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# Remote Sensing Technology to improve the Early Warning Systems: Case studies

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# Architecture for Climate Monitoring from Space



Coordinated Satellite-based  
Observation and Exploitation of  
Climate Data Records

## Vision

Enable **better management of the risks of climate variability and change and adaptation to climate change**, through the development and incorporation of science-based climate information and prediction into planning, policy and practice on the global, regional and national scale



**Agriculture and  
food security**



**Disaster risk  
reduction**



**Water**



**Health**



**Energy**



# Early Warning for All



Pillar 1



Pillar 2



Early Warnings for All



Pillar 4



Pillar 3



## Pillar 1: Disaster Risk Awareness

- Systematic data collection and start risk assessment.
  - Are vulnerabilities and hazards well known?
  - What are the patterns and trends of these factors?
  - Are risk maps widely available?

## Pillar 2: Detection, observation, monitoring, analysis and prediction of risks?

- Develop early warning and hazard monitoring systems.
  - Are the right parameters being monitored?
  - Is there a robust scientific basis for making predictions?
  - Can timely and accurate warnings be generated?

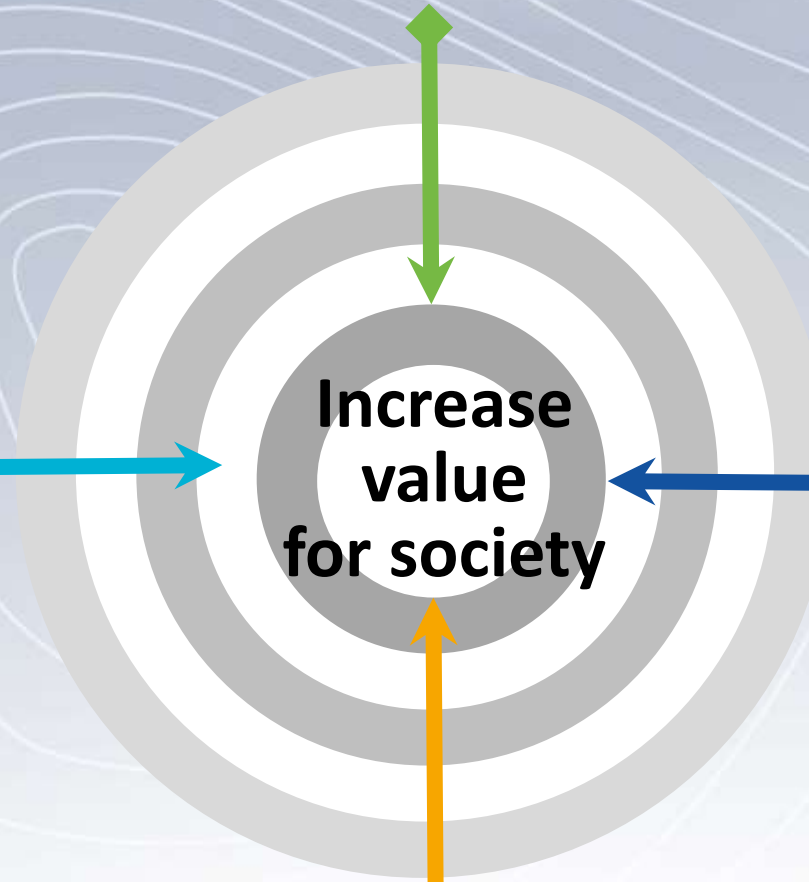
## Pillar 3: Dissemination and communication of warnings

- Communicate risk information and warning systems.
  - do warnings reach all those affected?
  - are warnings and risks understood?
  - are warnings clear and usable?

## Pillar 4: Preparedness and response capacity

- Build national and local response capacities.
  - Are plans up to date and tested?
  - are local skills and knowledge being harnessed?
  - are people prepared and ready to react to warnings?

Effectiveness and efficiency



Seamless and integrated approach

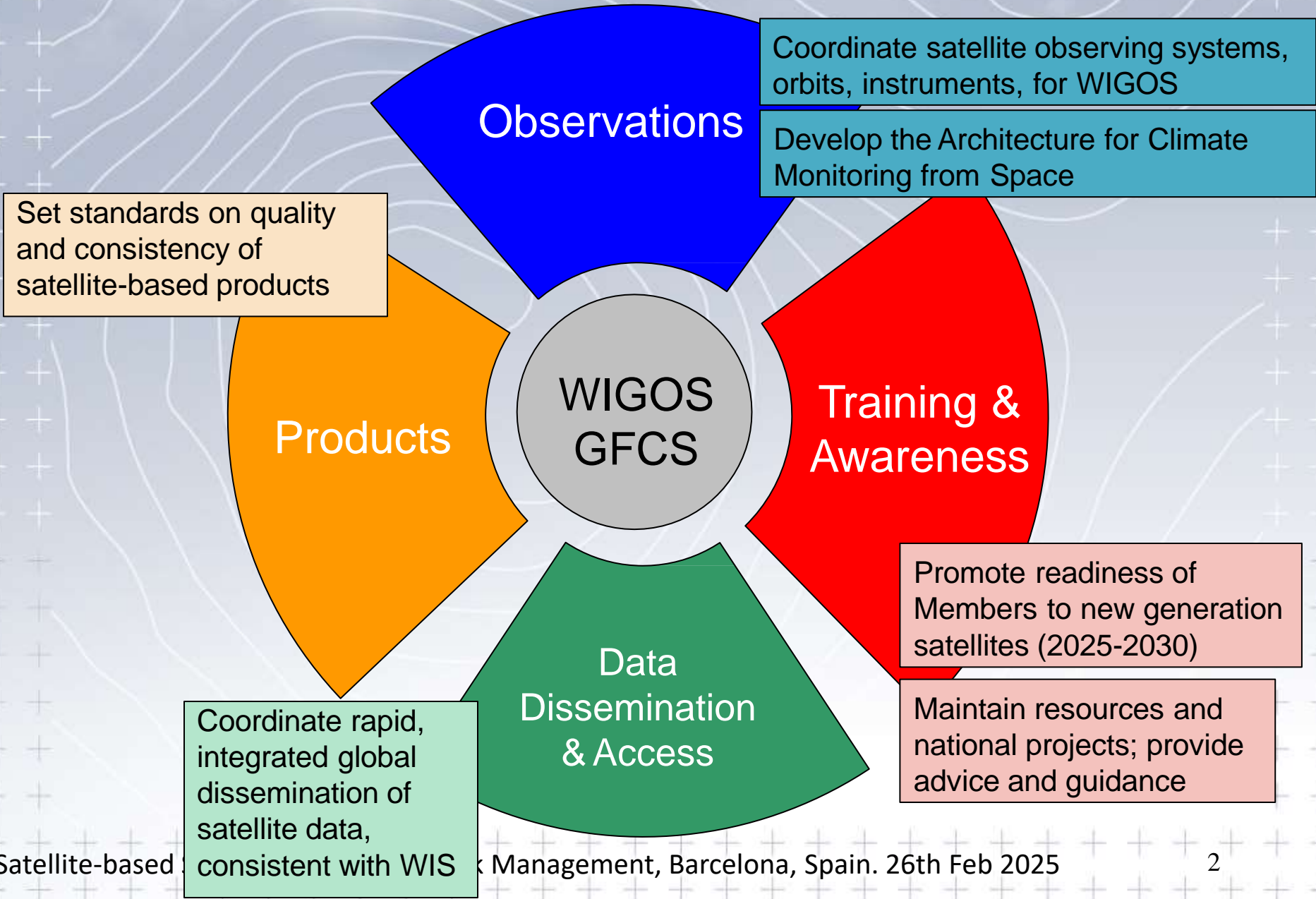
Engagement of Partners

Agile and responsive to new challenges



# Space Support: 4 Activity Areas

supporting weather, water, climate, and space weather



# Enhancing satellite data utilization

## National user mechanisms

Through:

