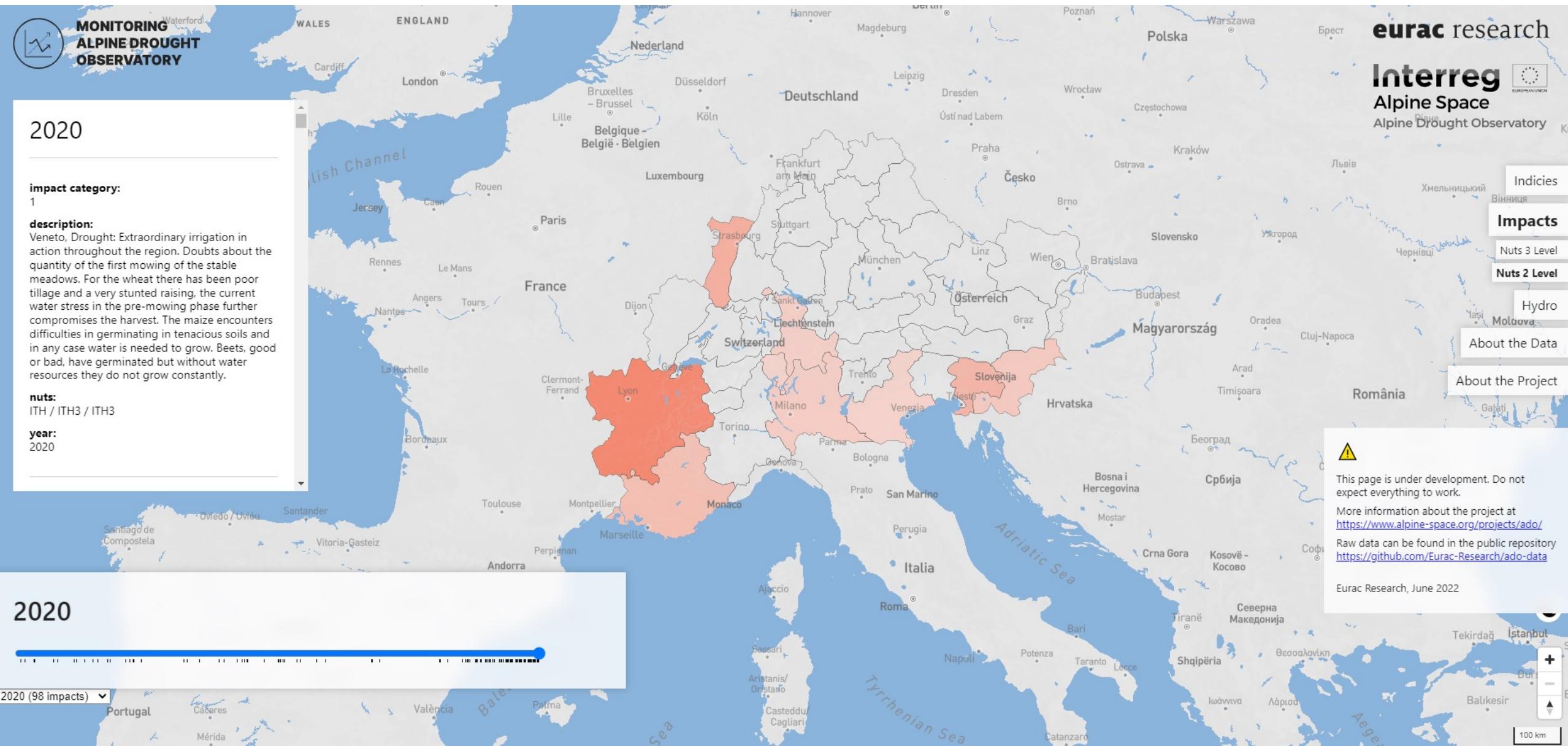
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