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Region of concern: **Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, South Caucasus and Middle East**

„ Within the first week (9 to 15 March 2026), ECMWF monthly forecast predicts below normal mean weekly air temperature, with anomaly up to -6 °C in Cyprus, central and eastern Turkey, South Caucasus and Middle East. Probability for exceeding lower tercile is more than 90%.
During the second week (16 to 22 March 2026) precipitation surplus is expected in southern Greece and western Middle East. Probability for exceeding upper tercile is up to 80%. “

Monitoring

During the period from 1 to 7 February 2026, observed weekly precipitation sums were up to 75 mm in western Georgia, up to 50 mm in northeastern and southeastern Turkey, while in rest of the SEE region, precipitation sums were below 25 mm.

Outlook

Within the first week (9 to 15 March 2026), ECMWF monthly forecast predicts above normal mean weekly air temperature in the western and central Balkans, Pannonian plain, northwestern Romania, western and northern Ukraine, with anomaly up to +6 °C. Probability for exceeding upper tercile (upper third of the highest temperature) is more than 90%. Below normal mean weekly air temperature, with anomaly up to -6 °C is expected in Cyprus, central and eastern Turkey, South Caucasus and Middle East. Probability for exceeding lower tercile (bottom third of the lowest temperature) is more than 90%. Precipitation deficit is expected in almost the entire SEE region. Probability for exceeding lower tercile (bottom third of the lowest precipitation) is up to 90%.

During the second week (16 to 22 March 2026), above normal mean weekly air temperature is forecasted in the western and central Balkans, Pannonian plain, northwestern Romania, western and northern Ukraine, with anomaly up to +6 °C. Probability for exceeding upper tercile (upper third of the highest temperature) is up to 90%. Precipitation surplus is expected in southern Greece and western Middle East. Probability for exceeding upper tercile (upper third of the highest precipitation) is up to 80%. Precipitation deficit is expected in Ukraine. Probability for exceeding lower tercile (bottom third of the lowest precipitation) is around 70%.

During the following three months (April, May and June 2026), seasonal forecast predicts above average seasonal air temperature along the Adriatic Sea coast, in the southern and eastern Balkans, Cyprus, western and central Turkey, South Caucasus and Middle East, with the probability for exceeding the upper tercile ranging from 50% to over 70%. Precipitation surplus is expected along the Adriatic and Ionian Sea coasts, some parts of Aegean Sea, in central and eastern Ukraine, with up to 50% probability for exceeding the upper tercile.

Update

An updated statement will be issued on 16-3-2026

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ANNEX

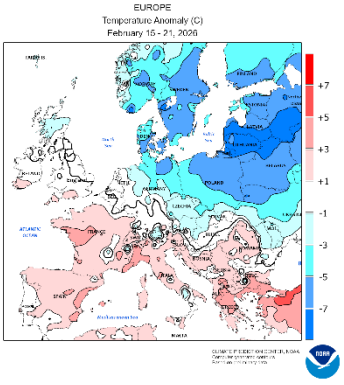
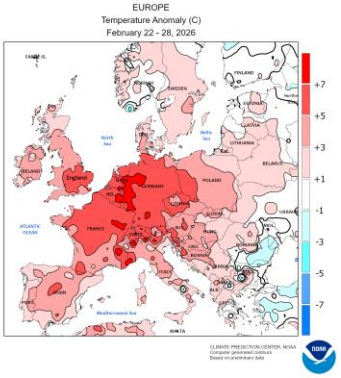
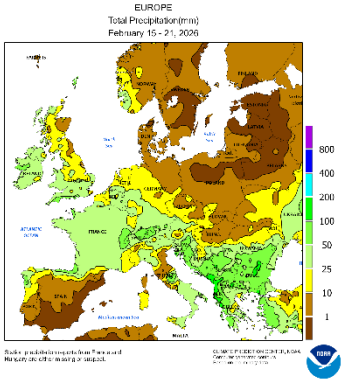
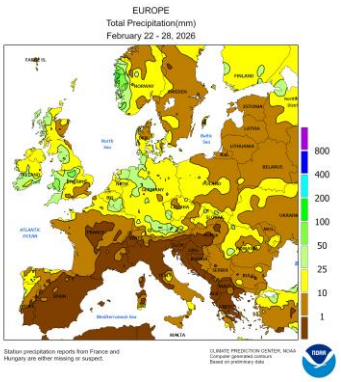
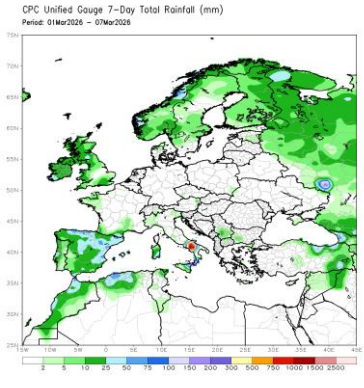
15.2-21.2.2026	22.2-28.2.2026	1.3-7.3.2026
		-
		