- Stakeholders Cooperation
- Governance mechanism
  - Coordination Group
  - Expert group on Satellite Utilization
- Membership:
  - Operational users
  - Satellite providers
  - Training centres (Academy)
  - Scientific users
  - Others

## Advantages for User:

- Effective user-provider dialogue
- Defined format for expressing requirements
- Coordination of data distribution
- Identification of training needs
- Implementation of WIGOS/WIS

## WMO Guidelines formally published:

- Guidelines on Best Practices for Achieving User Readiness for New Meteorological Satellites:

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- Guideline on Satellite Skills and Knowledge for Operational Meteorologists, providing guidance to design and implement satellite-related training programmes to support WMO competencies:

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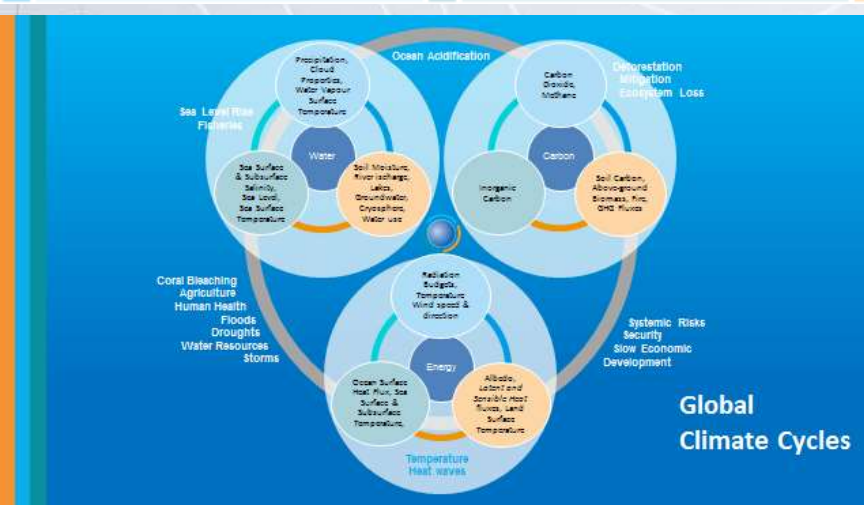
# Global Climate Observing System (GCOS): Global climate monitoring requirements baseline

## Essential Climate Variables (ECVs)

Atmospheric		Oceanic		Terrestrial	
<b>Surface</b>	Air temperature, Wind speed and direction, Water vapour, Pressure, Precipitation, Surface radiation budget.	<b>Physics</b>	Subsurface temperature, subsurface salinity, Subsurface currents, Ocean surface stress, ocean-surface heat flux, sea-surface temperature, surface currents, sea-surface salinity, sea level, sea state, sea ice	<b>Hydrology</b>	River discharge, groundwater, soil moisture, lakes
<b>Upper-air</b>	Temperature, Wind speed and direction, Water vapour, Cloud properties, Earth radiation budget, Lightning	<b>Biogeochemistry</b>	Inorganic carbon, oxygen, nutrients, transient tracers, nitrous oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O), ocean colour	<b>Cryosphere</b>	Snow, glaciers, ice sheets and ice shelves, Permafrost
<b>Composition</b>	Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ), Other long-lived greenhouse gases (GHGs), Ozone, Aerosol, Precursors for aerosol and ozone.	<b>Biology/ecosystems</b>	Plankton, marine habitat properties	<b>Biosphere:</b>	Albedo, land cover, fraction of absorbed photosynthetically active radiation, leaf area index, above-ground biomass, fire, land-surface temperature, soil carbon
				<b>Human use of natural resources:</b>	Water use, Anthropogenic Greenhouse Gas fluxes

**55 ECVs in total**  
**Satellites provide a major contribution**

(The Global Observing System for Climate: Implementation Needs 2016 (GCOS-200))



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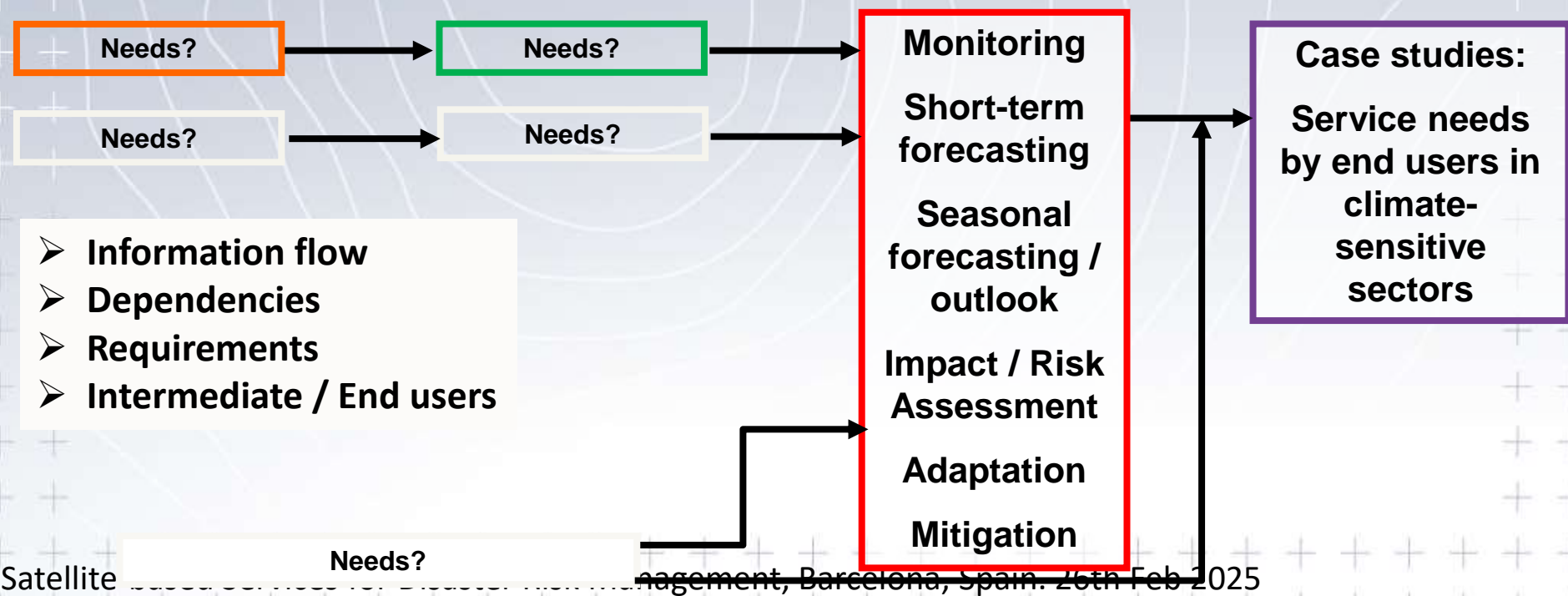
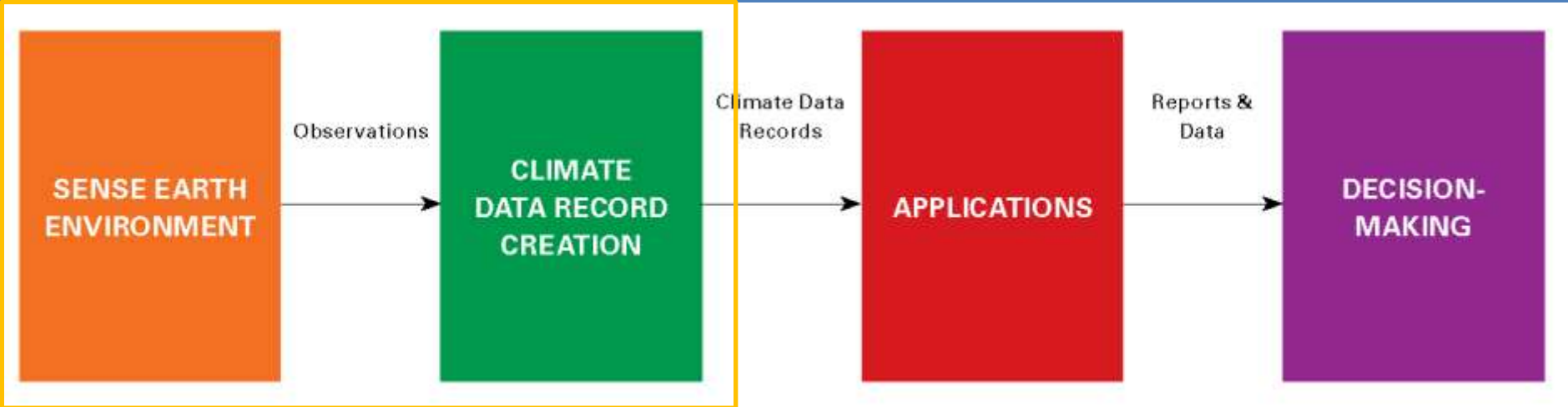




