



# Downscaling of future scenarios of temperature and precipitation across Europe based on quantile-quantile corrections of EURO-CORDEX projections

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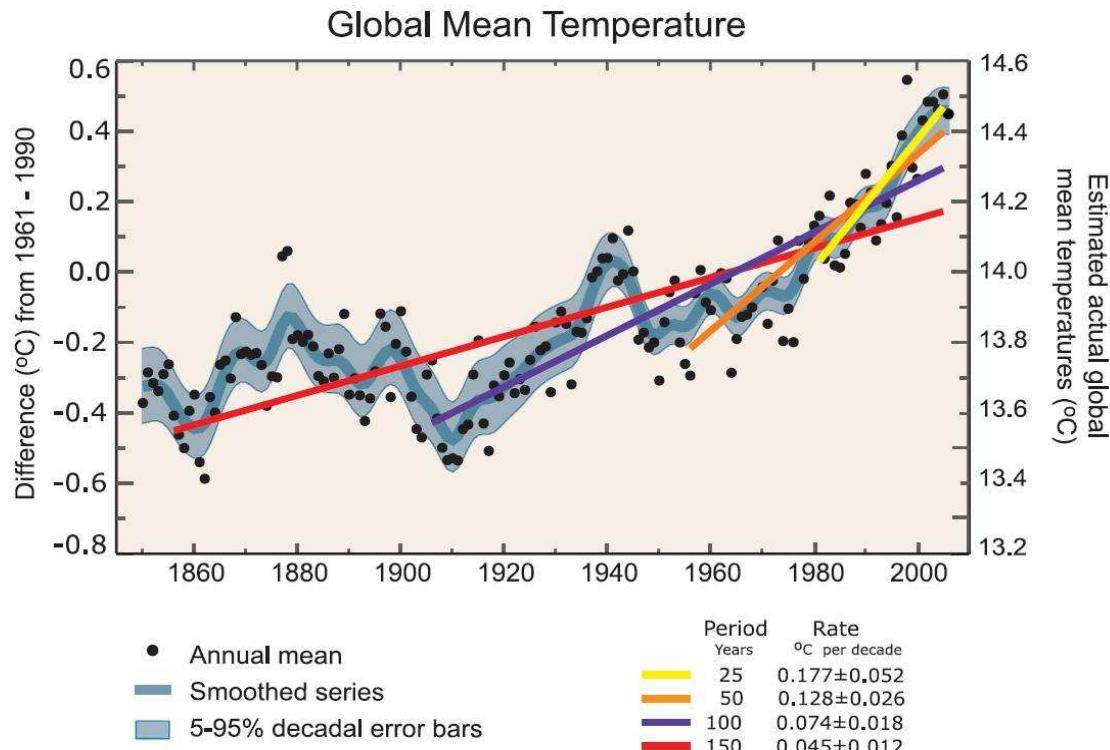
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# 1. Motivations and objectives

## Climate change: current evidences



- Global mean surface air temperature has risen by about  $0.74^{\circ}\text{C}$  (1906-2005)
- 11 of the 12 warmest years on record have occurred in the past 12 years
- Important regional variations
- Redistribution of rainfall and other variables

