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STRENGTHENING HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES IN THE CARIBBEAN SIDS (SHOCS)

Phase II 2013-2015

Partners

- Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
- Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI)

Funding and Governance

- Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Institutional Cooperation Instrument (ICI)
- **Budget: 1 Million Euros**



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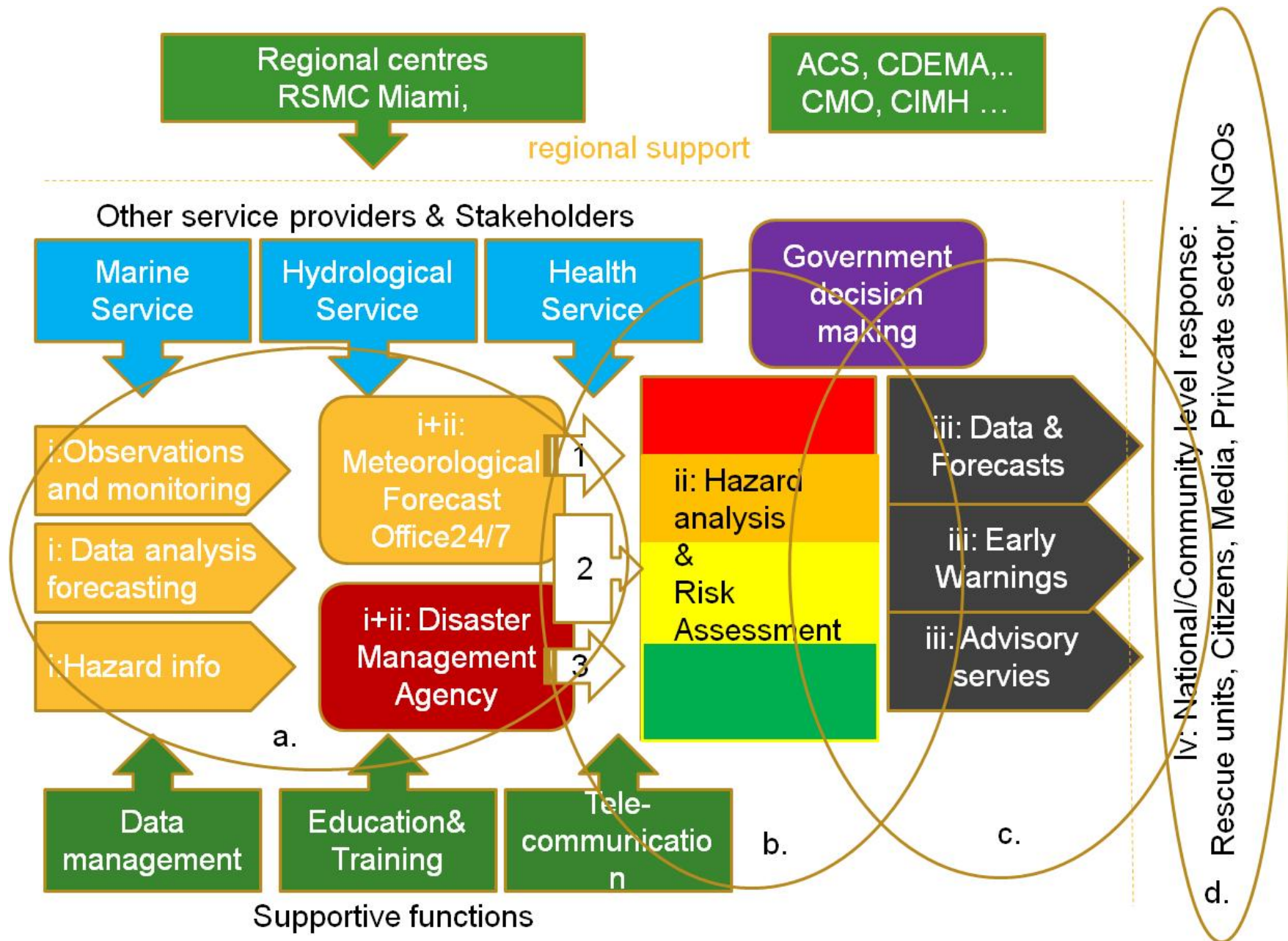
Beneficiaries and stakeholders



Primary Stakeholders: CMO, CIMH, WMO, CDEMA

The local stakeholders are the various organizations within the SIDS involved with MHEWS and DRR, such as Rescue units, NGO's, schools, women's groups and community focal points.