Figure 1. Temperature anomaly and total precipitation for recent weeks (source: Climate Prediction Center, USA)

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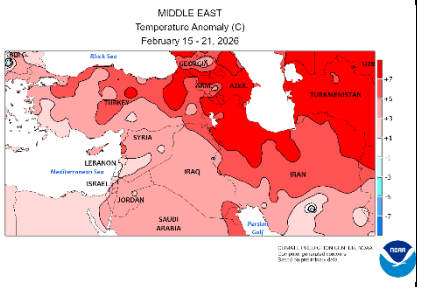
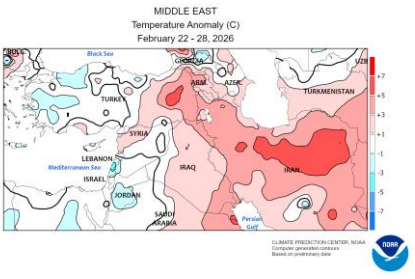
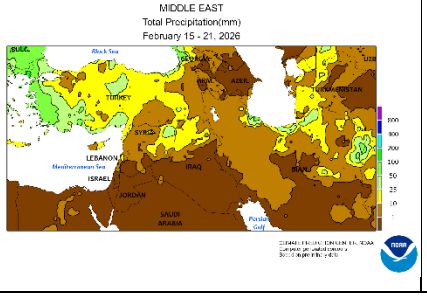
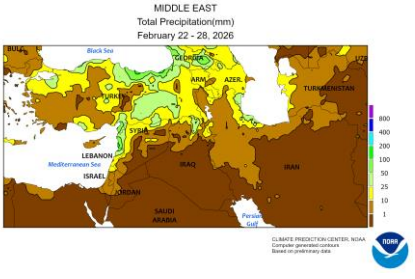
		-
		-

Figure 2. Temperature anomaly and total precipitation for recent weeks for Middle East (source: Climate Prediction Center)