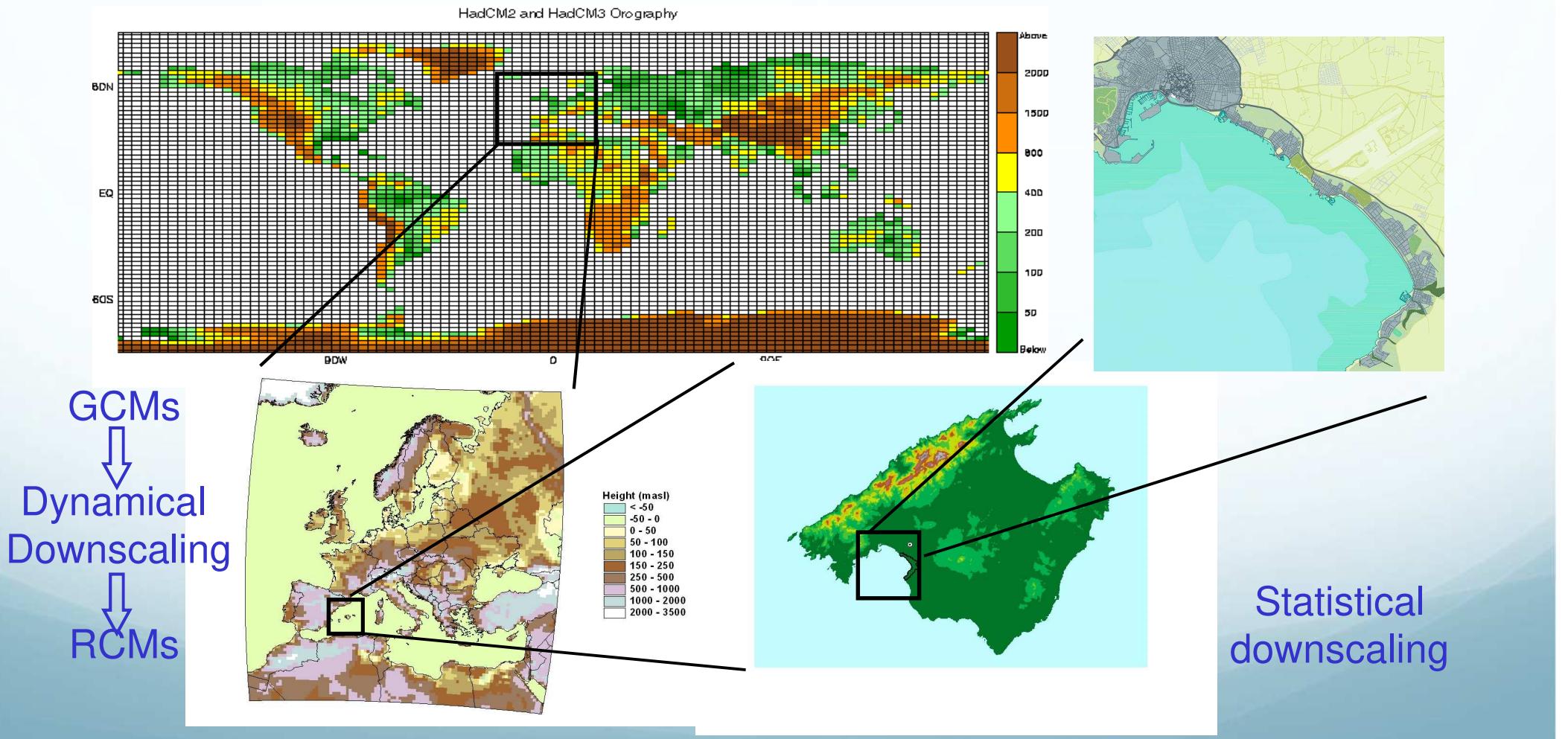
## Extreme weather events

### Summary for Policymakers (IPCC)

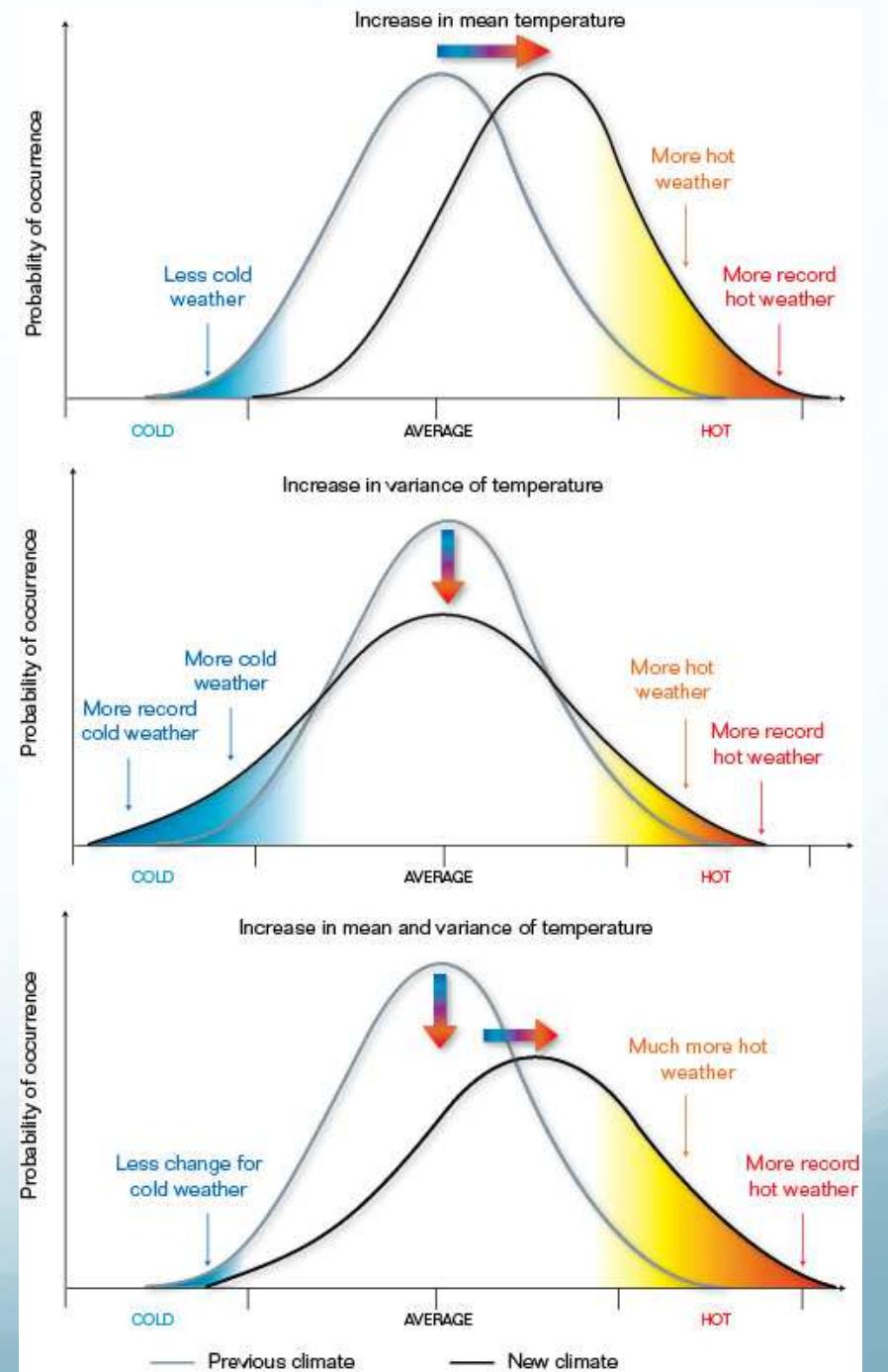
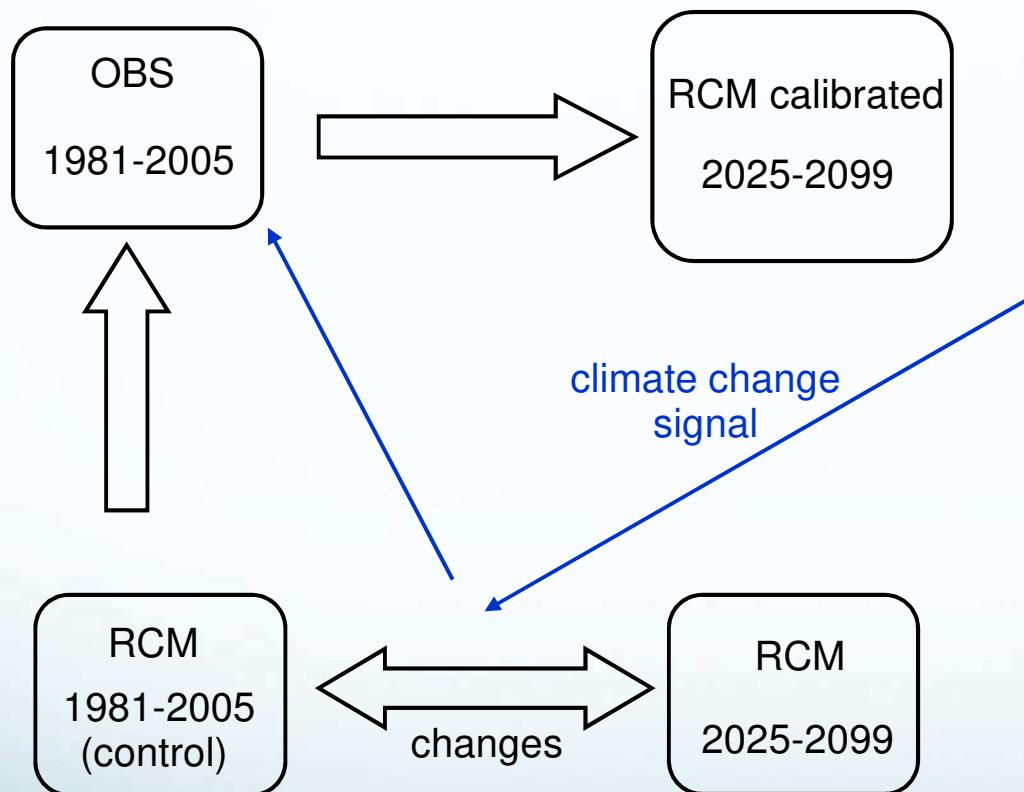
- ⬇ cold days and nights (99%) high frequency
- ⬆ days and nights (99%) frequent
- ⬆ and/or intense heavy rainfall events (90%) Longer and/or more intense droughts (66%)
- hurricane activity (50%) (western north pacific and north atlantic)

# Tools for exploring climate change impacts

- GCMs → RCMs
  - **Regional scales:** Dynamical downscaling. Regional Climate Models (RCMs)
  - **Local scales:** Statistical downscaling and model calibration from RCMs



# Statistical downscaling of RCM outputs



# Statistical downscaling of RCM outputs: Quantile-Quantile adjustment (Amengual et al. 2011)

$$p_i = o_i + g\bar{\Delta} + f\Delta'_i,$$

$$\Delta_i = s_{fi} - s_{ci}$$

$$\bar{\Delta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \Delta_i}{N} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (s_{fi} - s_{ci})}{N} = \bar{S}_f - \bar{S}_c$$

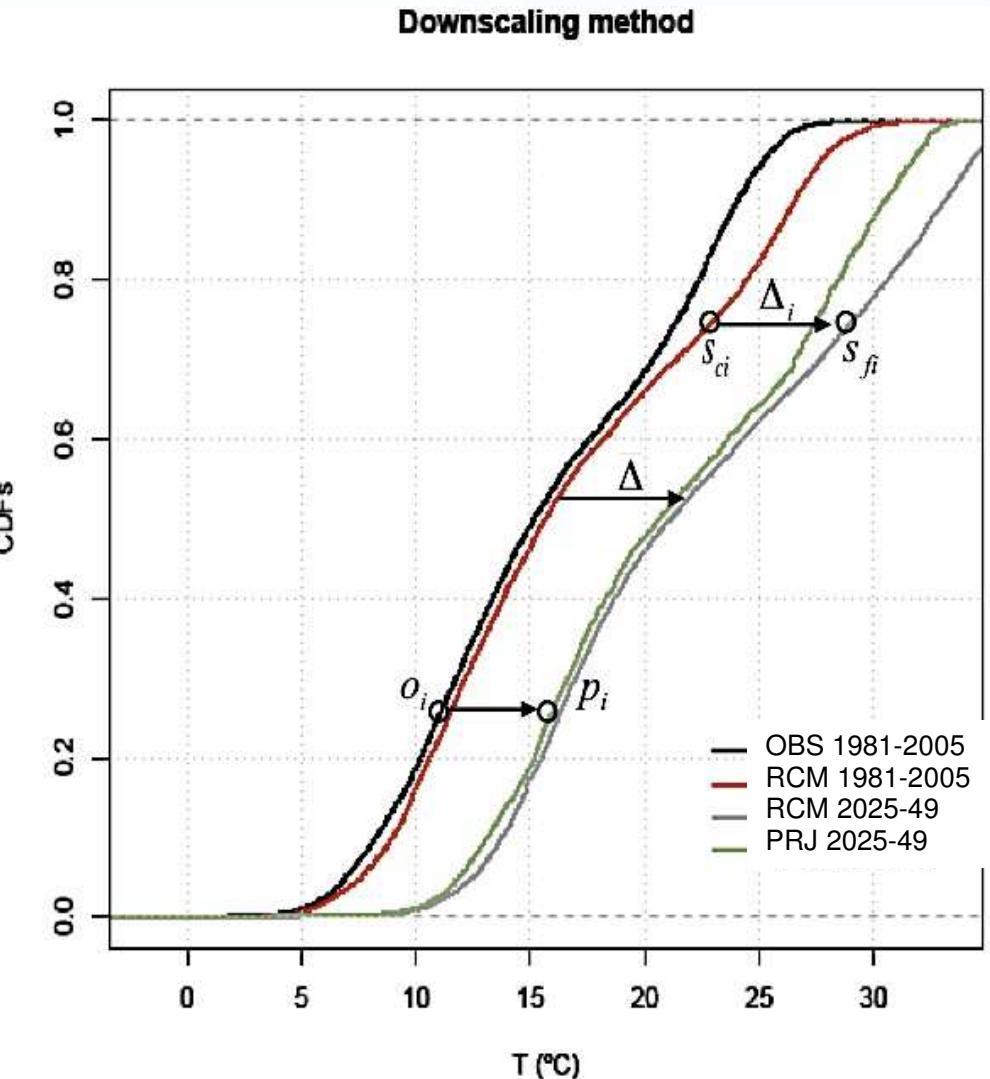
$$\Delta'_i = \Delta_i - \bar{\Delta} \quad g = \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^N o_i \right) / N}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^N s_{ci} \right) / N} = \frac{\bar{o}}{\bar{s}_c}$$

