

# Regional Earth System Models for CMIP6 downscaling over the EURO-CORDEX domain

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## Regional Earth System Models (RESMs) of CLM-Community

### RESMs with COSMO-CLM

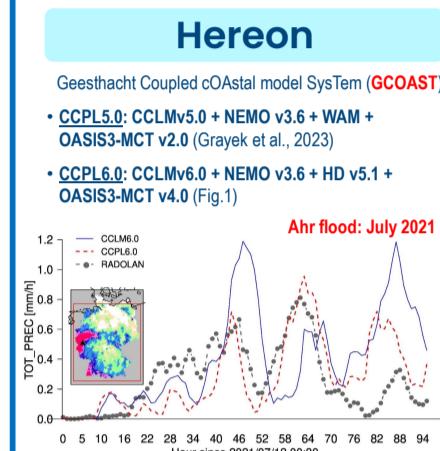


Figure 1: The coupled simulation CCPL6.0 captured the hourly precipitation [mm/h] of the RADOLAN observation data better than the atmosphere-only CCLM6.0. Data are averaged over Germany for 12–15 July 2021

### IOW

IOW Earth System Model (**IOW-ESM**)

CCLM v5.0 + MOM5 + OASIS3-MCT v4.0 communication on exchange grid via flux calculator (Karsten et al., 2023)

Figure 2: SST bias [°C] is reduced in the coupled simulation when applying the bias correction (increased downward radiation fluxes) for the hindcast simulation (1959–today) forced by ERA5 reanalysis data



Background: <https://cordex.org>  
EURO-CORDEX domain and ocean coupling domains used in different institutions within the CLM-Community

### RESMs with ICON-CLM

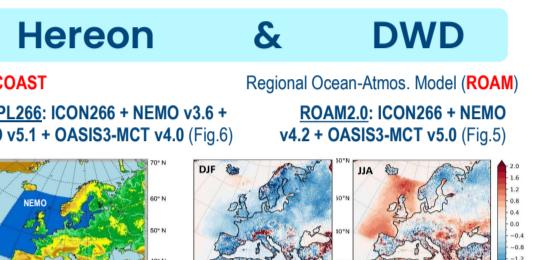


Figure 5: Winter (DJF) and summer (JJA) T<sub>2M</sub> biases of the coupled ROAM2.0 against the ERA5 data for 2000–2004

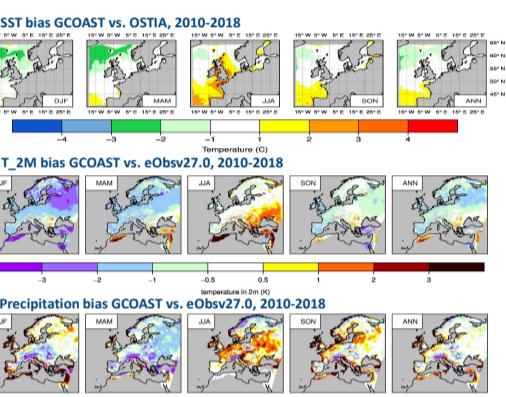


Figure 6: Seasonal biases of (a) SST, (b) T<sub>2M</sub>, (c) Precipitation between the coupled simulation ICPL266 of the GCOAST system and OSTIA and eObs v27.0 data. Time: 2010–2018.

### GUF

CCLM v5.0 clm9 + NEMO-MED12 v3.6 + TRIP + OASIS3-MCT v2.8 (Fig.3)

Mediterranean SST Seasonal Cycle

Figure 3: Mediterranean sea surface temperature seasonal cycle of HadISST and the dynamical downscaling of EC-Earth3 (CMIP6) and EC-Earth2 (CMIP5).

### FZJ

TSMP: CCLM v5.01 + CLM v3.5 + ParFlow v3.9.0 + OASIS3-MCT v2.0 (Fig.4)

Figure 4: Coupled groundwater-to-atmosphere

### Transient aerosols for RESMs

- ICON-CLM**
  - MACv2.0-SP transient aerosols (Kinne MACv2.0 + anthropogenic simple plumes) which are on the lon-lat-wave length band grid and the grid of simple plumes, respectively.
- COSMO-CLM (CCLM)**
  - Official CCLM versions can run with only two aerosol climatologies (Trenberth et al. [1984] and Tegen et al. [1997])
  - One unofficial version based on the official CCLM v5.0 can run with the MAC v2.0 aerosols but uses assumptions to convert the total optical depths into optical depths of single aerosol types (organic matter, black carbon, dust, sea salt, SO<sub>4</sub>) to mimic the Tegen aerosol data
  - The MAC v2.0 aerosols used in the unofficial version CCLM v5.0 are on a lon-lat-level grid that is not the same as MACv2.0-SP → They need to be converted to a usable grid, and require source code modification in CCLM
  - MIROC6 runs from CMIP6 have suitable transient aerosols from all runs (historical and SSPs scenarios) that can be used for CCLM