The MHEWS – DRR Process





Guidance for project planning:

- **Acknowledge Finnish Government developing policy, e.g. gender equality, reaching out to communities**
- **Building on what has been started and achieved**
- **Create a unique space for the Finnish expertise; complement, but not overlap, with planned/on-going initiatives**
- **Focus on non-routine activities**
- **Take into account regional frameworks and strategies (e.g. St. Mark Action Plan , DM, etc.)**



- **Have a built in element of sustainability**
- **Contribute to specific needs of individual countries while at the same time benefit others through a regional component.**
- **Focus capacity building on NMSs and DMAs**
- **Enhance communication between DMAs, NMSs and other key agencies involved**
- **Keep live contact with individual SIDS, establish support and commitment of the directors of agencies involved**

RESULTS OF THE FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT *Regional Priorities*



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Standardised communications platform with standardized operating procedures

Strengthen capacity of the SRC to provide 24-hours-a-day real time information

harmonized colour-coded visualization system for weather related alerts indicating areas of elevated risk

Training in the principles of Quality Management and Result Based Management

Establish performance indicators and a Caribbean-wide auditing process for QMS certified agencies.



Expected results:

- **IMPROVED OPERATIONAL CAPACITY OF THE CARIBBEAN SIDS WEATHER AND CLIMATE SERVICES**
- **IMPROVED CAPACITY OF INSTITUTES FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE EARLY WARNING PROCESS**



SHOCS II Specific Objectives:

- **Meteorologists and Disaster Managers will have improved tools for handling and delivering information on extreme hydro-meteorological phenomena.**
- **Hydro-meteorological information and products will be better available for decision makers and the general public.**
- **Information on slowly developing hazards, climate anomalies and climate change will be better demonstrated**



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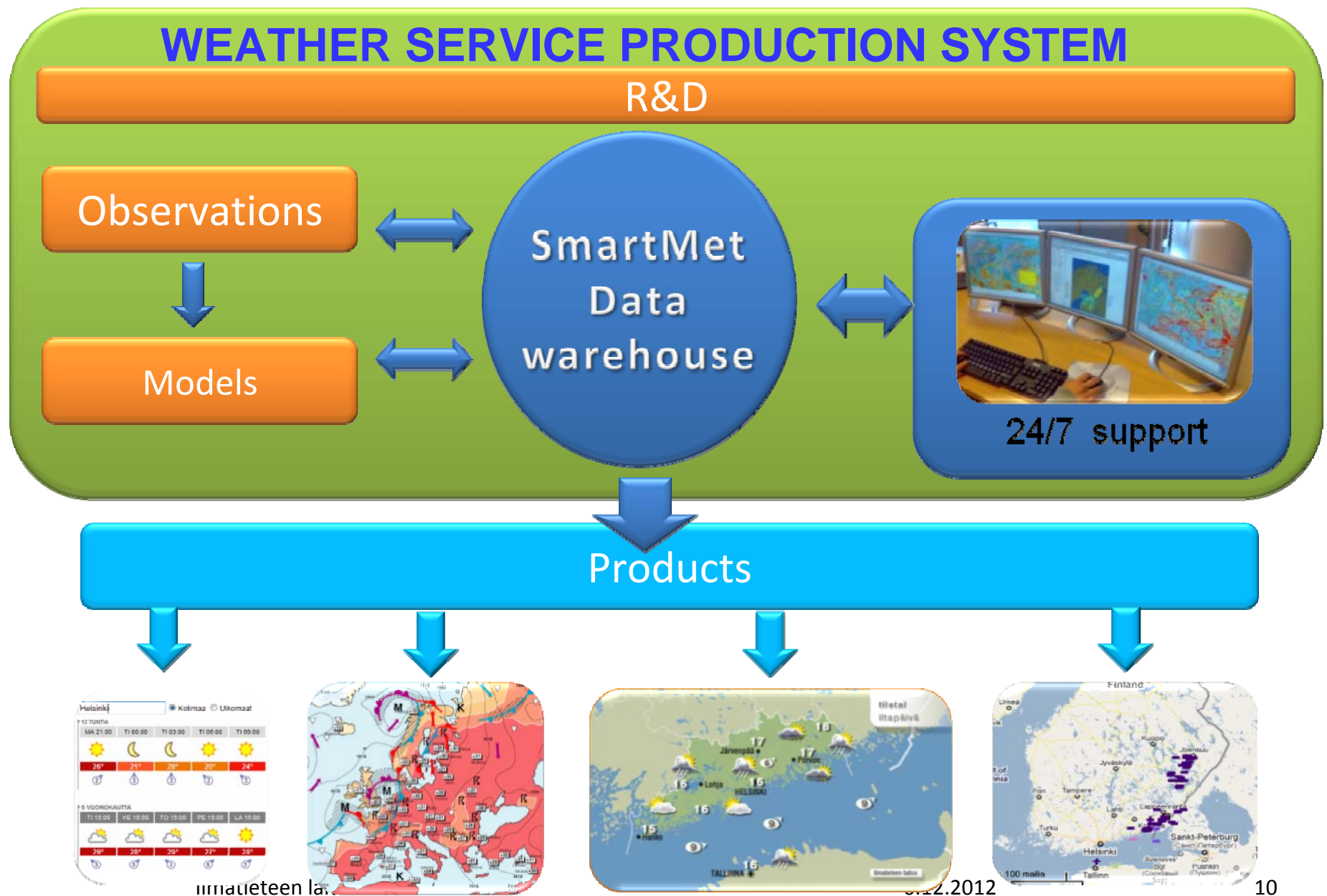