# Architecture for Climate Monitoring from Space

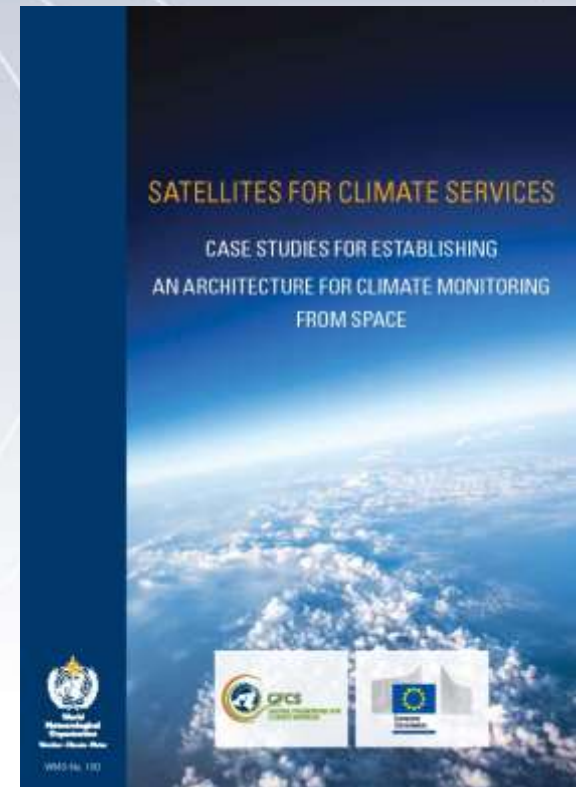
- Prerequisites for implementation:
  1. Validating the logical flow (through Case studies)
  2. Knowing existing and planned ECV climate data records (through ECV Inventory)

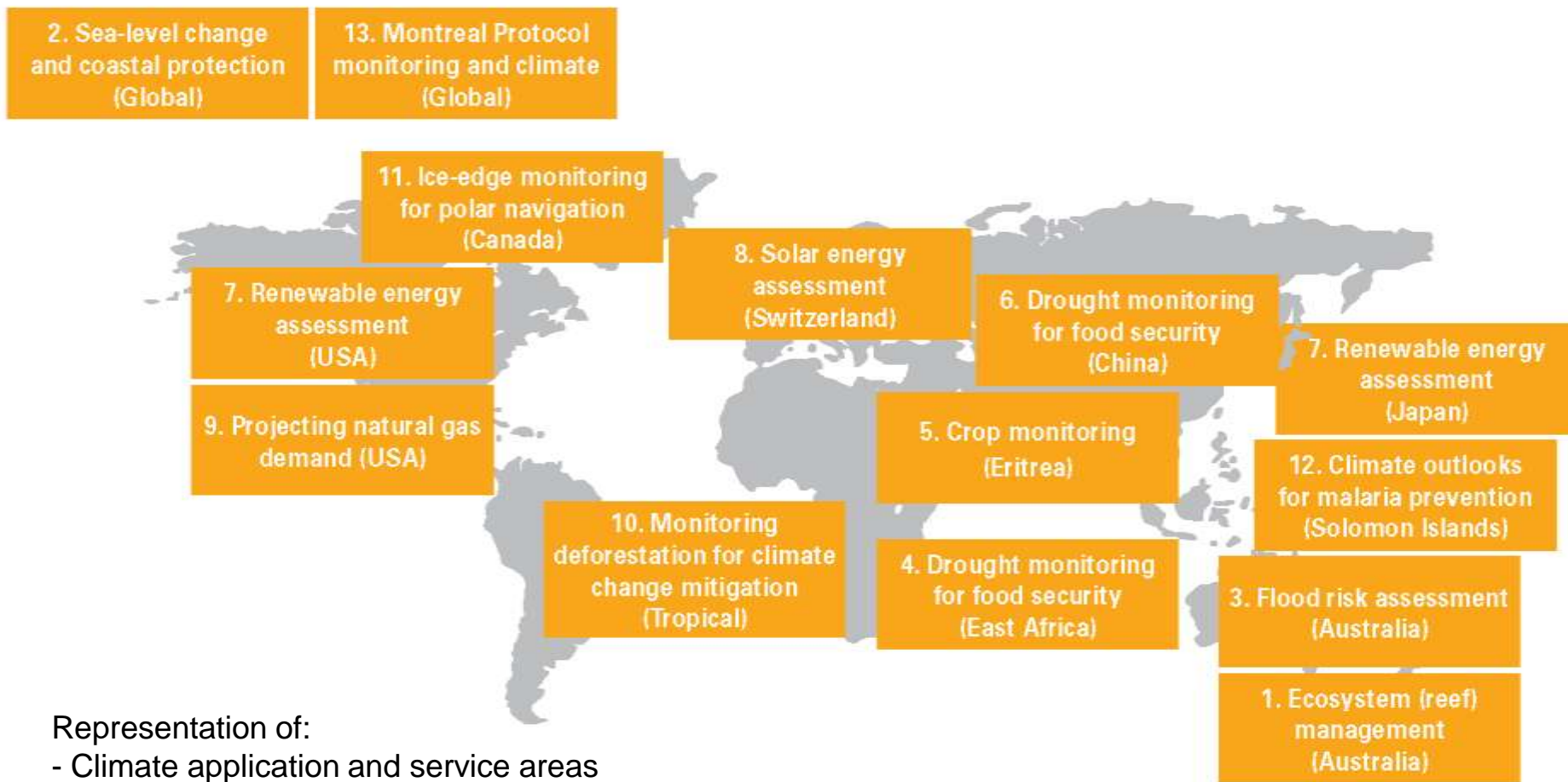
# 1. Case studies for validating the Architecture: Starting from climate service end users