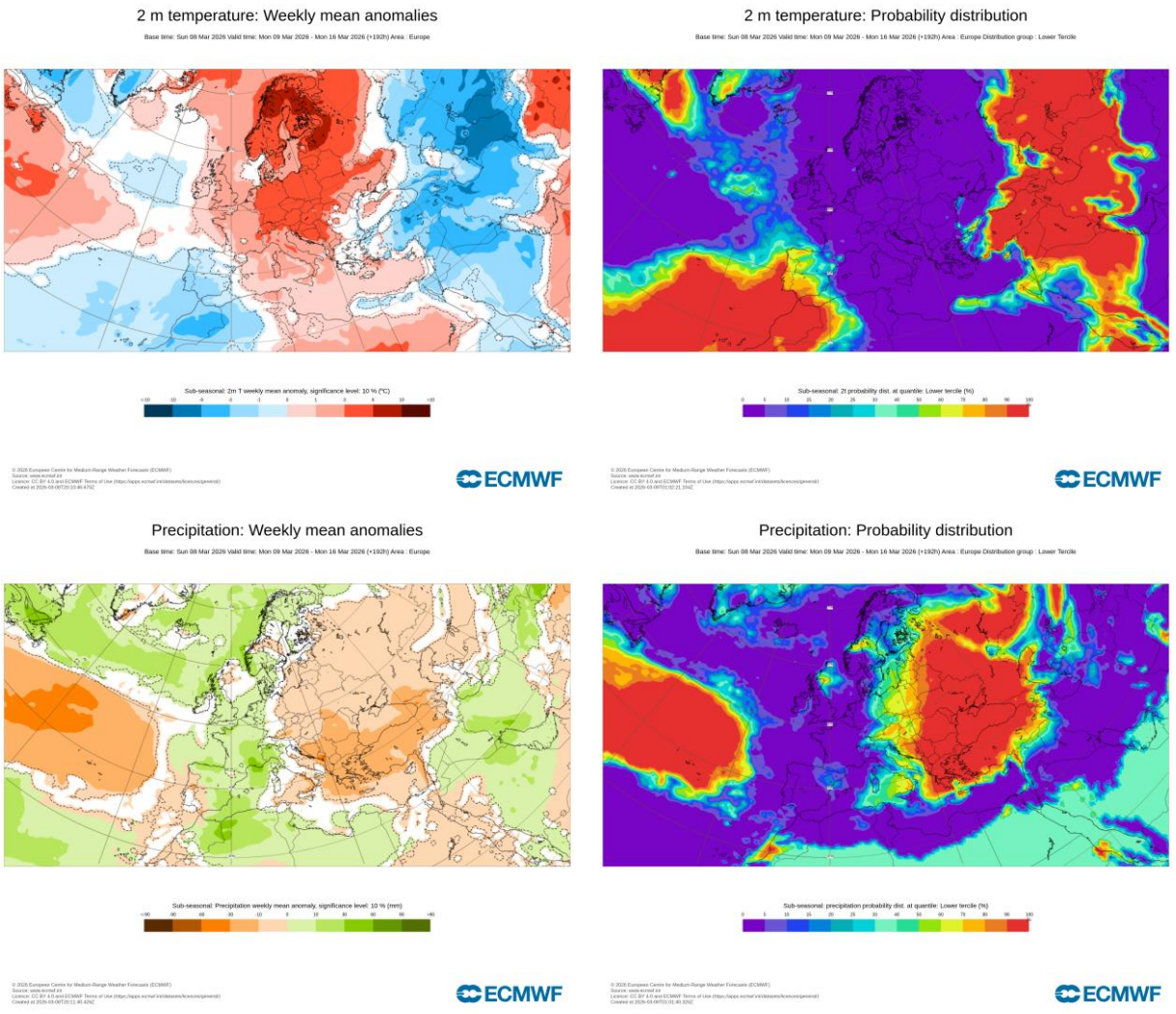


Figure 3. Outlook for the temperature anomalies and probability for the lower tercile (upper row), along with the precipitation surplus/deficit and probability for the lower tercile (lower row) for the 9.3-15.3.2026 period (source: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, ECMWF)