Activity 1.1 Training and consulting on maintenance and rehabilitation of weather observation stations

- Help assembling new AWSs at the selected sites
- **Maintenance and on-site calibration of AWSs**
- Finding optimal technical solutions for data retrieval and storage.
- **Demonstrating and Creating automated and manual QA/QC monitoring procedures for AWS data**
- Consulting on the purchasing procedures for sensors and rotation of sensors for calibration at CIMH

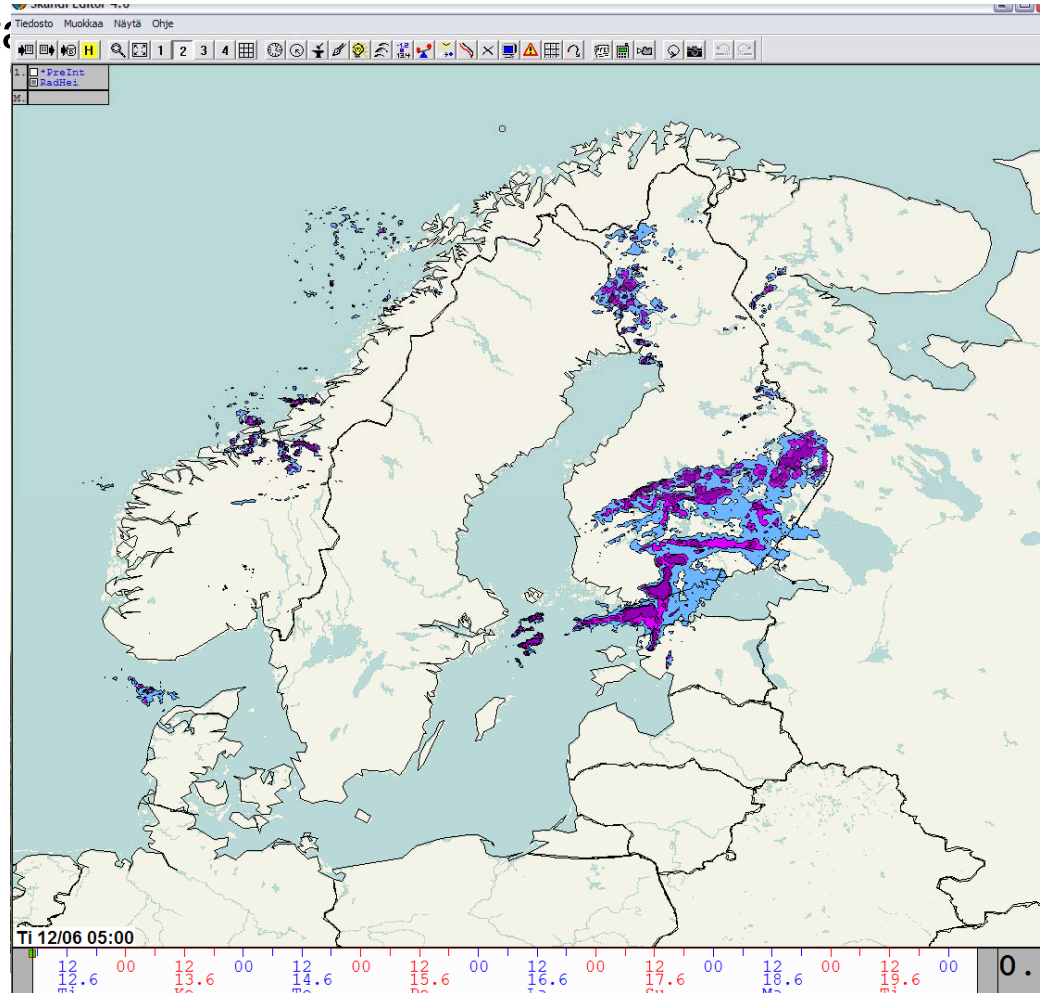


Activity 1.2. Implementation of forecasting tools and production systems at selected NMHSs