$$f = \frac{\sigma_O}{\sigma_{S_c}} = \frac{\text{IQR}|_O}{\text{IQR}|_{S_c}}.$$

Global

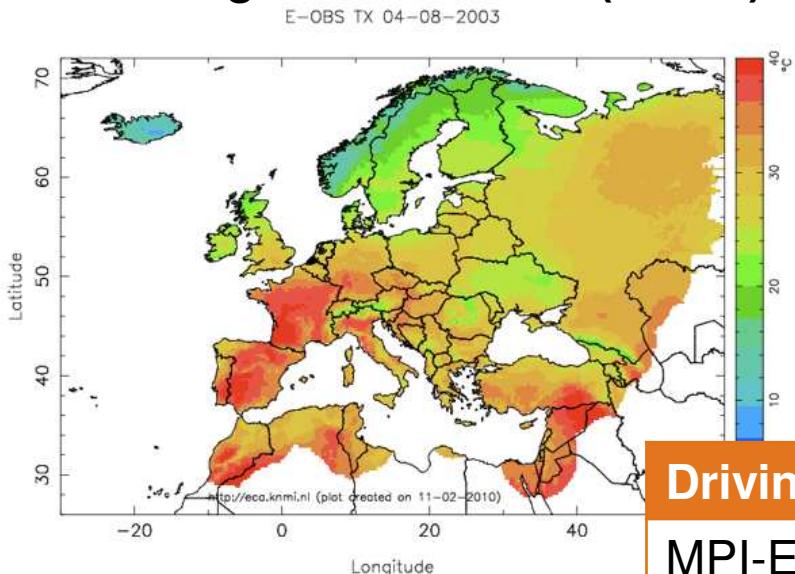
$$f = \frac{\sigma_{O'i}}{\sigma_{S_c'i}}$$

Local



## 2. Database and methodology

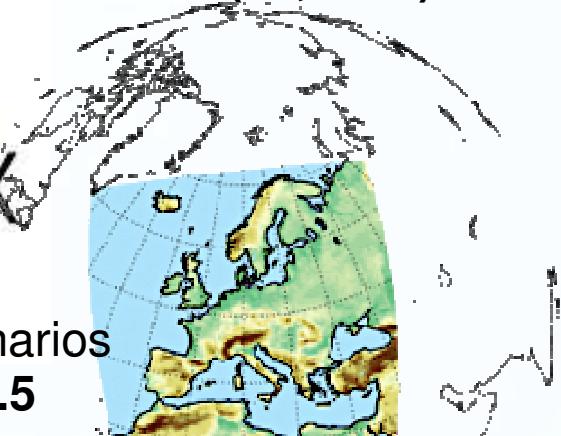
E-OBS gridded dataset (25 km)



EURO-CORDEX (12,5 km)



Future regional scenarios  
rcp4.5 and rcp8.5

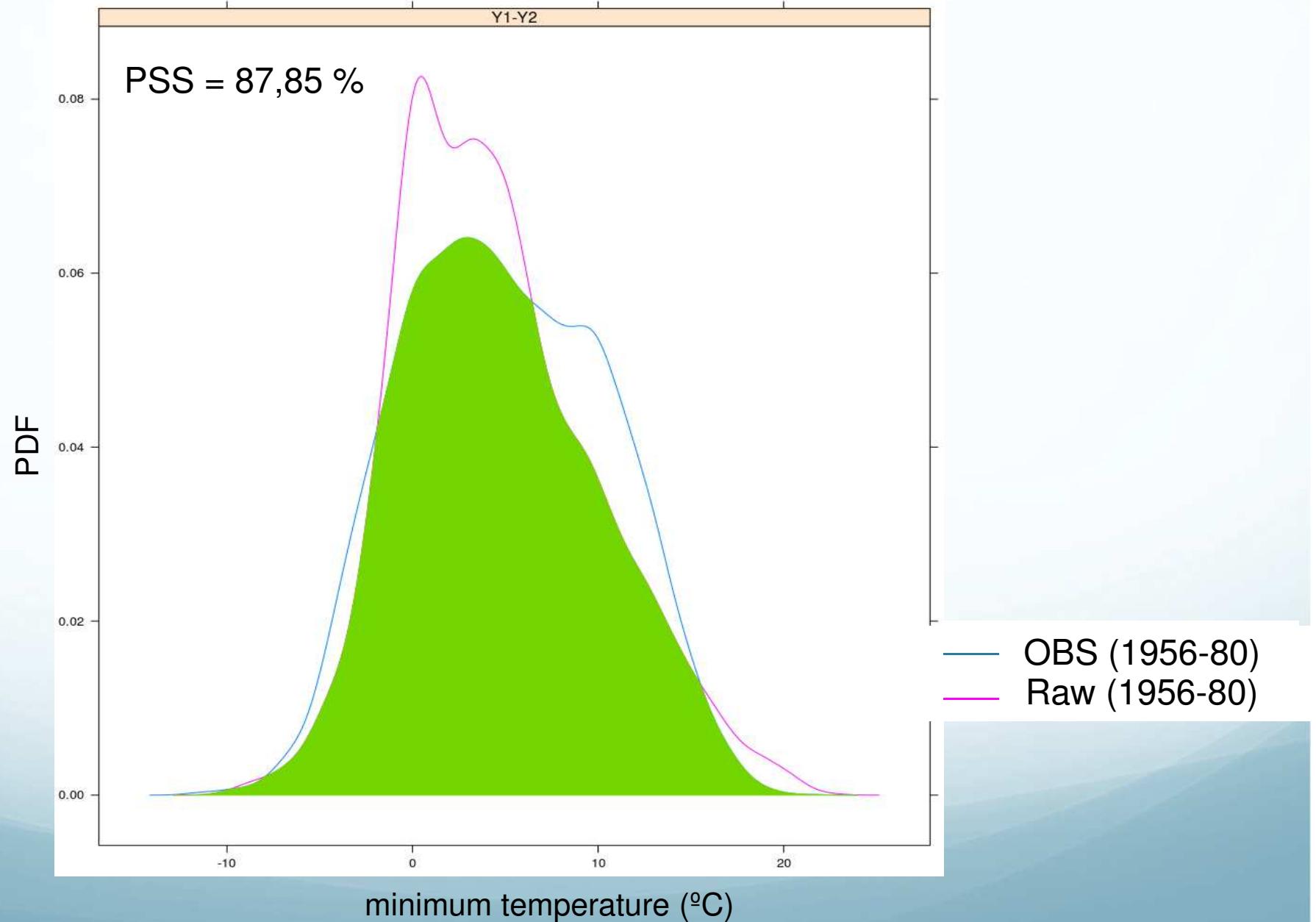


Driving GCM	RCM	Institute
MPI-ESM-LR	CCLM4-8-17	CLMcom
HadGEM2-ES	CCLM4-8-17	CLMcom
CNRM-CM5-LR	CCLM4-8-17	CLMcom
EC-EARTH	CCLM4-8-17	CLMcom
EC-EARTH	RACMO22E	KNMI
HadGEM2-ES	RACMO22E	KNMI
EC-EARTH	HIRHAM5	DMI
NorESM1-M	HIRHAM5	DMI
CNRM-CM5	ALADIN53	CNRM