# Case studies for validating the Architecture:

- Objectives:
  - Validate the Architecture logic starting from the end user, and demonstrate its benefits
  - Investigate how satellite data are used in climate services
  - Better understand information flows, dependencies, requirements
  - Formulate recommendations





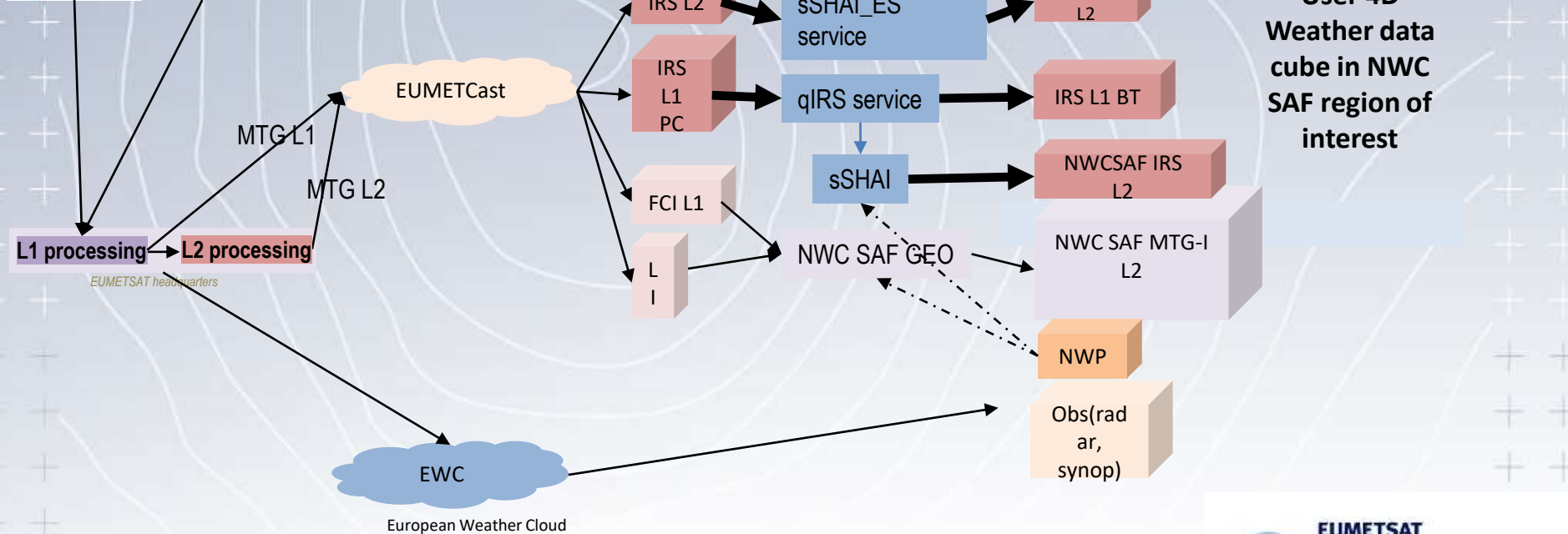
Representation of:

- Climate application and service areas
- Geographical contexts
- Developing and developed countries, and economies in transition
- Global, regional, and local scales



# NWC SAF products and services for MTG

- ✓ NWC SAF provides software.
- ✓ NWC-SAF products generated locally by users => **No bandwidth constraints.**
- ✓ NWC-SAF is the SAF nearest to users. **It works in the users side of the EUMETCast**

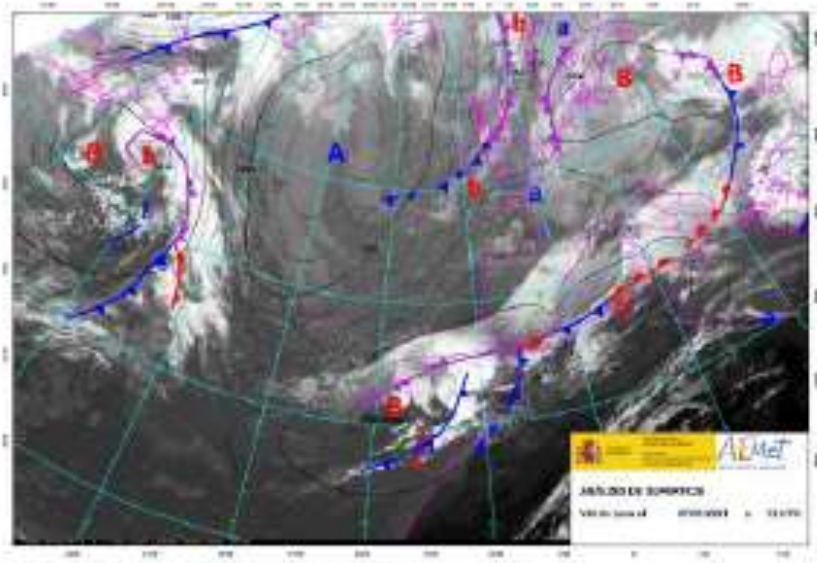
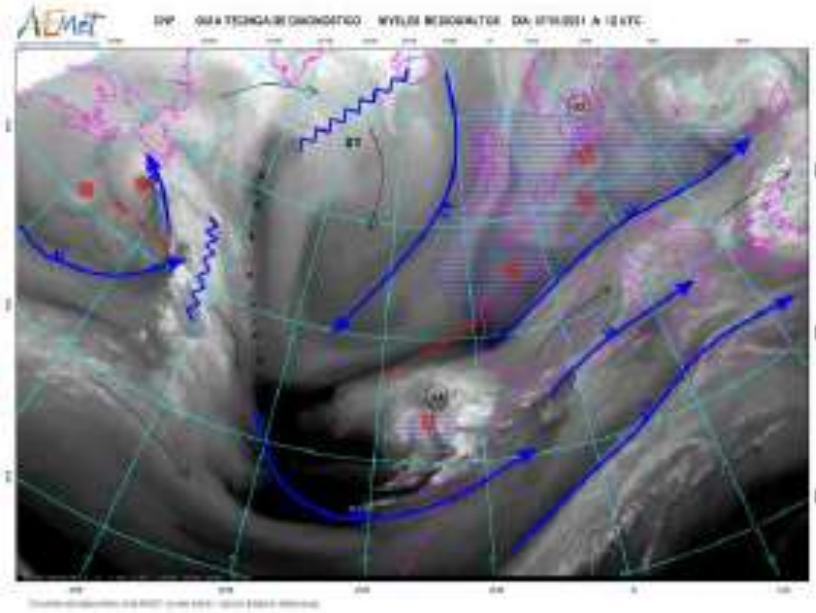