Input data

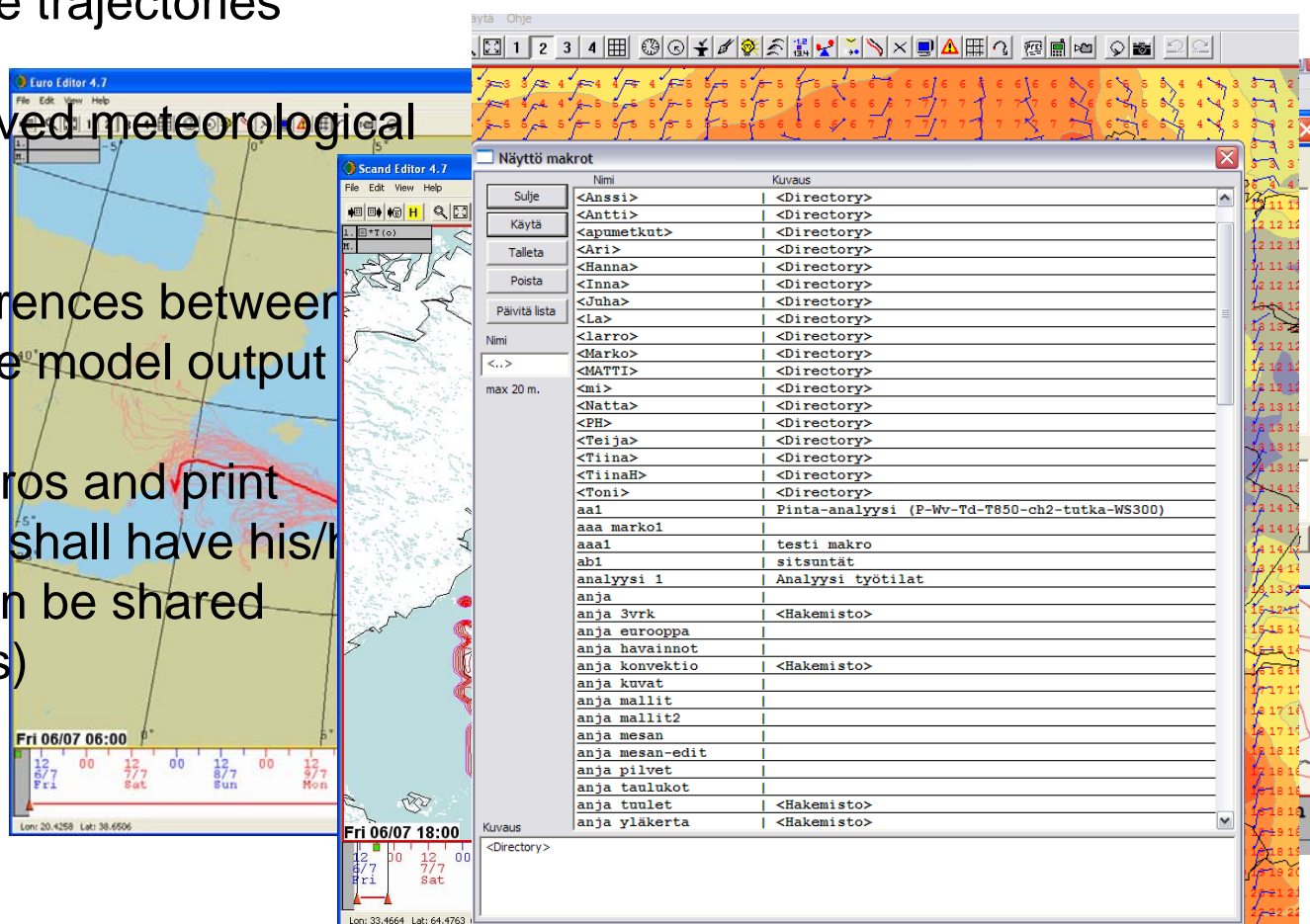
- Model data: all grid formatted data
- Satellite data
- Weather radar data
- Observation data
- Lightning detection network data
- Data from radio soundings





Visualization unique

- Interactively create trajectories
- Visualize self-derived meteorological fields
- Visualize the differences between observations and the model output
- Store display macros and print settings (every user shall have his/her own settings that can be shared between other users)