### GUF & IMS & CMCC

On-going development of the regional coupled system model **ICON-CLM + NEMO\_MED** for the Mediterranean Sea region (IMS, CMCC) with technical supports from Hereon, DWD, GUF (Germany) and LMD, Meteo-France/CNRM (France)

## Downscale CMIP6 over the EURO-CORDEX domain with RESMs

### Climate change scenarios Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs)

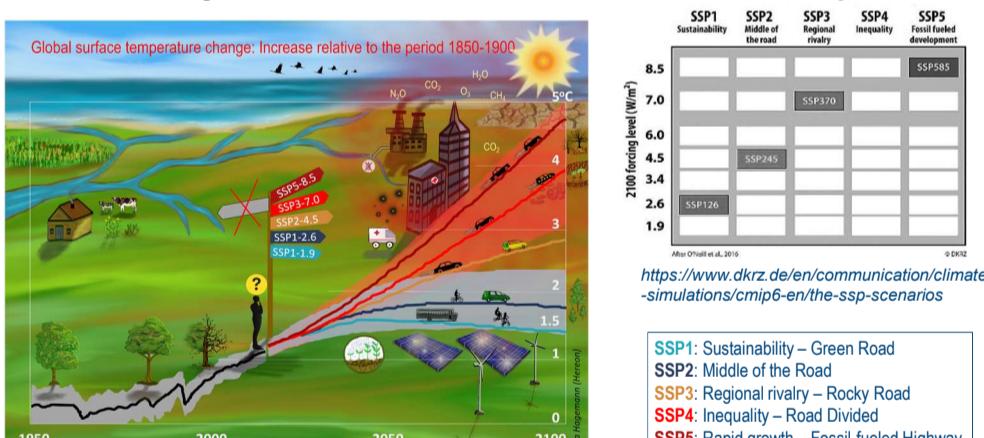


Figure 7: Adaptation of Figure SPM.3a of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability, Summary for Policymakers.

Table 1: Planned simulations with RESMs to downscale CMIP6 over the EURO-CORDEX domain

GCM RESM	Coupling Area	ERA5 + ORASS Reanalysis	EC-Earth3-Veg r1i1p1f1	MPI-ESM1-2-HR r1i1p1f1	MIROC6 r1i1p1f1	CMCC-CM2-SR5 r1i1p1f1
<b>COSMO-CLM (0.11°)</b>						
+NEMO+HD/WAM	NS, BS, NA	Heron	Heron (1,2,3)	Heron (1,2,3)	Heron (1,2,3)	
+NEMO_MED+TRIP	Mediterranean		IAU-GUF(1,4)*			
+CLM+ParFlow	Europe	FZJ		FZJ (1,2,3)		
+MOM5	BS	IOW	IOW (1,3)	IOW (1,2,3)	IOW (1,3)	IOW (1,3)
<b>ICON-CLM (R13B5)</b>						
+NEMO+HD	NS, BS, NA	Heron	Heron (1,2,3)	Heron (1,2,3)	Heron (1,2,3)	
+NEMO(+HD)	NS, BS, NA	DWD	DWD (1,2,3)	DWD (1,2,3)	DWD (1,2,3)	
+NEMO_MED	Mediterranean	IMS	IMS (?)	IMS (?)	IMS (?)	
<i>*Finished</i>						
Historical (1)    SSP126 (2)    SSP370 (3)    SSP585 (4)						

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## Summary

- Further develop the Regional Earth System Models (RESMs) of COSMO-CLM coupled to ocean models (NEMO, MOM5), hydrological discharge model (HD), wave model (WAM) via the OASIS3-MCT coupler for the EURO-CORDEX domain, with a focus on the North Sea and Baltic Sea regions (Heron, IOW) and the Mediterranean Sea (GUF)
- Further develop the RESMs of COSMO-CLM/ICON-CLM coupled to the community land model (eCLM) and the groundwater model (ParFlow) via OASIS3-MCT (FZJ)
- Further development of the RESM including ICON-CLM, NEMO and HD coupled via OASIS3-MCT for the North Sea and Baltic Sea regions (Heron, DWD)
- Set up a joint activity of CMIP6 RESMs downscaling using the above mentioned RESMs for the EURO-CORDEX domain (Heron, DWD, IOW, GUF, FZJ)
- New development of the regional coupled system model ICON-CLM + NEMO\_MED for the Mediterranean Sea region (IMS, CMCC) with technical supports from Heron, DWD, GUF (Germany) and LMD, Meteo-France/CNRM (France)
- Transient aerosols for COSMO-CLM will be handled following the EURO-CORDEX's protocol and based on the available transient aerosols forcing data which can be used for COSMO-CLM

### New publications:

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