# Filomena Squall

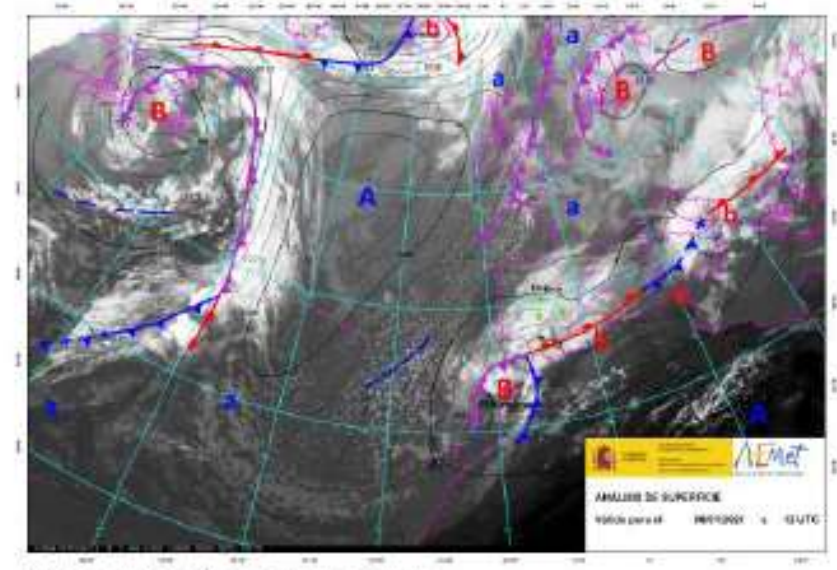
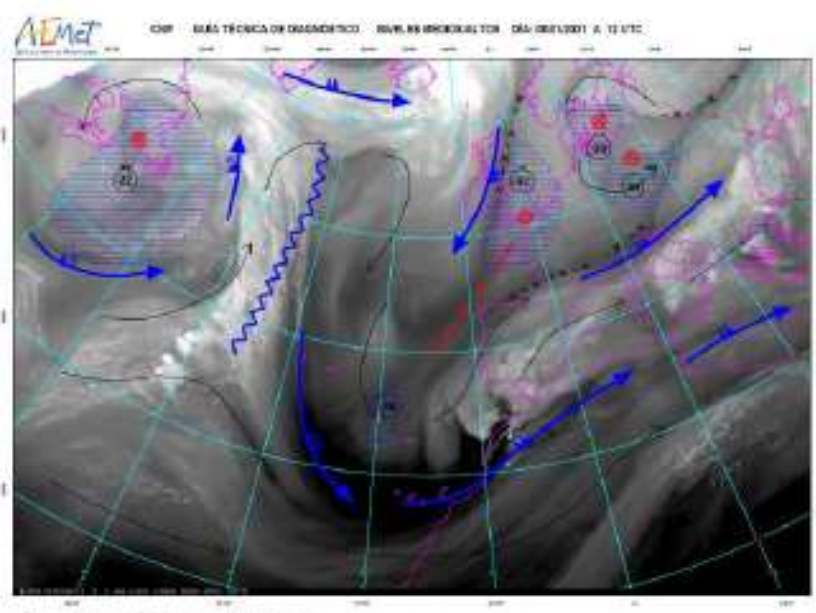
- Meteorological Episode of heavy snowfall and precipitation and subsequent cold spell.
- Period 6 - 10 (8 and 9) January 2021



Day 7

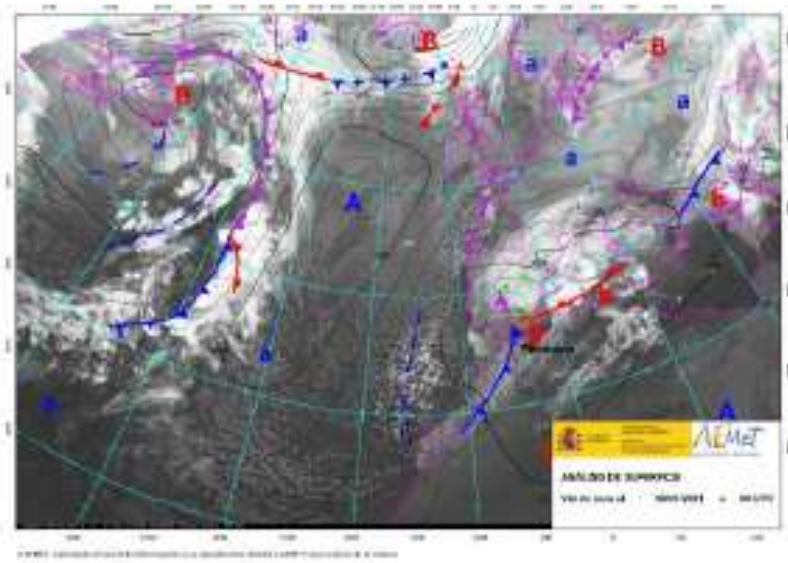
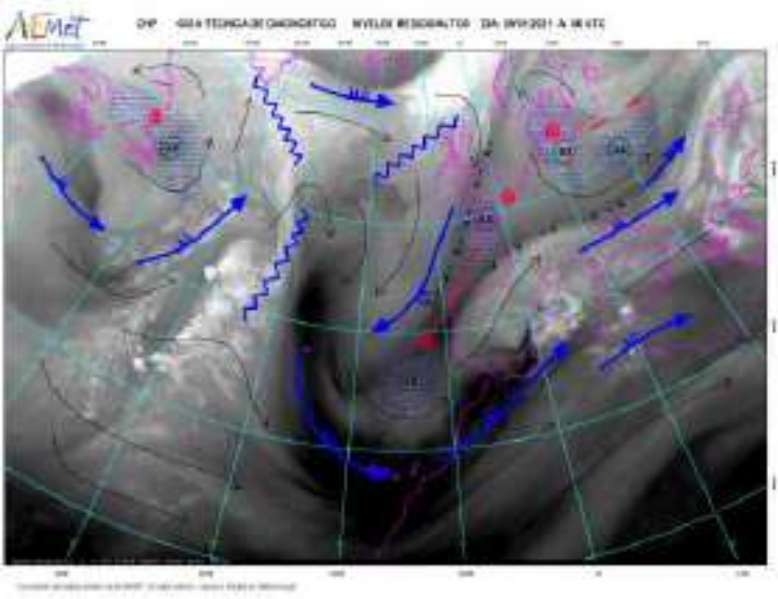