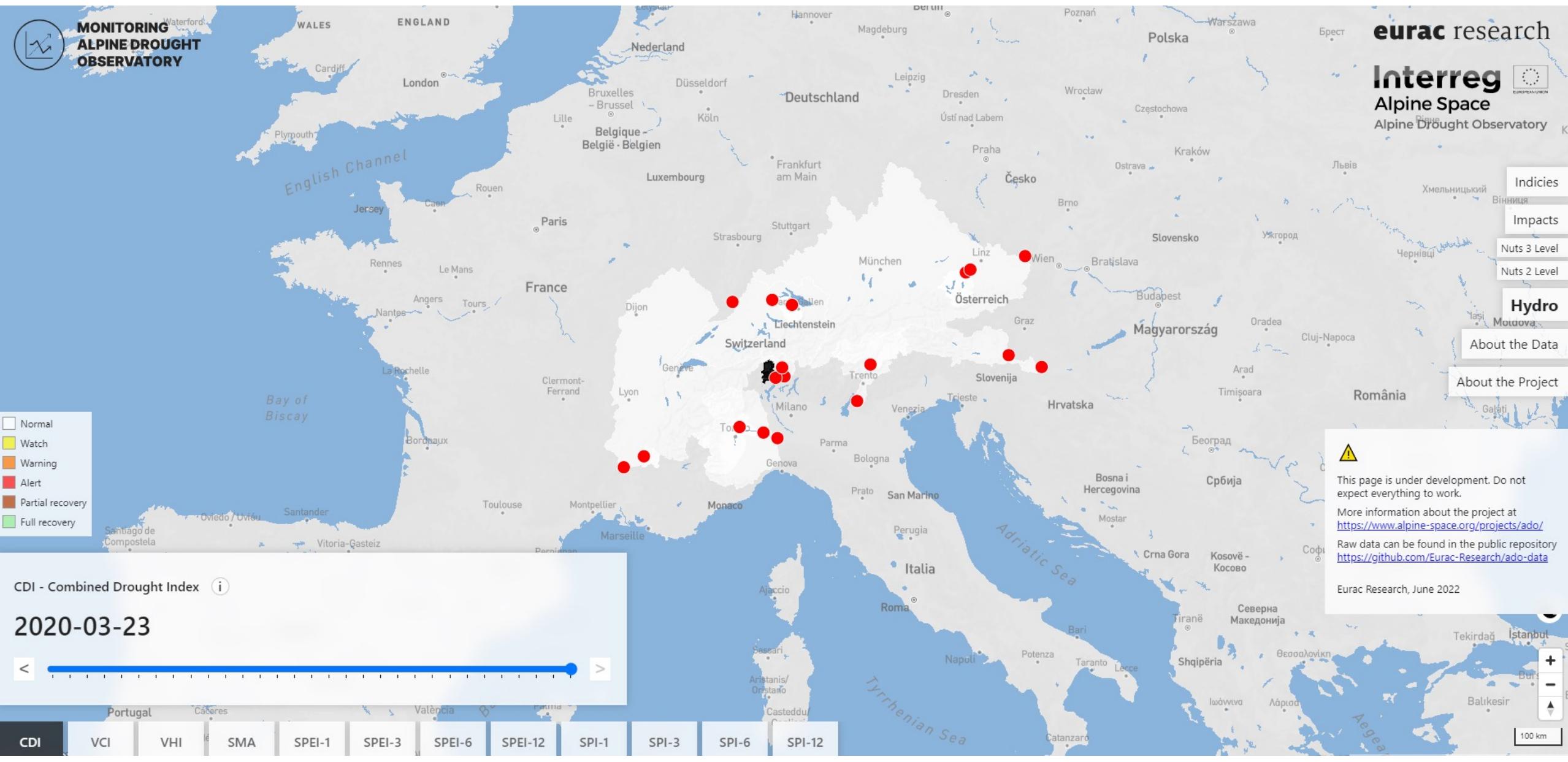
<https://ado.eurac.edu/>



