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# Seasonal forecast and an outlook for Winter 2015/16 in Hungary



### **SEECOF-13 Consensus**

#### **Outlook for Summer 2015**

High probability of El Nino conditions

Positive SST anomaly for the Mediterranean Sea, but low predictability because of the absence of signs of tropical influence manifested as teleconnection patterns

#### Hungary

 medium to high probability for exceeding average summer season temperature (20-40-40)

Good consistency of SST anomaly patterns among models





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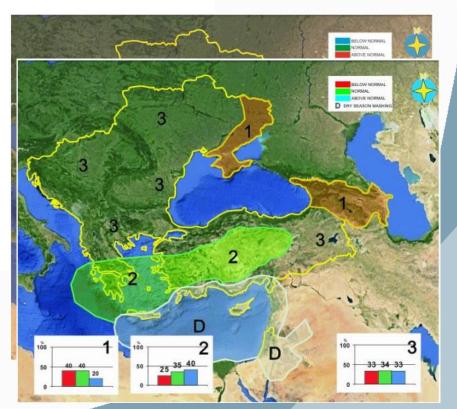
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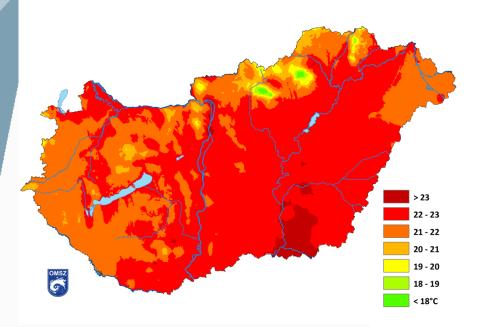
No clear scenario for the SEECOF region, mostly equal probabilities

Hungaryno preference (33-33-33)





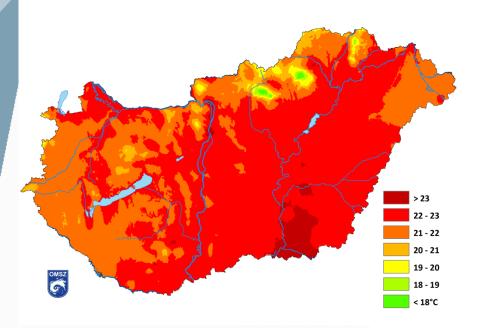
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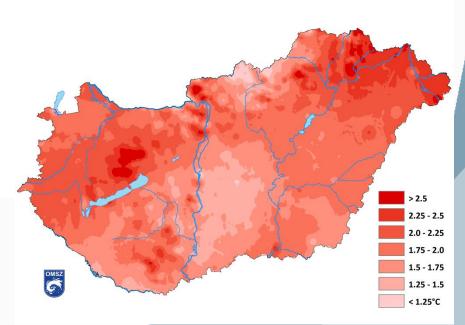
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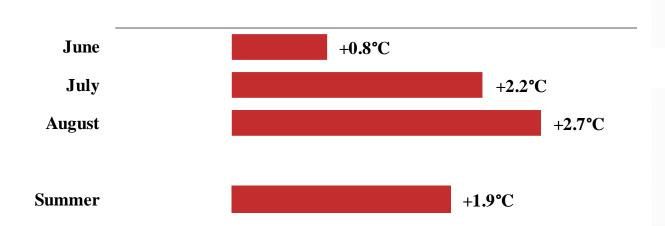


Summer temperature anomaly • +1 - +2.5°C Summer mean temperature • 21 – 23 °C





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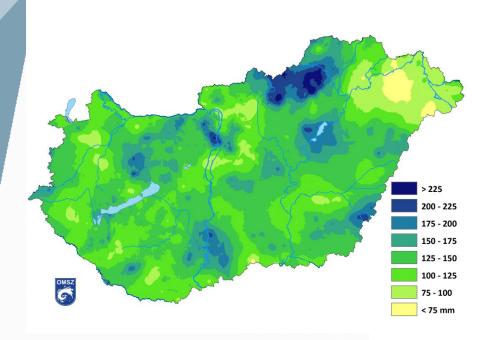


#### All summer months above average

- June: 25th
- July: 2nd
- August: 3rd
- Summer: 4th hottest since 1901



#### Very erratic precipitation pattern

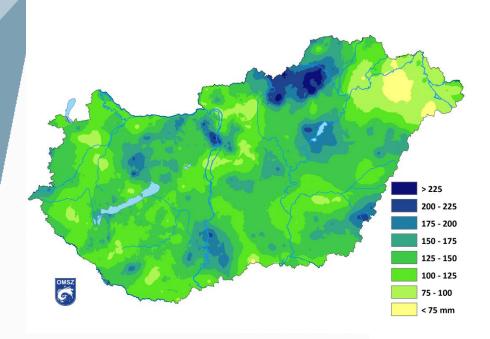


Summer precipitation

- 70 200 mm
- great differences in both time and space
- dry June, frequent downpours in July and August

