



A European and UK Climate Service Community

Climate Service Workshops
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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 Berlin

 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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