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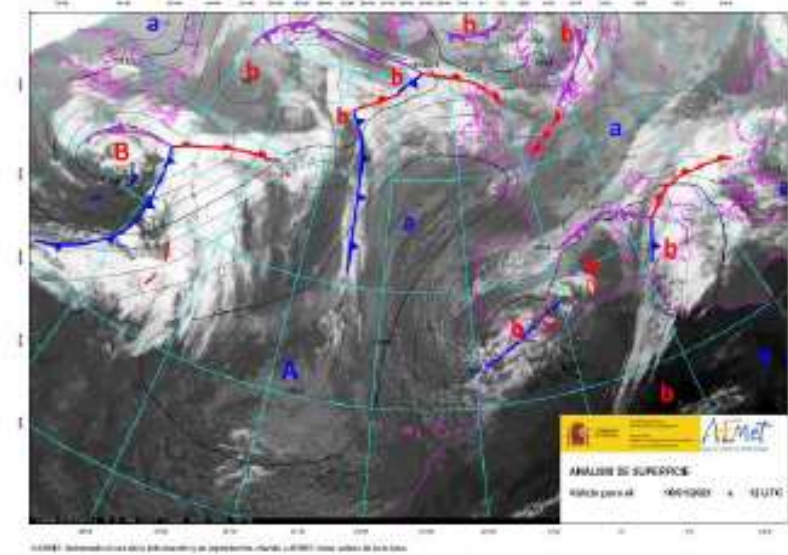
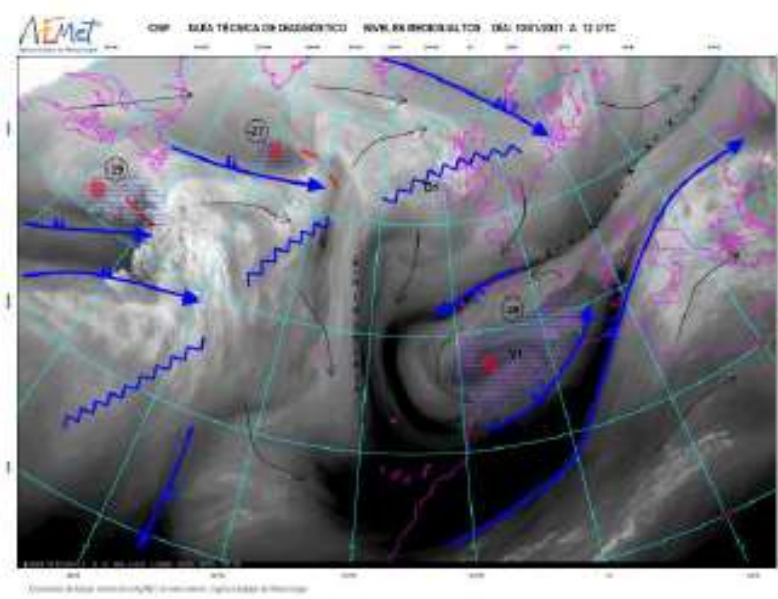




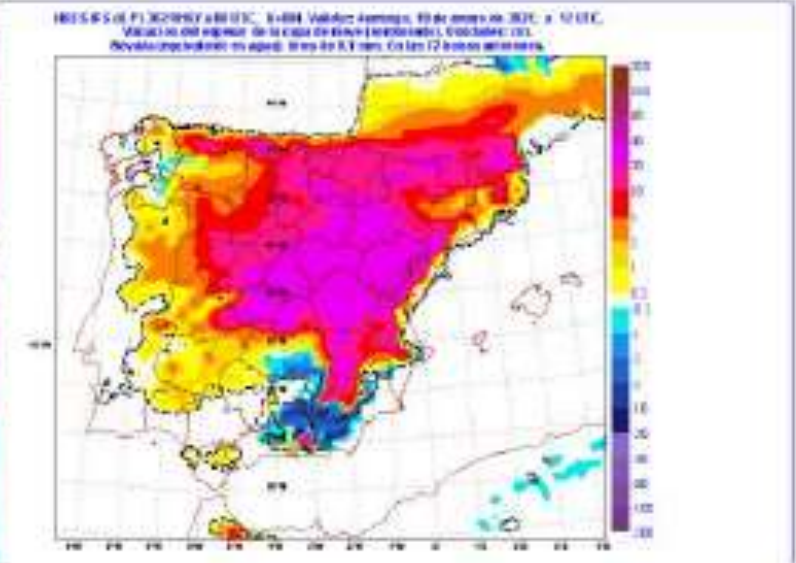
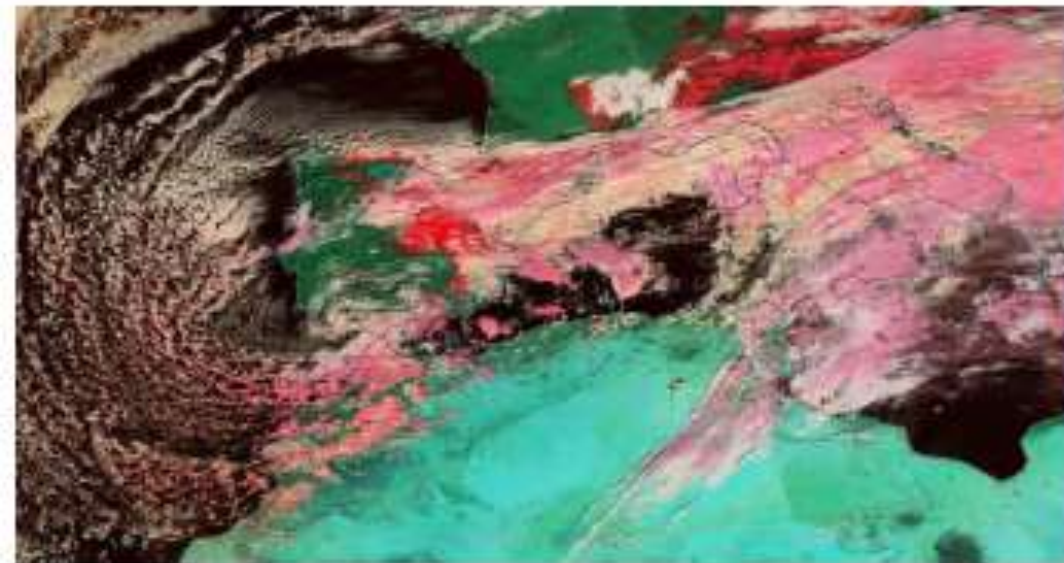
Day 9



Day 10







Suomi-NPP satellite image with coloured enhancement (snow in red) of day 10 at noon (left) and variation of snow cover thickness according to the HRES-IFS model between day 7 at 12 o'clock U

# DANA

- Weather episode of torrential and persistent rainfall
- Isolated High-Level Depression (Cut-off Low) 29 October 2024



