



Summarized report from SEECOF-III on-line meeting participant reports – FINAL VERSION

Country	Seasonal temperature (DJF)		Seasonal precipitation (DJF)		High Impact Events
	Observed	SEECOF-II climate outlook for temperature	Observed	SEECOF-II climate outlook for precipitation	
Albania (1)	Above normal	Above normal	Above normal	Not reliable forecast	At the beginning of January - larger flooding downstream of Drini River  Severe river flooding in February in the northern part of Albania.
Armenia (1)	Above normal	Above normal	It is difficult to evaluate. Within normal range in eastern parts; in some regions above normal	Not reliable forecast	Winter 2009-2010 in Armenia was extremely warm, it was ranked as the third extremely warm winter during the whole period of observations.
Azerbaijan Republic (5)	Above and near normal	Above normal	There is no estimation for winter season precipitation	Not reliable forecast	At the end of January and in the first decade of February, cold and wet period with snow, heavy rain and strong wind.

Bosnia & Hercegovina		Above normal		Above normal	As of 07.05.2010 we have not received contribution.
Bulgaria (1)	Within normal range	Above normal	Above normal to normal	Not reliable forecast	No comments for high impact events
Croatia (1)	Within normal range	Above normal	In the whole country above normal. In the northern part above normal (wet), on the Adriatic area considerably above normal (very wet), in mountainous region extremely wet.	Slightly above normal	Flood events in mountain part of Lika and Gorski kotar area. Deep snow conditions in the whole continental and mountainous part of the country.
Cyprus (3)	Above normal	Above normal	Considerably above normal	Not reliable forecast	On December 16 <sup>th</sup> heavy rain, hail associated with strong wind affected all areas of Cyprus resulting in uprooted trees and house damages. On January 18 <sup>th</sup> intense rainfall was recorded over inland area causing severe problems. On January 31 <sup>st</sup> tornado was recorded in southern coastal region causing local damages On February 27 heavy rainfall accompanied in some cases with strong wind, lightning and thunders. In region of Troodos mountains tornado was recorded.

Georgia (3)	Above normal	Above normal	There is no estimation for winter season precipitation.	Not reliable forecast	On December 15 <sup>th</sup> in the most regions of the east Georgia whirlwind made damage to the population.  On February 22 <sup>nd</sup> heavy precipitation with strong wind was observed with damaging several buildings.
Greece (5)	Above normal (0.5 to 1.0 C)	Above normal	Some positive anomaly in the central and north-east Greece, not firm assessment.	Not reliable forecast	Warmest December in the last 10 years.  Extremely hot on New Year's day with maximum temperatures in several parts of the central-south Greece were close to corresponding highest values recorded in the last 50 years.  On January 17-18 heavy rainfall and thunderstorms were observed mainly in Crete causing flash floods.
Hungary (1)	Above normal	Above normal	More than normal	Above normal	The country-wide mean temperature on December 20 <sup>th</sup> was the lowest, only -10.9°C, and it reached its maximum, 11.5°C, occurred 5 days later. In the warming period some daily records were overwritten: we registered 18.5°C on 23 <sup>th</sup> , 21.8°C on 25 <sup>th</sup> and 18.3°C on 26 <sup>th</sup> as daily maximum temperature. All these three values were measured at the station Sellye. Through the high temperature range pot-holes formed on the roads, which made the traffic more difficult. The large amount of snow fell in the mid- December melted away rapidly in the unusually robust warming. It caused flooding on the nord-Hungarian rivers.
Israel (4)	Above normal	Above normal	Within normal range	Not reliable forecast	Winter was the hottest one since the beginning of the measurements history.

					<p>Wave heat during February. In many stations the measured temperature was the second or the third highest registered for this month. Duration of hot days sequence was the longest registered ever since the beginning of the measurements.</p> <p>Severe Flooding Event in southern Israel happened between January 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The rain was exceptional both in the amounts measured in different stations as well as in its extent.</p>
FYR of Macedonia (1,2)	Above normal	Above normal	Above normal	Not reliable forecast	No comments for high impact events
Republic of Moldova (3)	Below normal	Above normal	Above normal	In the south-western parts of the country - above normal; in other parts forecast is not reliable	<p>The absolute minimum of the air temperature for the season on the territory was -31,0 °C (January, MS Balti), that occurs on the average once in 25 years.</p> <p>The third decade of the January was the coldest one, the average air temperature was -10°C and -15°C, that is 6,5 – 10,5°C below normal, and in winter time, it occurs on the average once in 5 – 7 years.</p> <p>The amount of precipitation for the season on the territory was mainly 170 - 260 mm (or 180-280% of the norm), that occurs on the average once in 20-30 years.</p> <p>Between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of January on the entire territory of the Republic Moldova was very cold weather. Low temperatures created critical</p>

					conditions for overwintering of the major crops and damages.
Montenegro (1)	Above normal In the northeast parts of country considerably above normal	Above normal	Above normal	Forecast is not reliable	<p><b>February</b> - <b>high intensity of rainfall</b> in the beginning of the month, therefore within 10 days the rainfall amount was from 60% to 80% of total average precipitation in this month. For example the rainfall in Zabljak within 14 days was + 7% higher than average for whole month.</p> <p>- <b>intensive cold wave</b> from North Europe affected Montenegro. From 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb temperature was considerably below the average in whole State for this part of the year. As the consequences – several days with T below 0<sup>o</sup>C in the northern part and with the weak snowfall. In the northern part very cold with strong NE wind up to 50 km/h of wind gust.</p> <p><b>Heavy rainfall</b> in December 2009 and January 2010 caused floods in the southern part, i.e. surroundings of the Skadar Lake and the river Bojana</p>
Romania		Above normal		In the north-northeast parts of country above normal	As of 07.05.2010 we have not received contribution.
Slovenia (1)	Above normal	Above normal	Above normal	Above normal	No comments for high impact events on English language
Serbia (1)	In the northern and eastern parts of the	Above normal	Above range	In major parts of Serbia very wet, extremely wet in	In eastern Serbia, the highest water levels in the history of the observation were observed at the end of December and between 20 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> February and

	country were within normal range, central parts in the category of hot and southeastern parts in the category very hot and extremely hot.			River Basins of Timok and Great Morava	they caused flooding and jeopardizing of people and material goods. Floods with damage to agricultural soil also occurred in western Serbia.  In Belgrade, on February 25 <sup>th</sup> 2010, the previous February daily precipitation maximum of measured 39.1mm was surpassed
Turkey (2)	Above normal	Above normal	Above normal	Not reliable forecast	In the most parts of Turkey - the third warmest winter season on record.

Note:

- 1 - Basic climatological period (1961-1990)
- 2 - Basic climatological period (1971-2000)
- 3 - Basic climatological period (1951-2000)
- 4 - Basic climatological period (1981-2000)
- 5 – No information about basic climatological period