# Drought Impacts



# Hydrology



# Hydrology



## Quality check

Quality check and statistics for hydrological station from the ADO project database

Summary of Station **ADO\_DSC\_ITC1\_0037** in **Italy** in the region **Piemonte** in **Isola S. Antonio Po** with coordinates latitude: **45.036153** and longitude: **8.821928**

## Metadata information

Description of the dataset

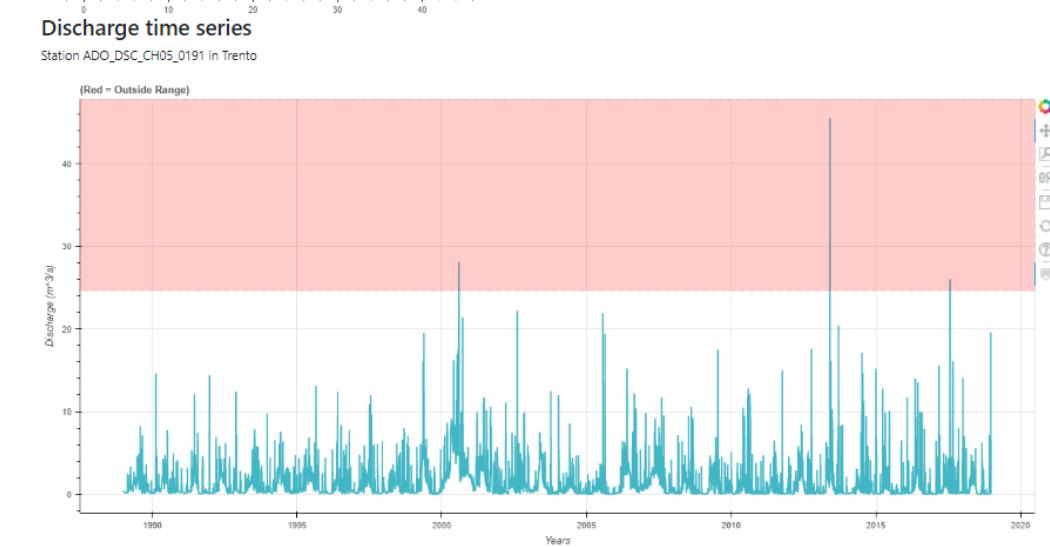
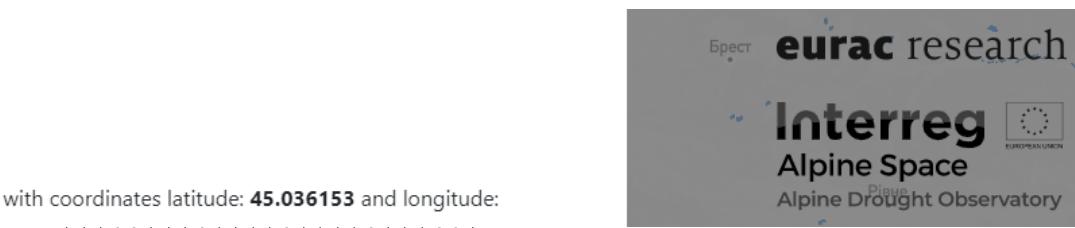
country	region	location_site	lat	lon	start_date	end_date	wat
Italy	Piemonte	Isola S. Antonio Po	45.036153	8.821928	1996-01-02 00:00:00	2019-12-31 00:00:00	Po

## Primary statistics

Statistic description of the dataset

	ADO_DSC_ITC1_0037
count	8322.000000
mean	441.090795
std	511.930453
min	30.200000
25%	202.000000
50%	294.000000
75%	495.000000
max	9780.000000