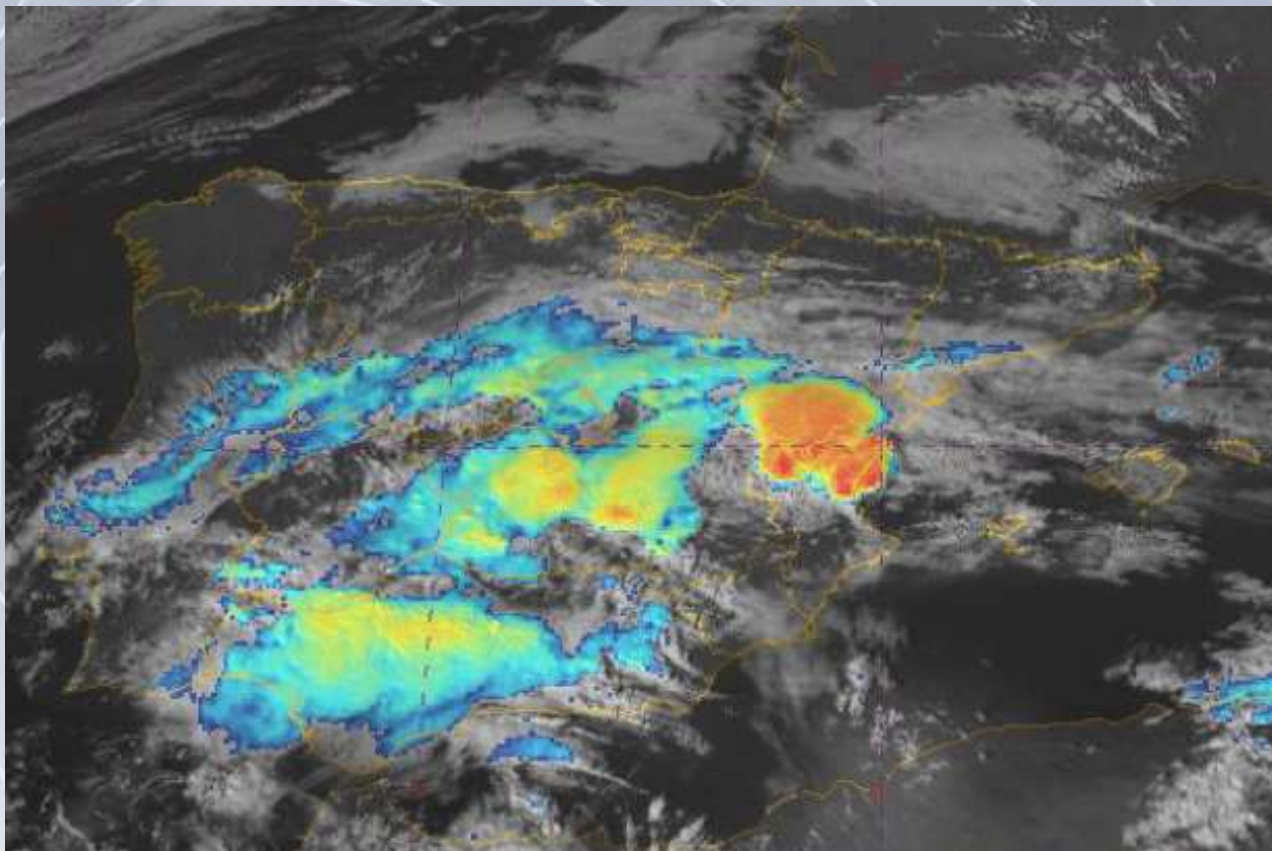
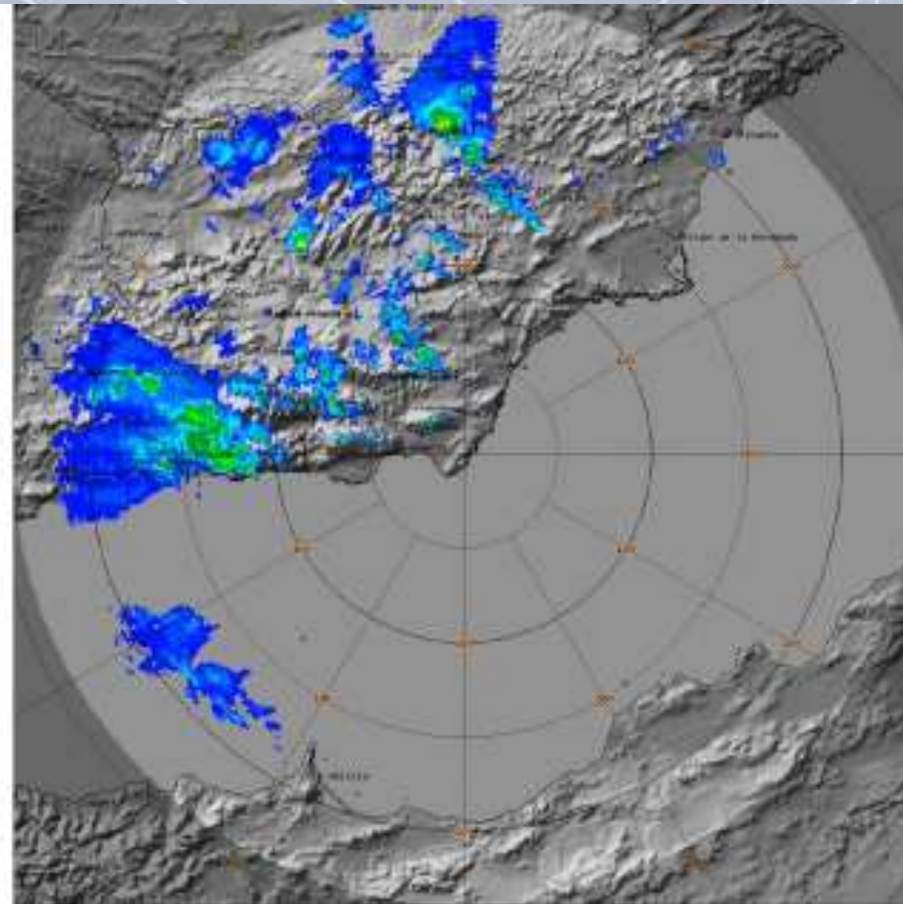
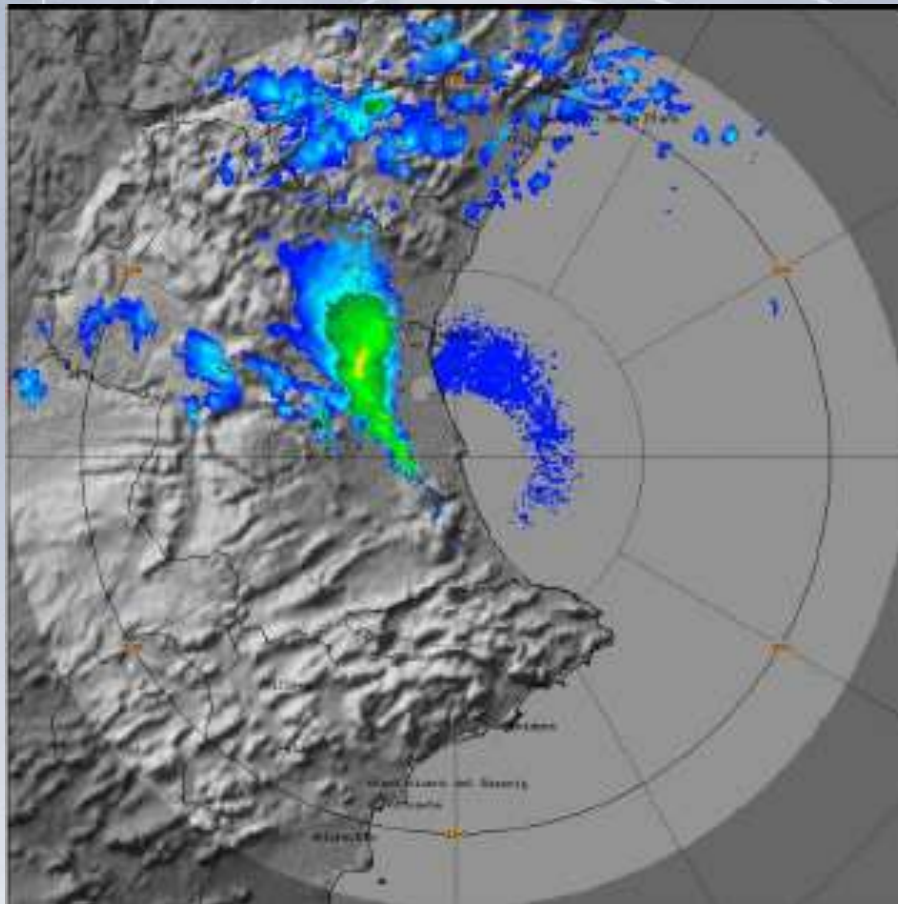


