



# A European and UK Climate Service Community

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# Why a Climate Service Community

## Recognised within the H2020 Roadmap

- Need for a viable and sustained climate service community that engages users, providers/purveyors and researchers in supporting and growing climate services in Europe
- As part of this community, there is a need for a climate service science community capable of supporting and enabling developments and innovations in data, decision-support, knowledge exchange and service dissemination

## Recognised within the JPI-Climate Strategic Research Agenda

- Connecting climate research and knowledge across Europe to better support and respond to the needs for societal innovation and sustainable development – knowledge hub
- Network of climate service providers (and purveyors) who can exchange knowledge and share learning



# Climate Services Partnership

- Arisen from the First International Conference on Climate Services
- Connecting climate service activities
- Forum for collaborating and sharing experiences
- Involves researchers, service providers, donors, decision makers,
- Activities include assessing socio-economic benefits, evaluating climate services, research priorities, ethics
- Annual International Conference

# ICCS

THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON  
CLIMATE SERVICES

Low Library  
Columbia University  
New York, NY

October 17-19, 2011

CONFERENCE REPORT

 The International Research Institute  
for Climate and Society



THE EARTH INSTITUTE  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

 CSC  
Climate Service Center  
Germany  
Das Klimaservice-Zentrum der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft

 Met Office

 NCAR  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR CLIMATE RESEARCH



# European Climate Service Partnership

Brief recent history:

- Initial discussions of the concept during the International Conference on Climate Services (ICCS) in New York in 2011 led to Climate Services Partnership (CSP)
- Further discussions during ICCS2 in Brussels in 2012 with a wider audience
- Further discussions by email and at a side event at ICCS3 in Jamaica in 2013 - widespread interest to establish informal European network
- Launched in Hamburg in May 2014



# European Climate Service Partnership

## Purpose

- Encourage membership from a wide range of active climate service actors (users, researchers, developers, providers, purveyors, funders, etc.) to bridge the ‘valley of death’
- Ensure that climate service activities across Europe are joined up, and ensure Europe has coordinated international reach through CSP
- Provide forum for discussion, sharing, learning, promotion of good practice
- Identify common issues and promote collaboration to address issues
- Engage across different disciplines and cultures
- Create and share knowledge and resources, and develop joint products, methodologies and standards
  - Could be a resource for potential users to identify experts and teams to contact for advice, support and collaboration



# ECSP – Membership

Membership carries no financial obligation, although participation in some activities may require financial or in-kind contributions from members

Members should:

- Be actively involved in climate services
- Recognise the value of collaboration
- Report on their climate services initiatives, sharing lessons learned
- Join in or resource new collaborative work with other partners
- Support exchange of information and knowledge, products, curricula etc.

Benefits include:

- Access to a community of practitioners and leading experts in climate services
- Exposure for partner's programs
- Opportunities to build relationships with future collaborators
- Access to knowledge, information products, and other resources
- Opportunities to influence and respond to new initiatives and funding



# CSP activities as examples for ECSP

## Annual International Conference on Climate Services

- Brings together users, researchers, developers, providers and funders to raise awareness of climate service issues, establish connections, develop methodologies. The ECSP could have an annual meeting, focussing on Europe.

## Working groups on topics of interest

- Created a working group on economic valuation of climate services, which interacts regularly and is now working on methodologies and a book documenting methodologies for conducting socio-economic benefit studies.

## Regular newsletter and teleconference

- Enables members to report on activities, share experiences and learning, and raise awareness and improve knowledge exchange.

## Journal articles, e.g. a recent commentary article

- Arose from a side event at ICCS3 through ongoing collaboration amongst several groups. The ECSP could bring together different groups to work on articles, peer-reviewed publications etc.



# Climate Services Partnership – UK?

- Is there need for and interest in an initiative at the UK-level?
- What should be its purpose and scope?
- What form should that take?
  - Something separate from, or joined with the ECSP?
  - Relationship with Climate Services UK – Met Office?  
<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climate-service-uk>
  - Formal or informal?
- Other questions and suggestions







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