- Validation task
  - 1. evaluation between raw 1956-1980 interval. Co
- Calibration task
  - 1. compute changes in C 2005) and successive 2
  - 2. shifts are corrected and

## 2. Database and methodology

- Validation task Perkins skill score (PSS) (*Perkins et al. 2007*)

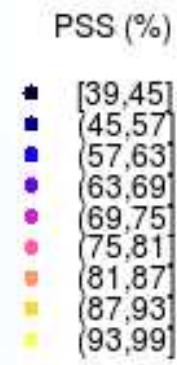


### 3. Results

- PSS of the whole PDF for annual precipitation

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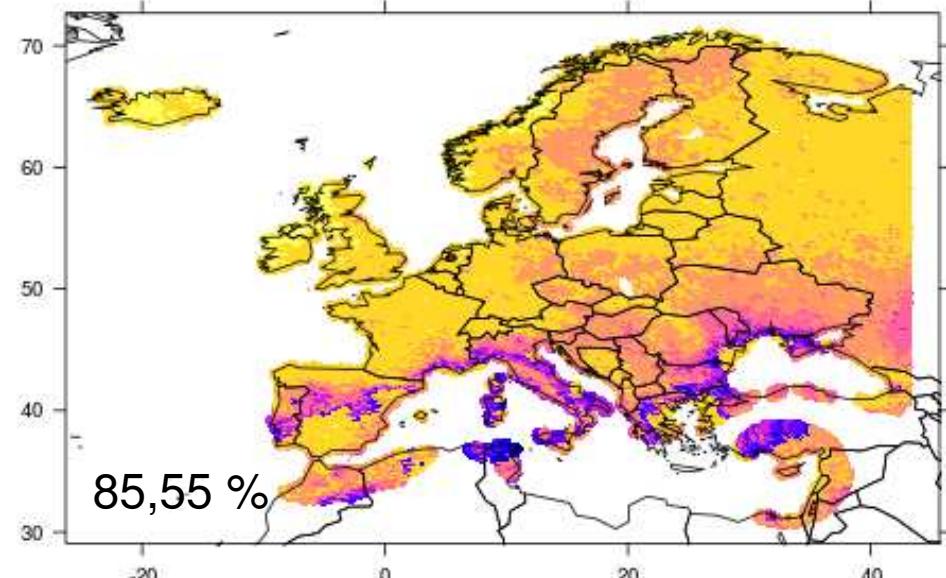
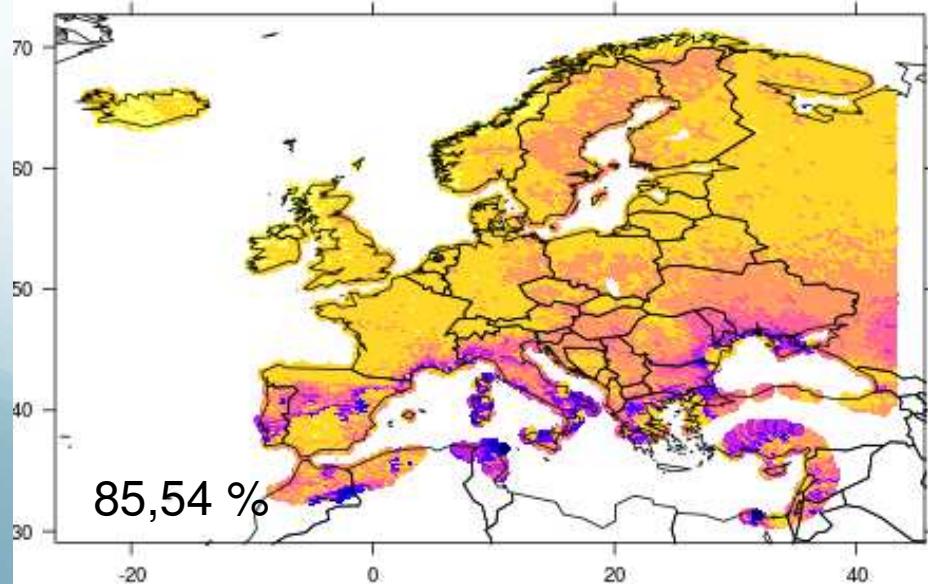
Raw