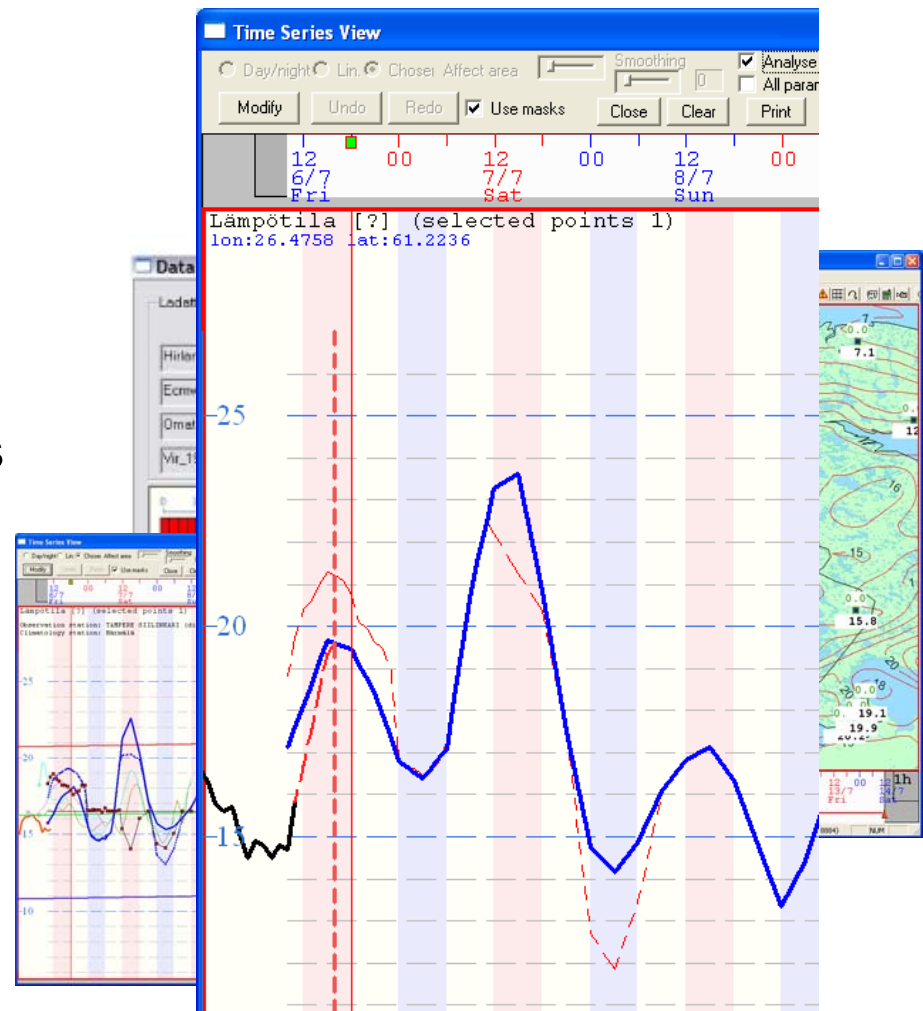




Editing tool **modifying**

SmartMet enables a user to

- select the forecast model when loading the data
- modify time series
 - e.g. modify directly the parameters of single points (cities) and the tool will spread the changes time and space wise to all grid points
 - e.g. using analysis tool even out like the difference of the observed and forecasted temperature in a given time window