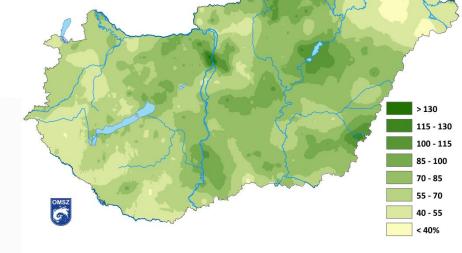


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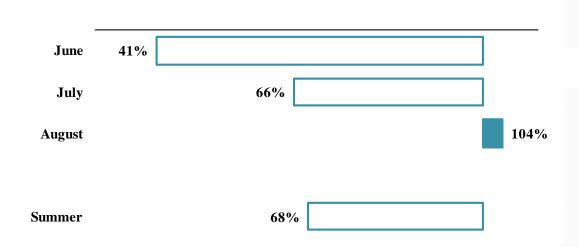
Summer precipitation anomaly • 40 – 120% Summer precipitation

- 70 200 mm
- great differences in both time and space
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#### Very erratic precipitation pattern



- 6th driest June since 1901
- excessive rainfalls in July and August, repeating downpours (August 17 Budapest: 115.4 mm)



### **Seasonal forecast**

#### Applying ECMWF System 4 long range forecast

Producing forecasts as country averages in every month for

- mean temperature (6 regions in addition)
- max. temperature
- min. temperature
- precipitation amount (6 regions in addition)
  E day pariods for the following 2 months

in 5-day periods for the following 3 months.

Plus an outlook for the 4-6 months as well

only mean temp. and precip. country averages

Using calibrated grid data for Hungary



### **Monthly forecast**

December 2015: warmer, slightly wetter

#### December 2015

	Mean temperature			Precipitation amount		
Area	mean	forecast		mean	forecast	
	climat	from	to	climat	from	to
Hungary	0.6	0.8	3.7	44	30	65
Budapest area	0.9	1.2	3.9	42	30	65
Northern mountains	-0.5	-0.1	2.8	33	20	60
Northern Great Plain	0.0	0.3	3.2	37	25	60
Southern Great Plain	0.8	0.9	3.7	45	35	65
Southern Transdanubia	1.0	1.1	4.1	52	40	70
Northern Transdanubia	0.7	0.9	3.8	42	35	65



### **Monthly forecast**

January 2016: warmer, drier

#### January 2016

	Mean temperature			Precipitation amount			
Area	mean	forecast		mean	forecast		
	climat	from	to	climat	from	to	
Hungary	-0.8	-1.2	2.4	32	15	45	
Budapest area	-0.6	-0.8	2.8	33	15	45	
Northern mountains	-2.0	-2.2	1.4	25	5	40	
Northern Great Plain	-1.6	-1.9	1.7	27	10	45	
Southern Great Plain	-0.8	-1.3	2.2	29	10	45	
Southern Transdanubia	-0.4	-0.9	2.8	35	20	50	
Northern Transdanubia	-0.8	-1.1	2.5	32	15	45	



### **Monthly forecast**

February 2016: warmer, slightly drier

#### February 2016

	Mean temperature			Precipitation amount		
Area	mean	forecast		mean	forecast	
	climat	from	to	climat	from	to
Hungary	1.1	0.6	3.6	29	15	45
Budapest area	1.4	1.0	3.8	27	15	45
Northern mountains	0.3	0.0	3.1	24	15	45
Northern Great Plain	0.6	0.2	3.3	26	15	45
Southern Great Plain	1.1	0.7	3.7	28	15	45
Southern Transdanubia	1.3	0.9	3.7	33	20	50
Northern Transdanubia	1.1	0.6	3.4	29	15	45



### **Forecast for Winter**

Winter 2015/2016: warmer, about average prec.

#### Winter 2015/2016 outlook for Hungary

	Mea	in tempera	ture	Precipitation amount			
	climat	from	to	climat	from	to	
December	0.6	0.8	3.7	44	30	65	
January	-0.8	-1.2	2.4	32	15	45	
February	1.1	0.6	3.6	<b>29</b>	15	45	



# Thank you for your attention!

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