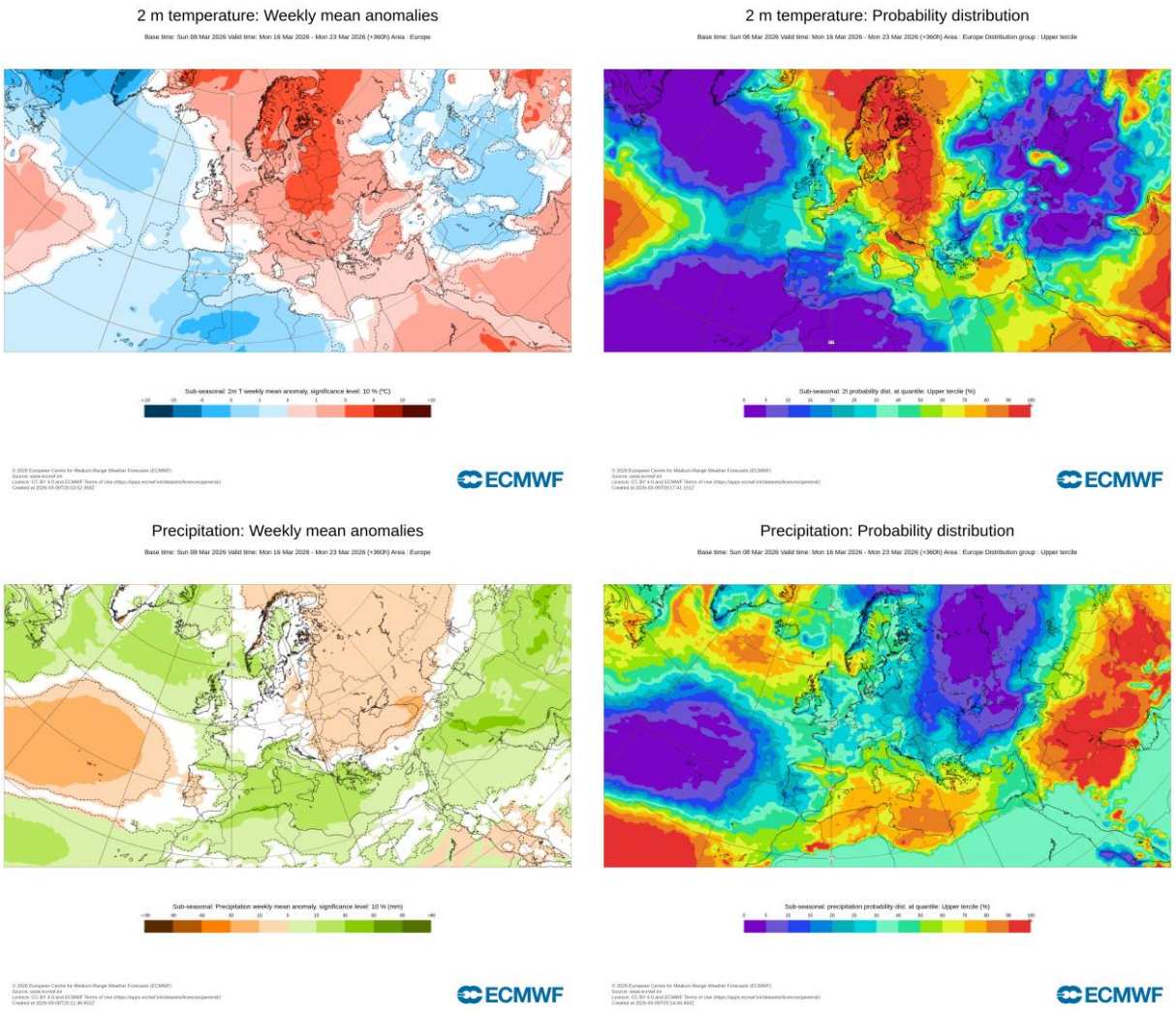


Figure 4. Outlook for the temperature anomalies and probability for the upper tercile (upper row), along with the precipitation surplus/deficit and probability for the upper tercile (lower row) for the 16.3-22.3.2026 period (source: ECMWF)