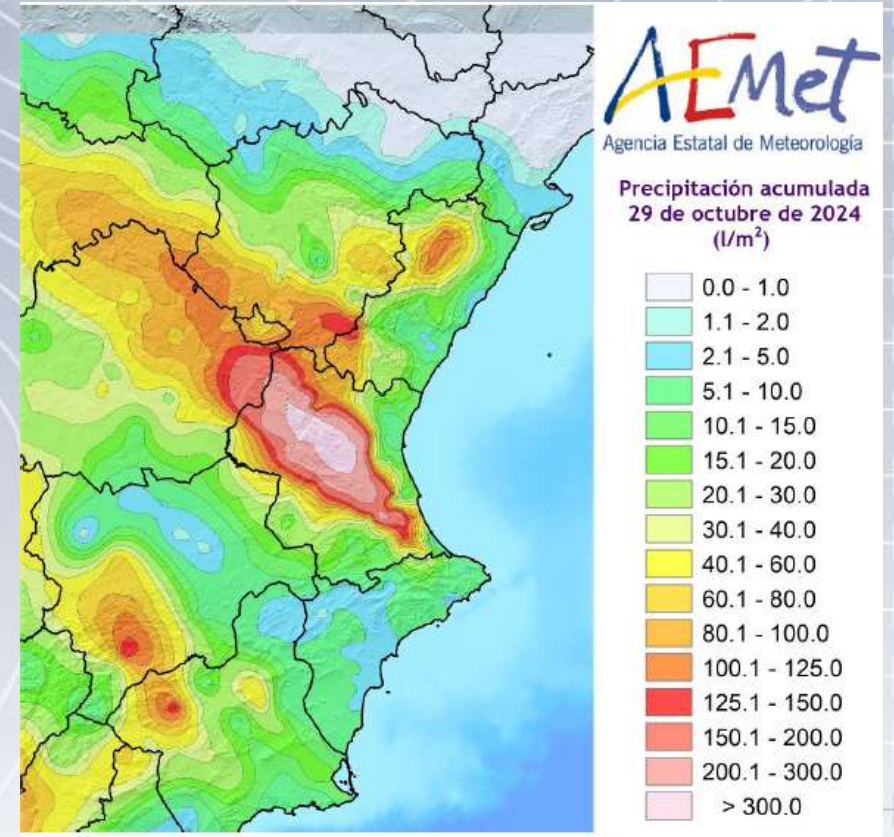
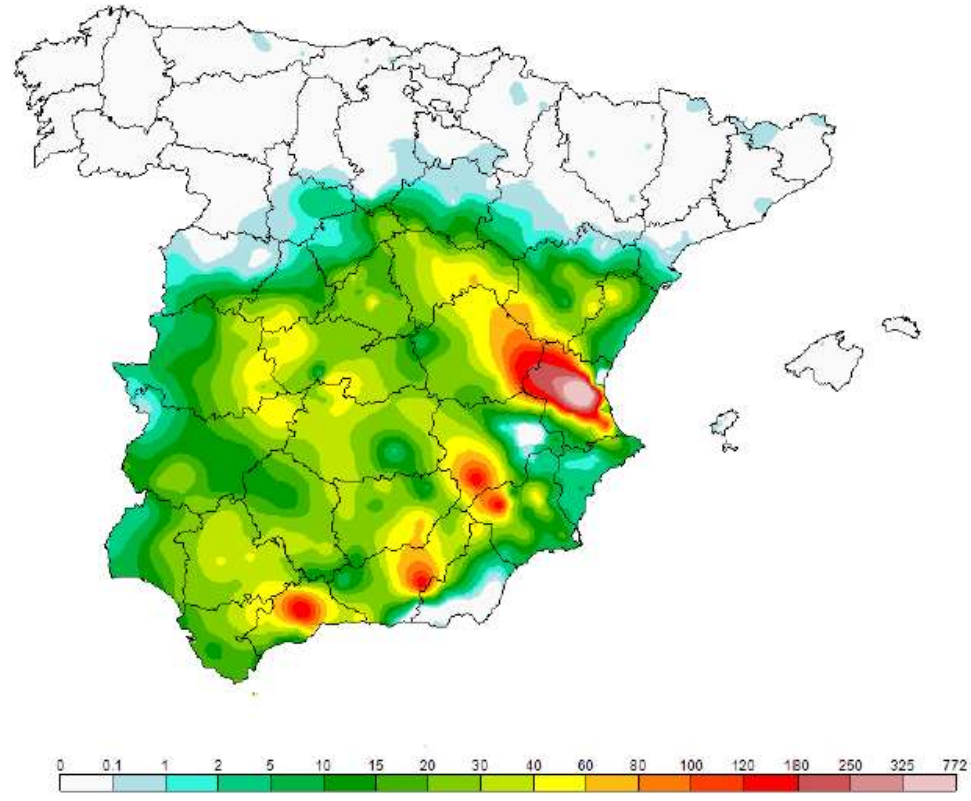
Image of 15:00 hours. From the MSG-11 satellite, combination of its HRVIS and IR10.8 channels, in which the main convective structures affecting our country are highlighted in warm colours. Different structures can be seen, with the most intense one over the Valencian Community.





Images from the Valencia (left) and Almería (right) weather radars at 16:00 and 13:30 hours, respectively. The train-type convective structures stand out, one of them affecting the interior of the province of Valencia and the other the western interior of the province of Murcia and southeast of Albacete.

PTOTAL (29 de octubre de 2024)



Accumulated precipitation on 29 October 2024  
Source: AEMET, CHJ, AVAMET





Sentinel-1 radar images from 19 and 31 October illustrate the severe flooding of the Albufera National Park due to the discharge of the Magro, Turia and Poyo rivers. This park borders the Mediterranean Sea to the east and encroaches on densely populated neighbourhoods to the west. (Courtesy, AEE)



# Concluding Remarks

- Satellite agencies provide a critical contribution to global, regional and national systematic climate/land monitoring and climate data record. (Important or critical to monitor >75% of the ECVs)
- ECV Inventory published by CEOS-CGMS  
<http://climatemonitoring.info/>
- Gap analysis report including recommendations/ actions to be completed regularly.

- Best practices on use of satellite-based CDRs and ECV Products must be planned to guide operational centres,
- More case studies is needed
- The Architecture will coordinate and fully leverage these contributions, for the benefit of climate services



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