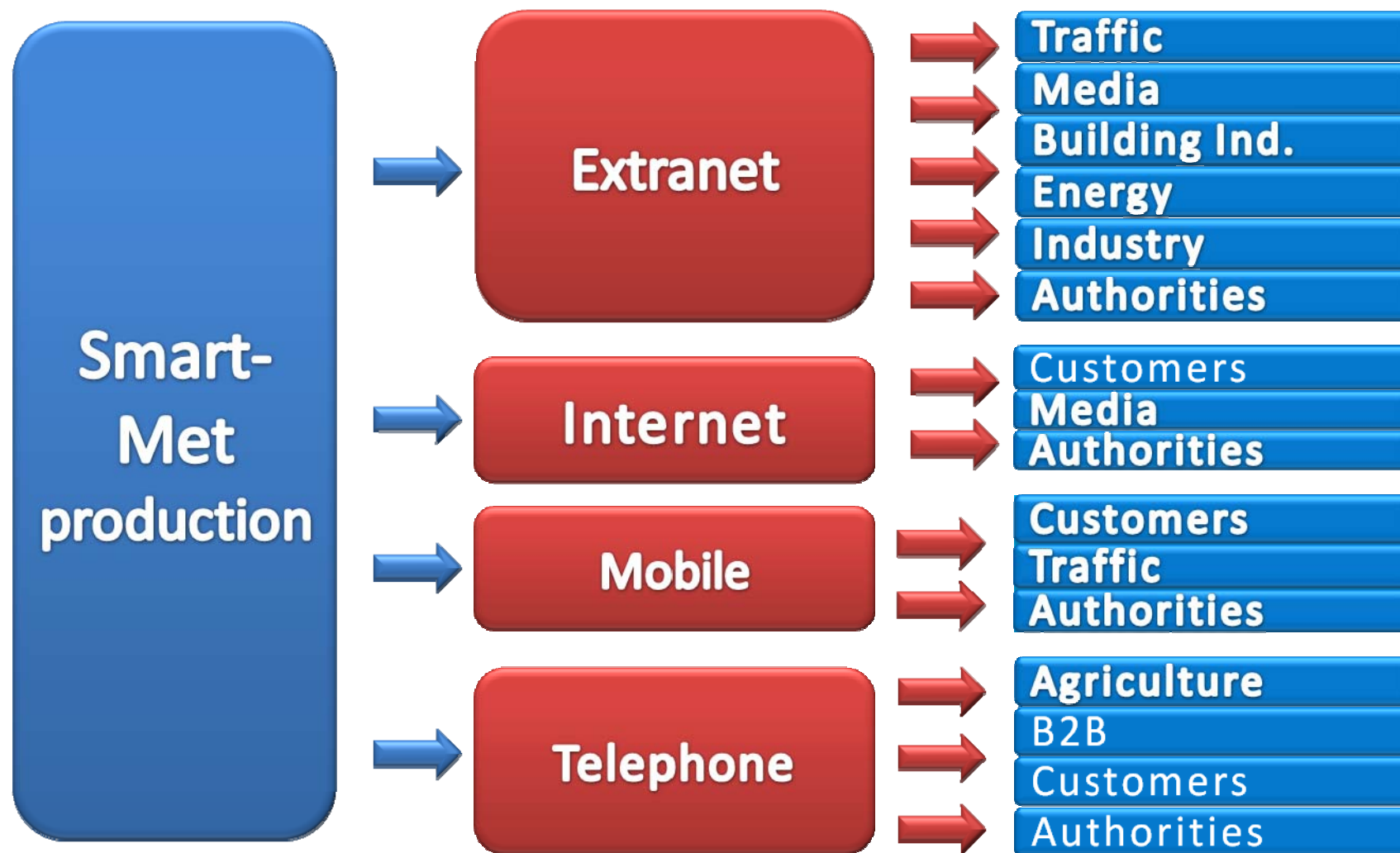




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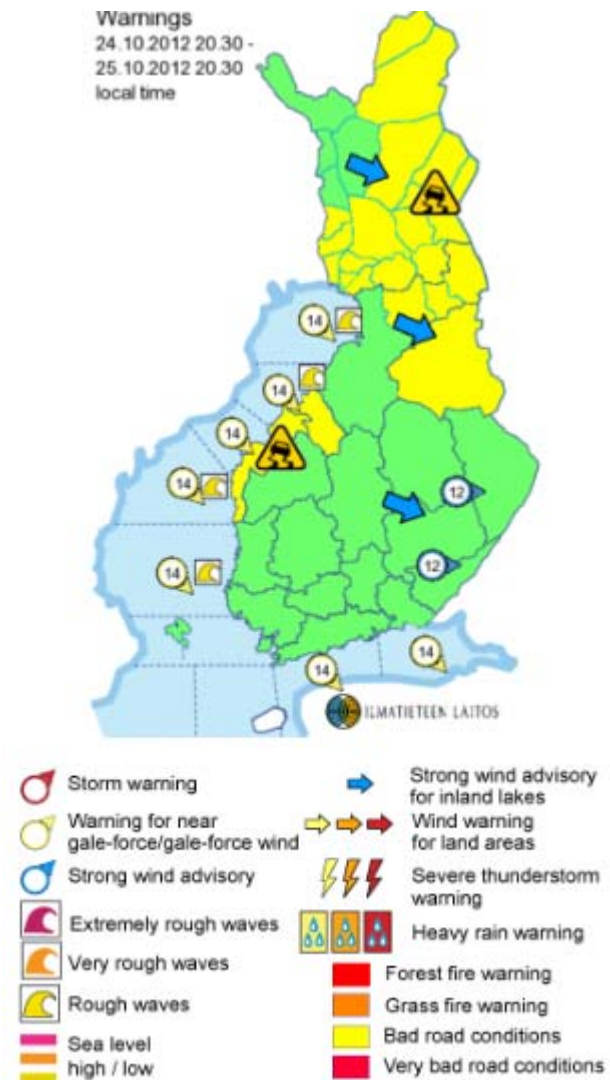