85,60 %

Global

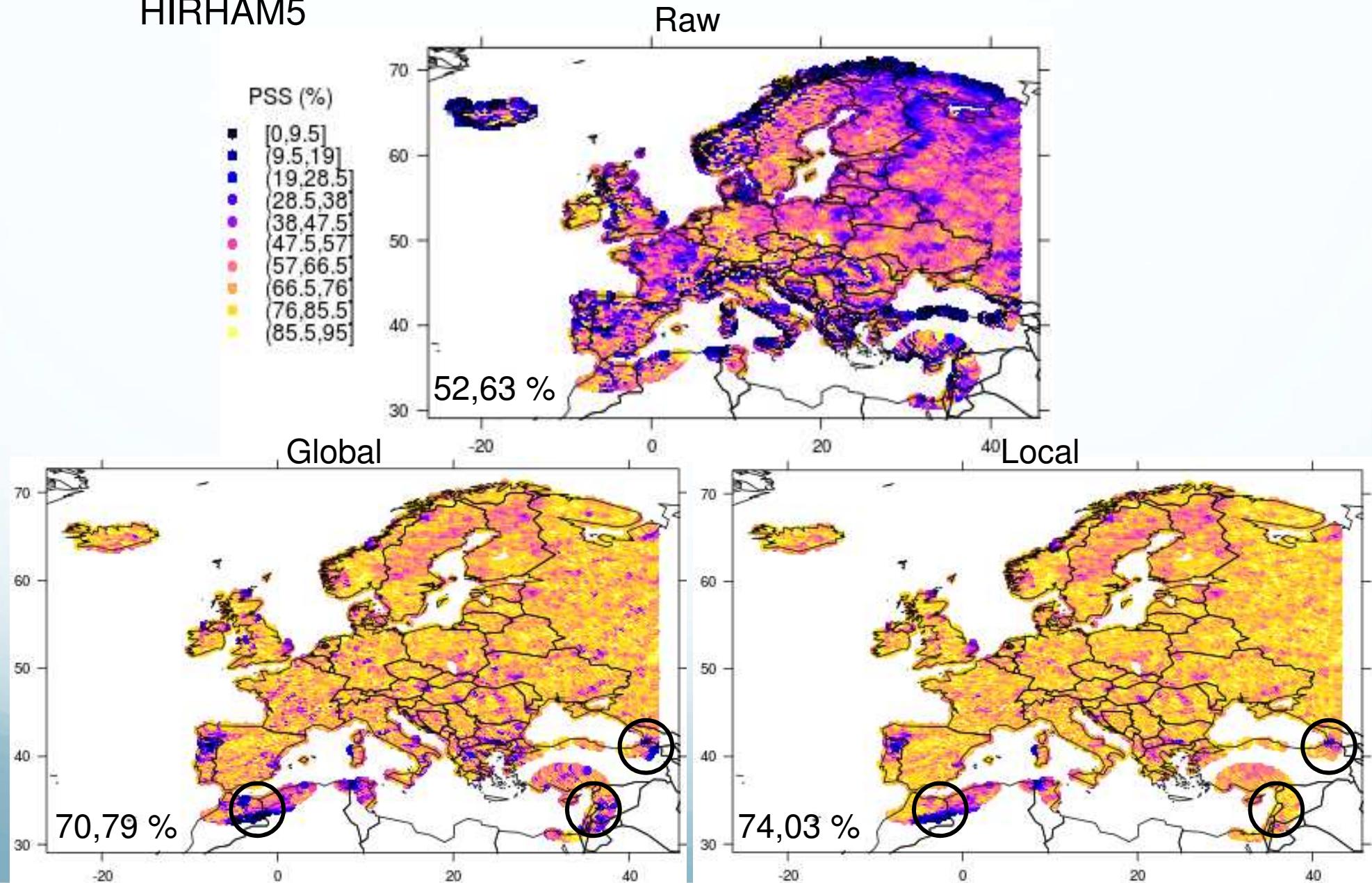
Local



### 3. Results

- PSS over  $P_{99}$  for annual precipitation

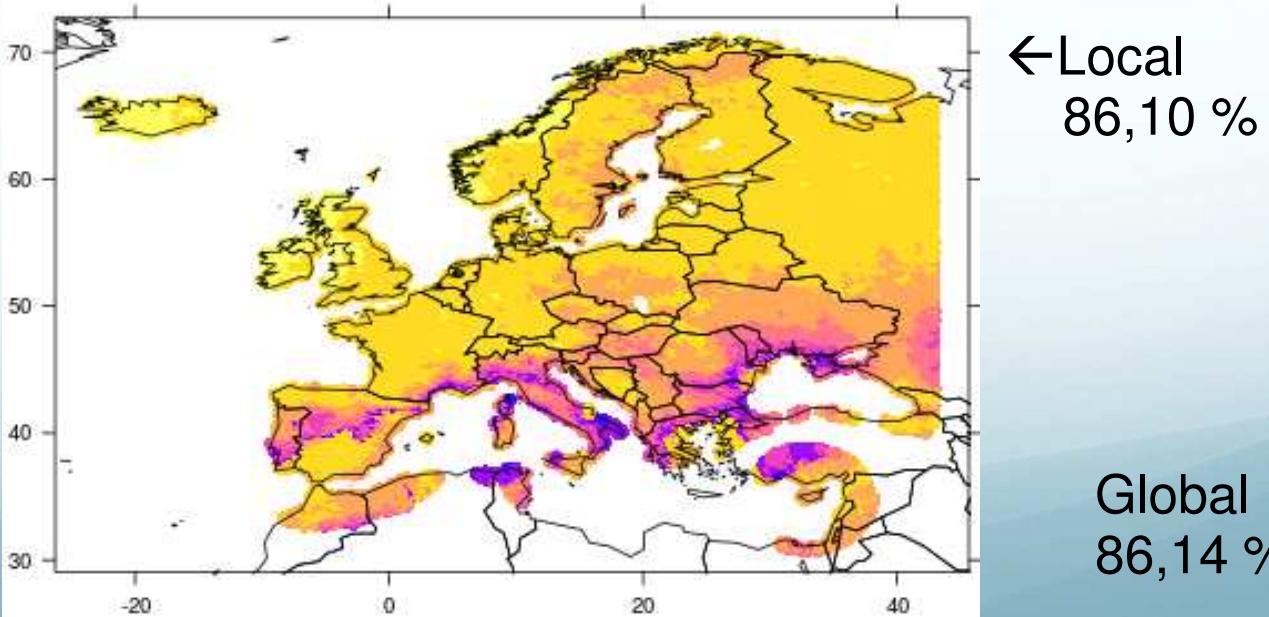
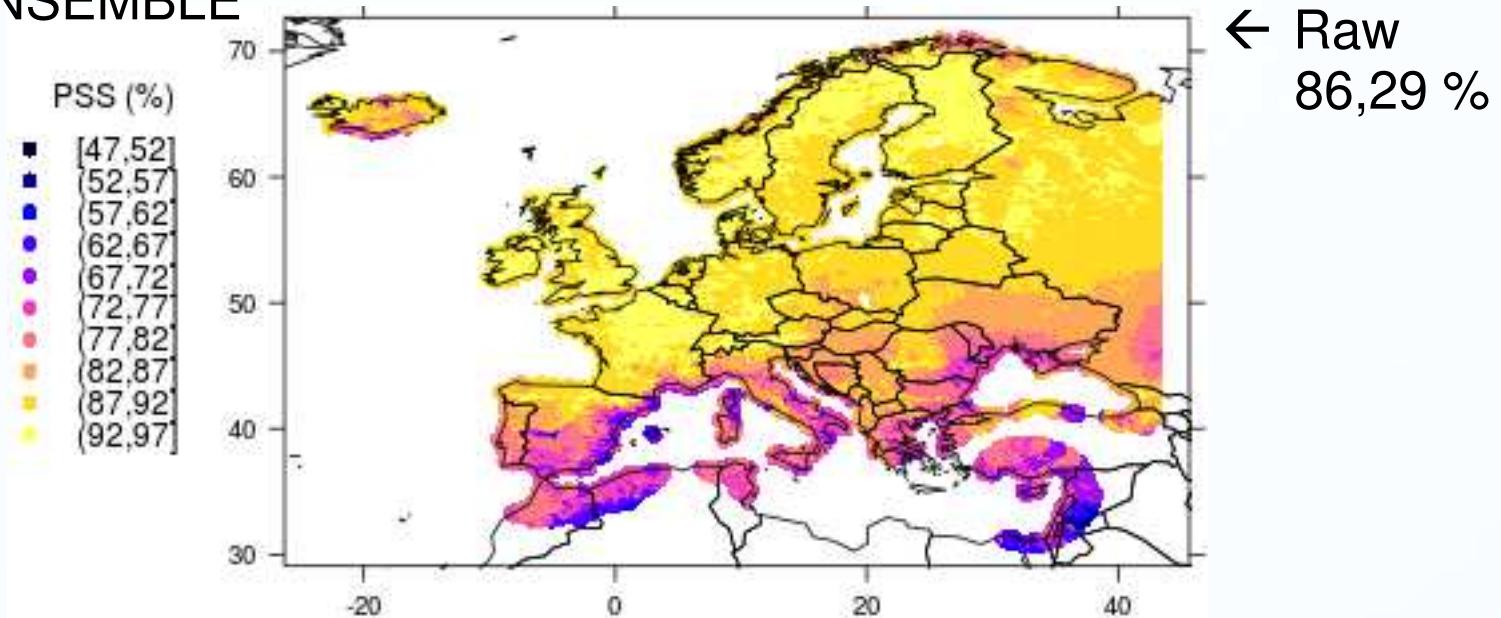
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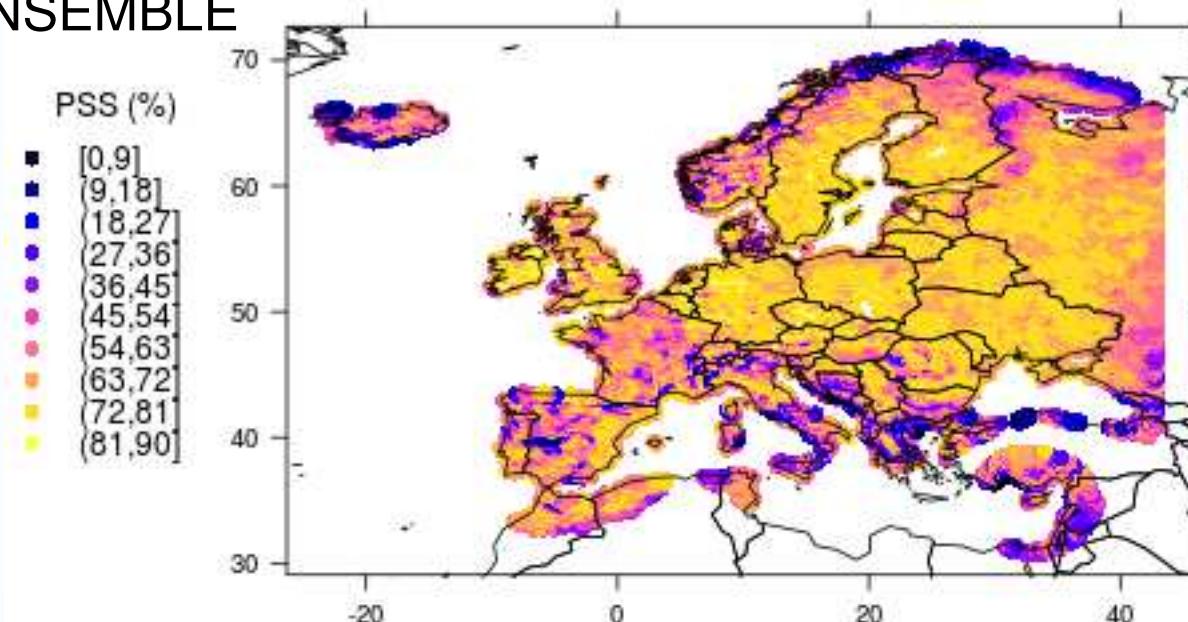
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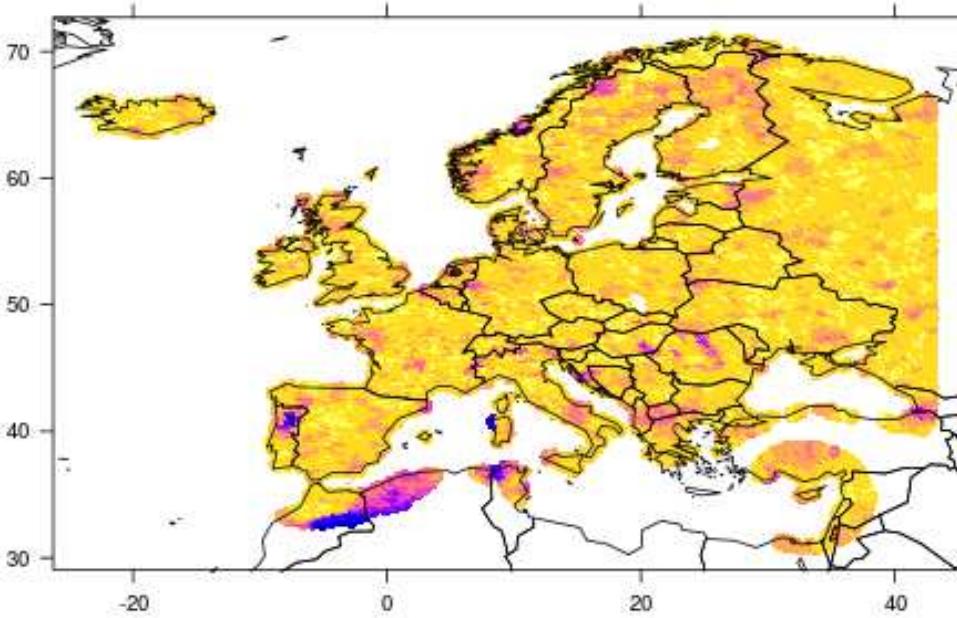
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← Raw  
63,99 %