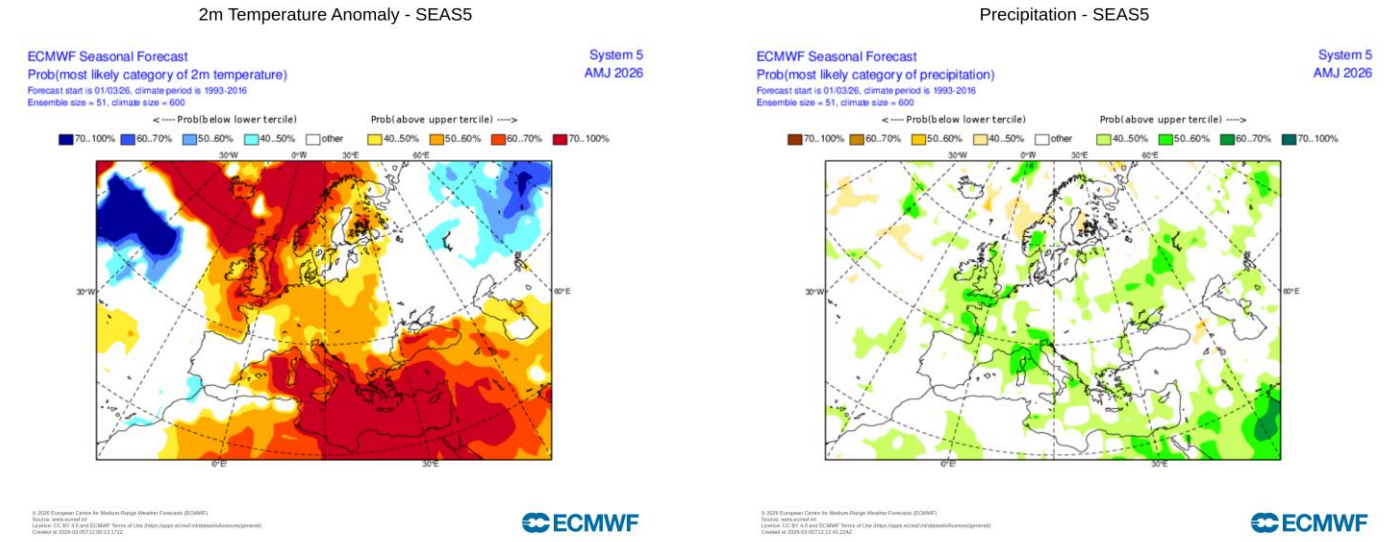


Figure 5. Mean seasonal air temperature and precipitation anomaly probabilities for the season AMJ (source: ECMWF)

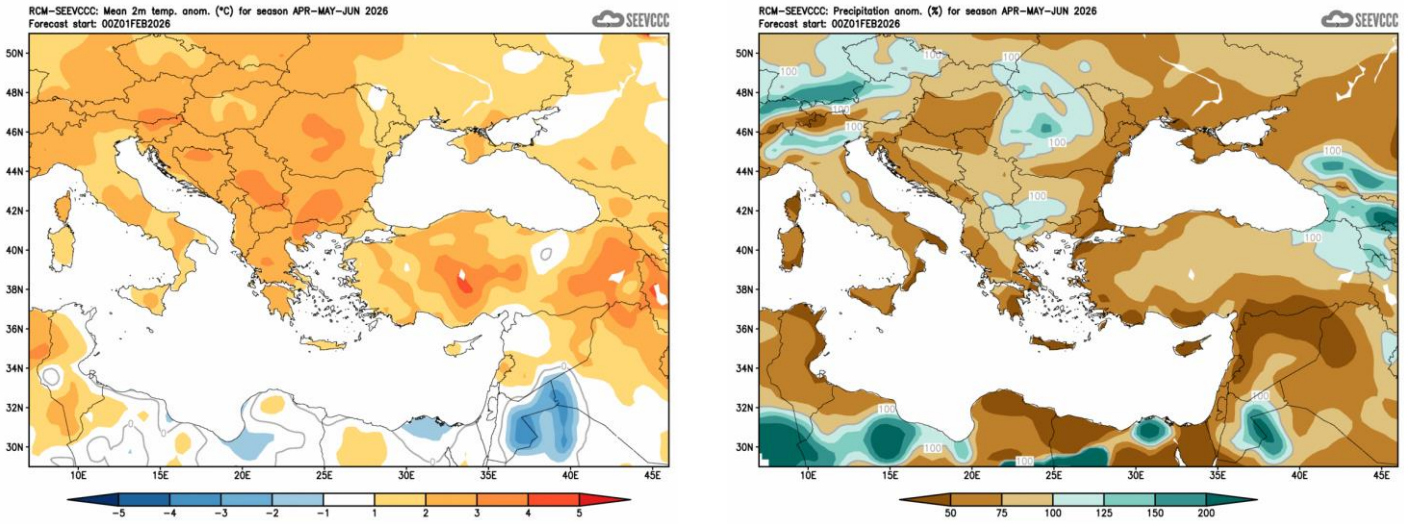


Figure 6. Mean seasonal temperature and precipitation anomaly for the season AMJ (seasonal outlook from RCM – SEEVCCC)

Sources

- Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia (www.hidmet.gov.rs)
- South East European Virtual Climate Change Center (www.seevccc.rs)
- European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (http://www.ecmwf.int/)
- Climate Prediction Center USA (http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/)
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