Distribution channels and clients

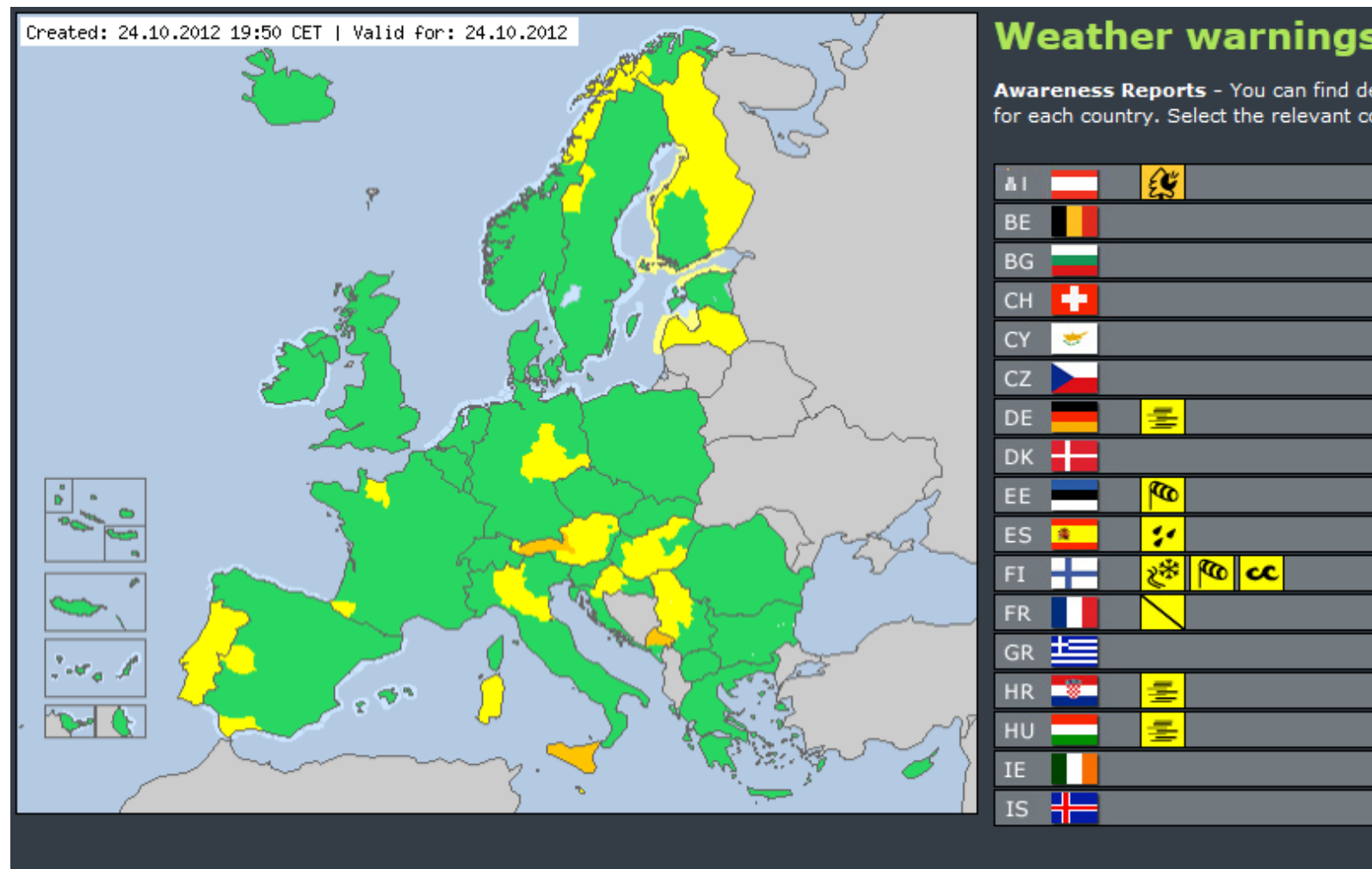


Activity 1.3 Solutions for common presentation and communication of early warnings

- Software to create web pages showing weather alerts and warnings
- Reactivate and rehabilitate the use of Weather Information Network (EMWIN)
- Introducing and implementation of the Common Alert Protocol, CAP



Region wide harmonization of alert information with agreed colors and symbols indicating the level of risk



Example: <http://www.meteoalarm.eu>

Allow for detailed local information and use of local languages

Weather warnings: Keminmaa



valid from 24.10.2012 18:42 CET **Until** 25.10.2012 18:42 CET

Wind

Awareness Level: Yellow

Keminmaa: Sisävesillä liikkuvia varoitetaan aluksi voimakkaasta lännen ja luoteen välisestä tuulesta. (Varoitus kattaa seuraavat 24 h. Se annetaan ajanjakson suurimman vaaratason mukaan.) Keminmaa: De som rör sig på insjöarna till en början varnas för den kraftiga västliga till nordvästliga vinden. (Varningen gäller upp till 24 timmar enligt den högsta nivån.) Keminmaa: Advisory of strong west to northwest winds on inland lakes at first. (Warning covers the next 24 h. It is based on the highest awareness level during the warning period.)