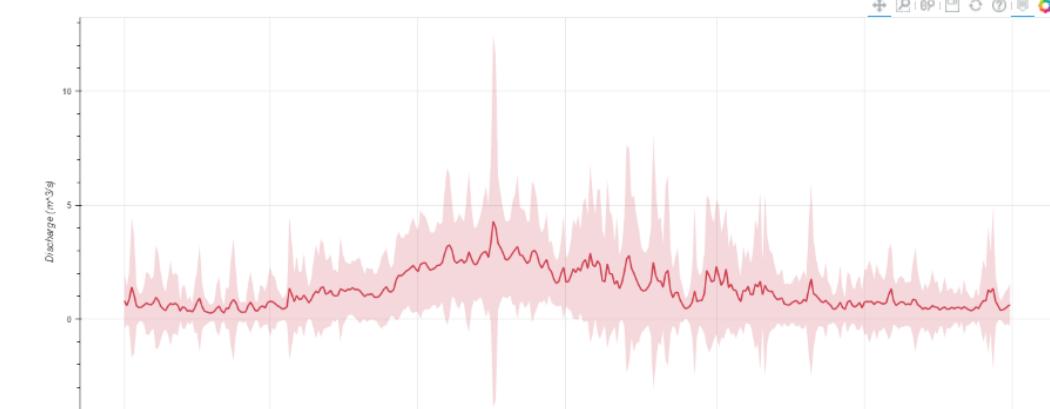
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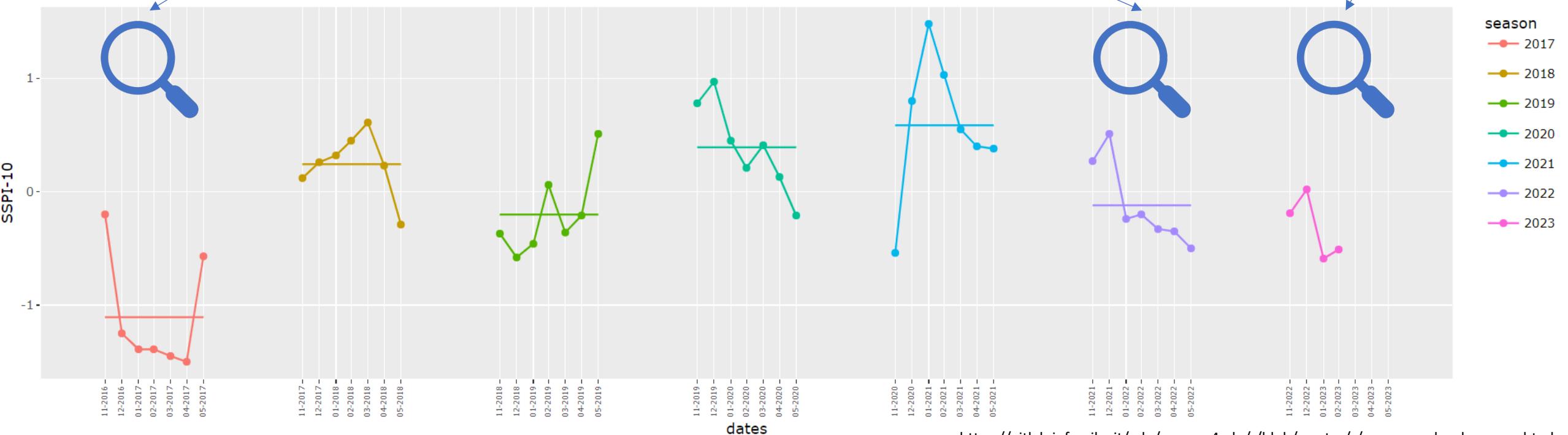
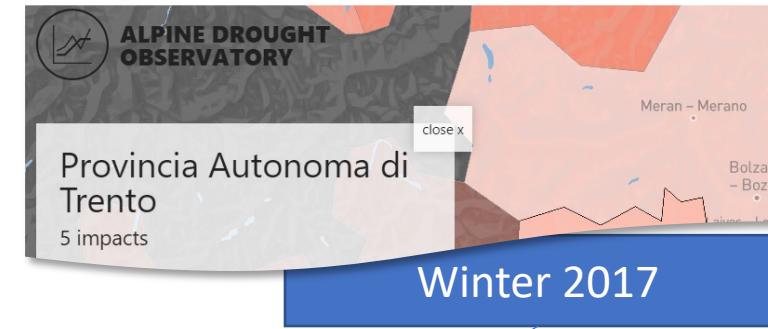
## Mean annual cycle

Station ADO\_DSC\_CH05\_0191

Discharge ( $m^3/s$ )



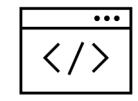
# Can we detect the reported impacts?



# Conclusion & Outlook



- Web and Data Portal following FAIR data principles
  - Combining data from all relevant sources
  - Catering to the needs of different target user groups
  - Maintaining the portal to be fully operational
- 
- Framework is a blueprint for further drought monitoring platforms (Regional Drought Observatories/JRC)
  - Open Source, deployable in other institutes/regions/countries!
  - Great collaboration between domain experts and IT



# EUROGEO WORKSHOP 2023



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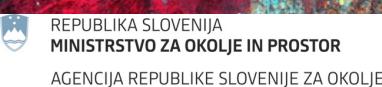
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Thank you for your kind attention!

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