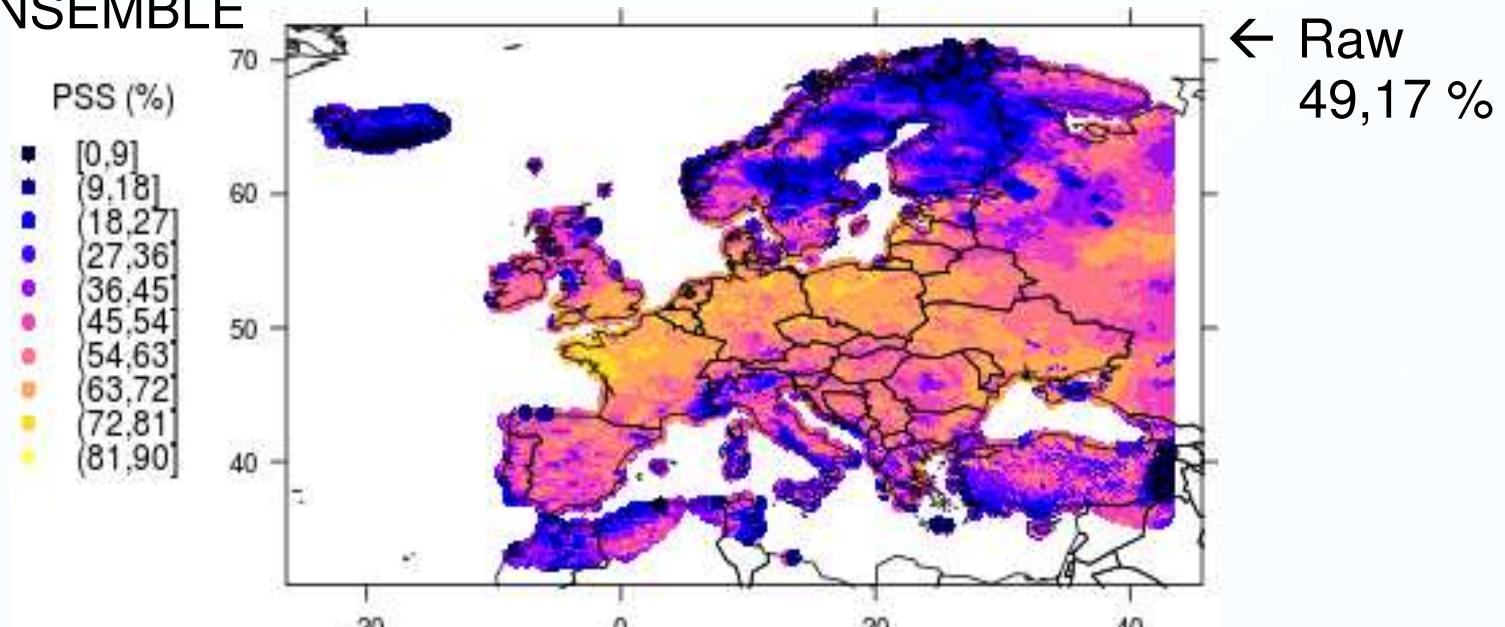
← Local  
74,29 %

Global  
71,87 %

### 3. Results

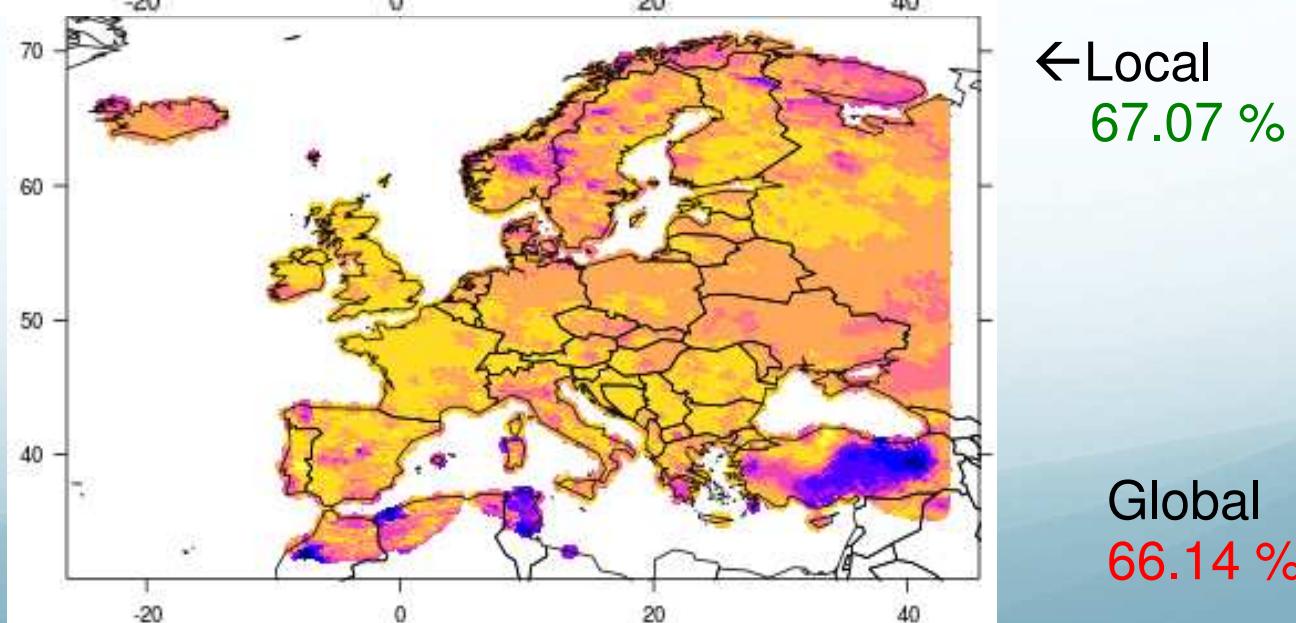
- PSS under  $P_5$  for minimum temperature in winter

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← Raw

49,17 %



← Local

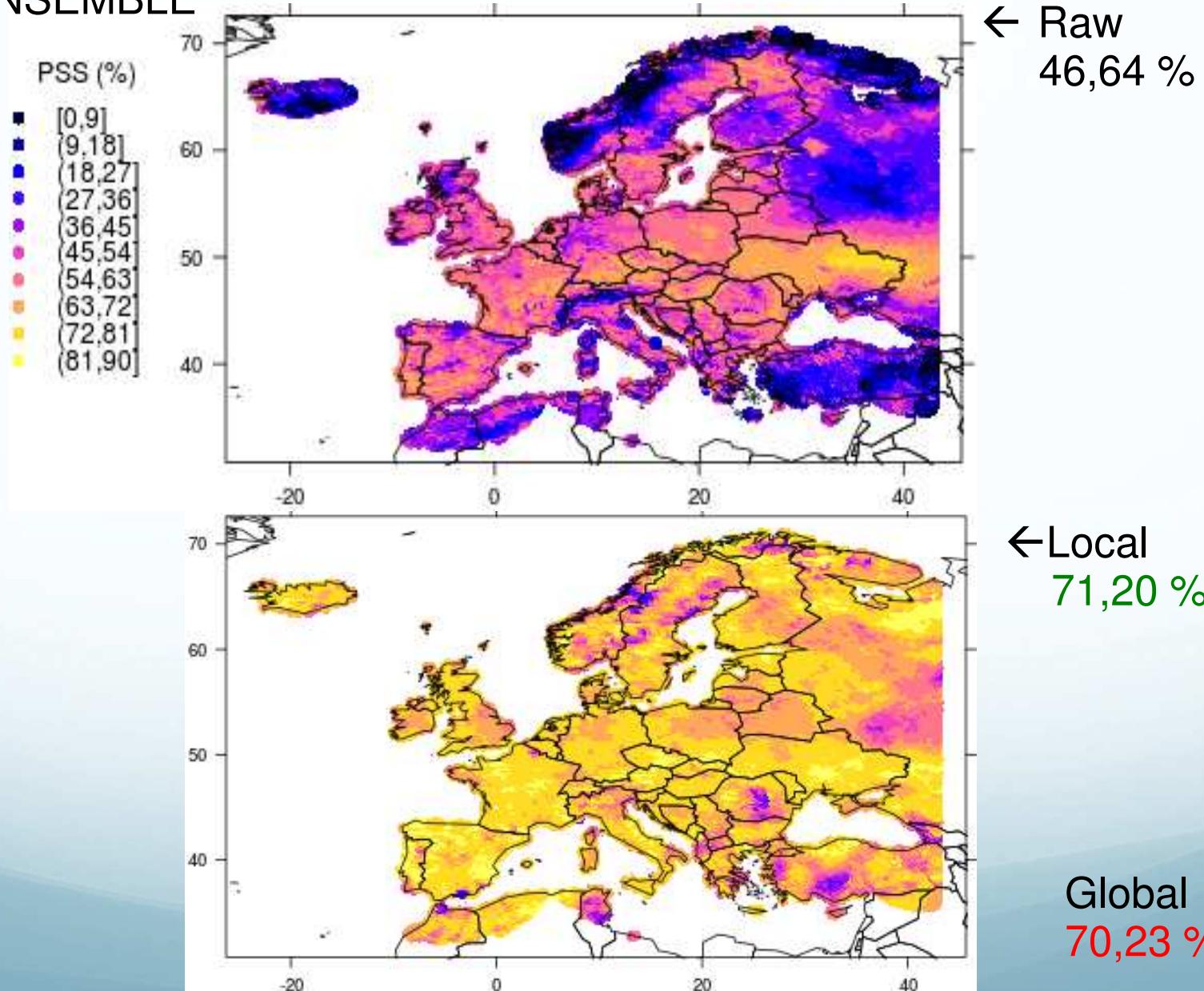
67.07 %

Global  
66.14 %

### 3. Results

- PSS over  $P_{95}$  for minimum temperature in winter

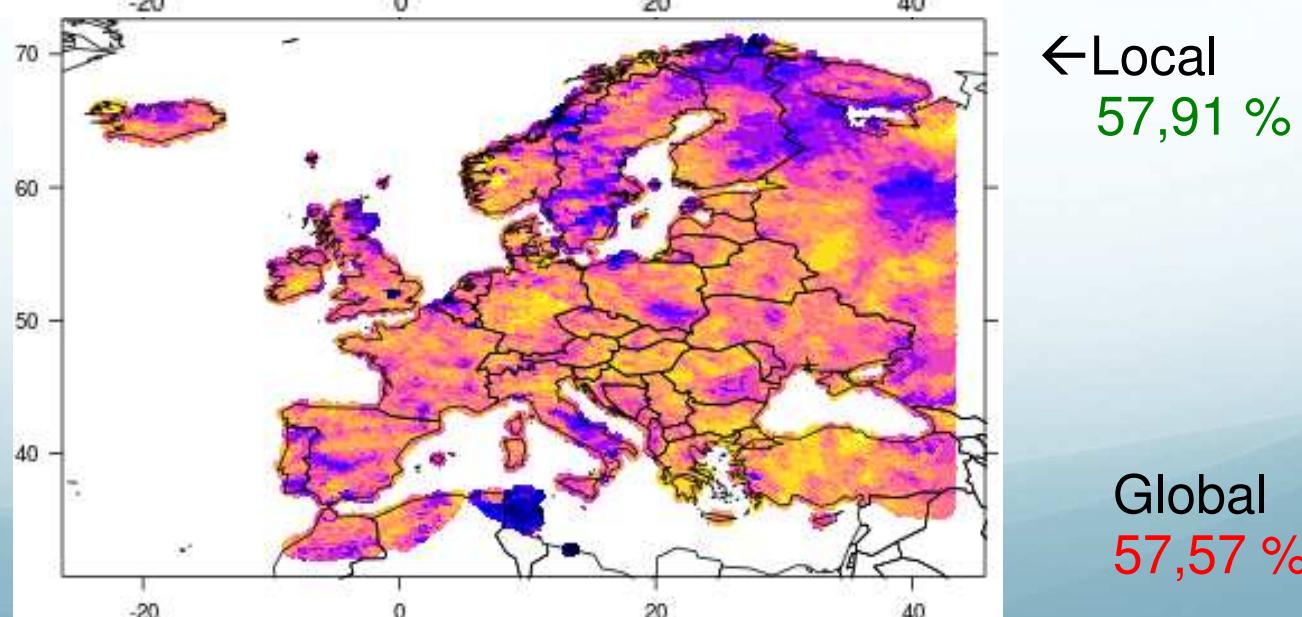
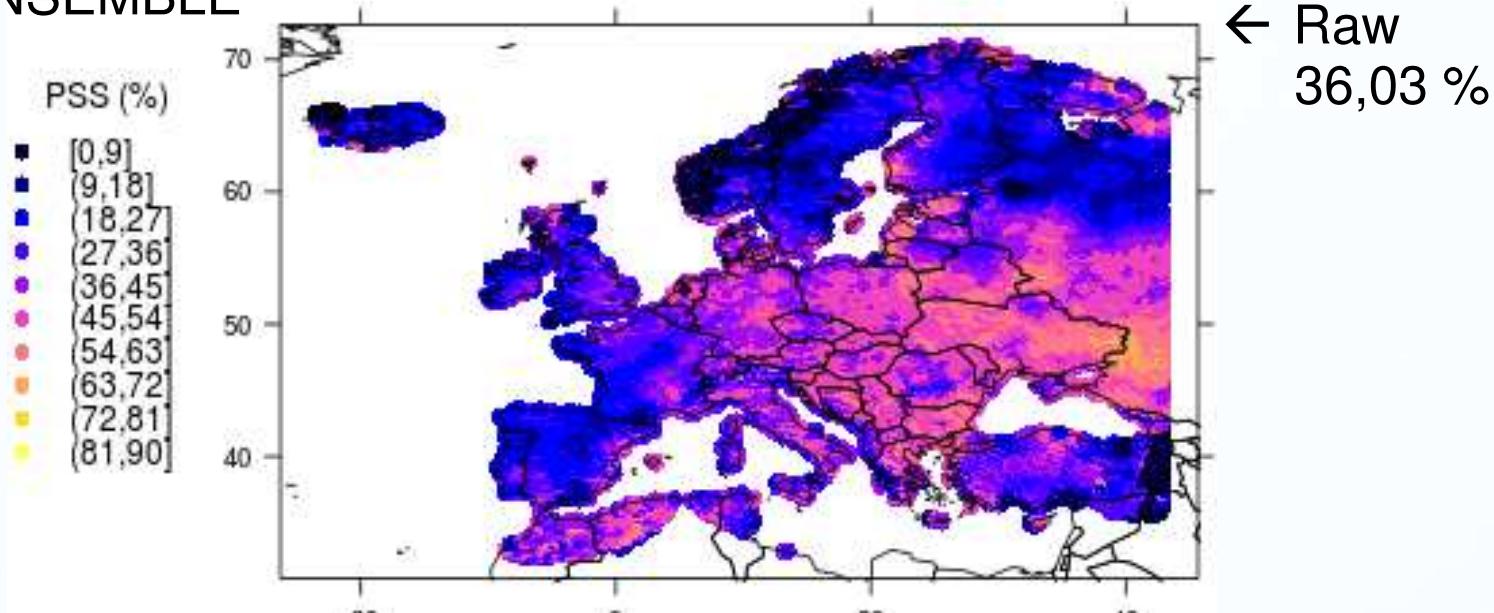
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### 3. Results

- PSS under  $P_1$  for maximum temperature in summer

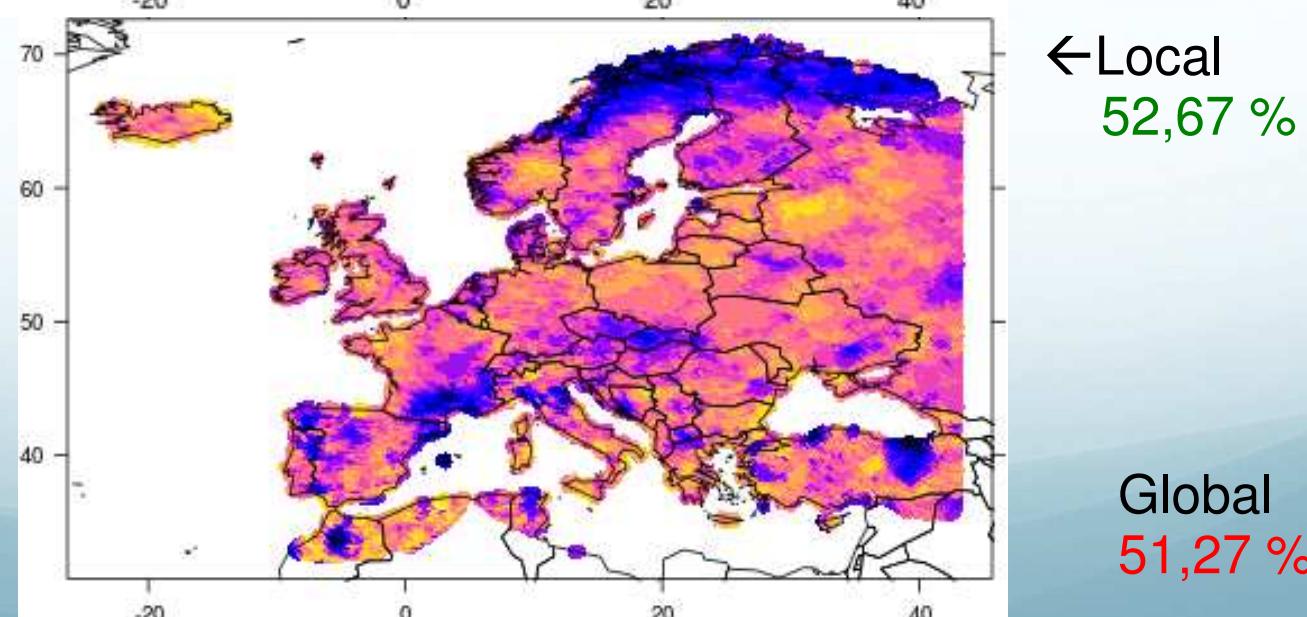
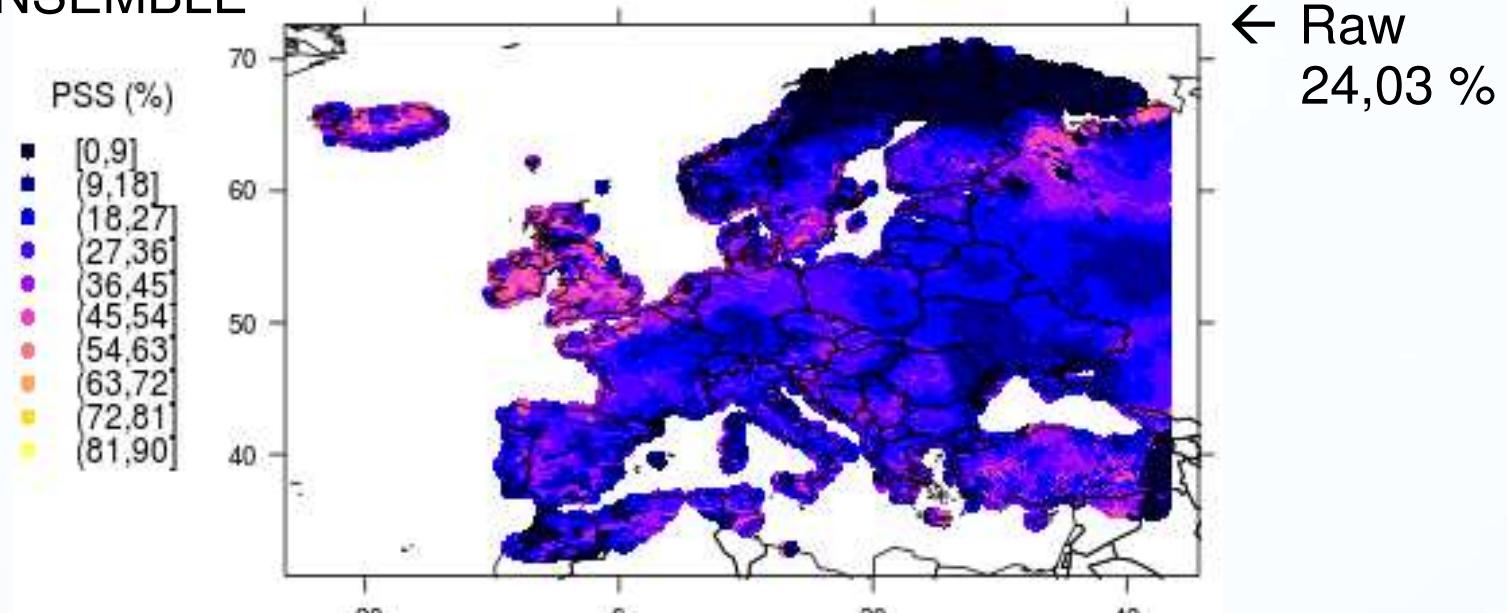
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### 3. Results

- PSS over  $P_{99}$  for maximum temperature in summer

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# 4. Summary

Annual		PSS (%) whole PDF		
Variable		Raw	Global	Local
Pr		86,29	86,14	86,10
PSS(%) over P <sub>99</sub>				
Pr		63,99	71,87	<b>74,29</b>

Winter	PSS (%) under P <sub>5</sub>			PSS (%) over P <sub>95</sub>		
Variable	Raw	Global	Local	Raw	Global	Local
Tmin	49,17	66,14	<b>67,07</b>	46,64	70,23	<b>71,20</b>
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Summer	PSS(%) under P <sub>1</sub>			PSS (%) over P <sub>99</sub>		
Variable	Raw	Global	Local	Raw	Global	Local
Tmax	36,03	57,57	<b>57,91</b>	24,03	51,27	<b>52,67</b>

## 5. Future work

1. Build a better annual calibration from seasonal calibration
2. Validate the method picking up even years for the training period and odd years for the calibration period in order to avoid the effects of climate change
3. Calibration task
4. Obtain results on future annual and seasonal temperatures and precipitation changes (both means and extremes)
5. These future scenarios will be used to feed the different impact studies/models.