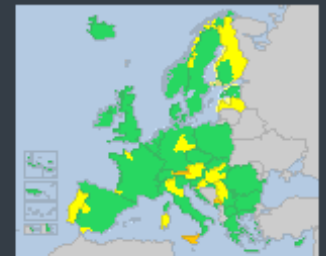
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Snow/Ice

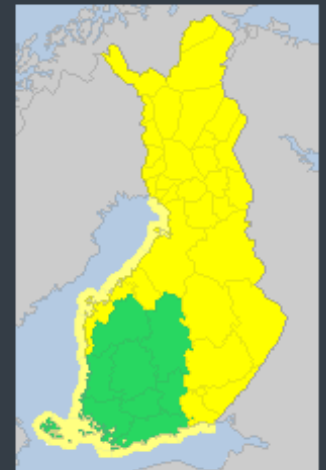
Awareness Level: Yellow

Keminmaa: Ajokeli on huono lumisateen ja tienpintojen jäätymisen vuoksi. (Varoitus kattaa seuraavat 24 h. Se annetaan ajanjakson suurimman vaaratason mukaan.) Keminmaa: Väglaget är dåligt p.g.a. snöfall och tillfrysning av vägytor. (Varningen gäller upp till 24 timmar enligt den högsta nivån.) Keminmaa: Road conditions are bad because of snow and ice-covered roads. (Warning covers the next 24 h. It is based on the highest awareness level during the warning period.)

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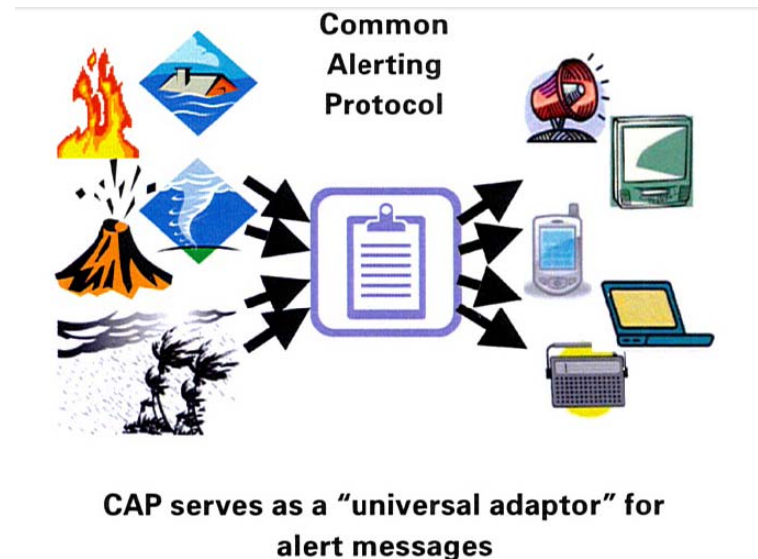


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Common Alerting Protocol (CAP),

- CAP is an international standard format, endorsed by WMO, for emergency alerting and public warnings.
- CAP is applicable for all hazard types, including hydro-meteorological hazards.
- CAP also applies to various media channels/platforms such as such as sirens, cell phones, fax, radio, TV and various internet based communication networks.





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Activity 2.1 Capacity building on institutional governance through Quality Management

- **Consultation to complete the QMSs**
- **Organize training for QMS auditors**
- **Demonstrate and promote Result Based Management (RBM); setting and measuring targets)**



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Activity 2.2 Enhancing presentation skills - Training on a TV broadcasting solution

- **One full installation of a TV- presentation hardware and software associated with training of technical staff and meteorologists from the local Institute.**
- **Two training courses using the acquired tools and lasting 5 weekdays, with a participation of 6 SIDS (travelling) SIDS Experts will be organized.**

Activity 2.3 Enhancing communication of climate information to the Caribbean communities

- **Demonstrate present temporal and spatial variability of climate.**
- **Provide climate outlooks**
- **Provide climate scenarios**
- **Demonstrate strength and impacts of extreme phenomena (hurricanes, tropical storms, drought, flooding etc.) based on documentation**



Work Plan:

- **Organization of a team (FMI, CIMH, CDEMA, ...)**
- **Available data sources assessed Potential users contacted including local communities**
- **A technical plan of the portal prepared**
- **A demonstration version made ready**
- **Test user feed back**
- **Implementation of a test portal**



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Example: <http://ilmasto-opas.fi/en/>



Find out about all aspects of climate change

Climate change explained

The humanity has conquered nature and is forcing climate to change.

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Finland's changing climate

Finland's climate has already become warmer. Precipitation and cloudiness will increase, too.

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Impacts

Read more about impacts on nature and society in Finland and globally.

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Mitigation

It's everyone's responsibility to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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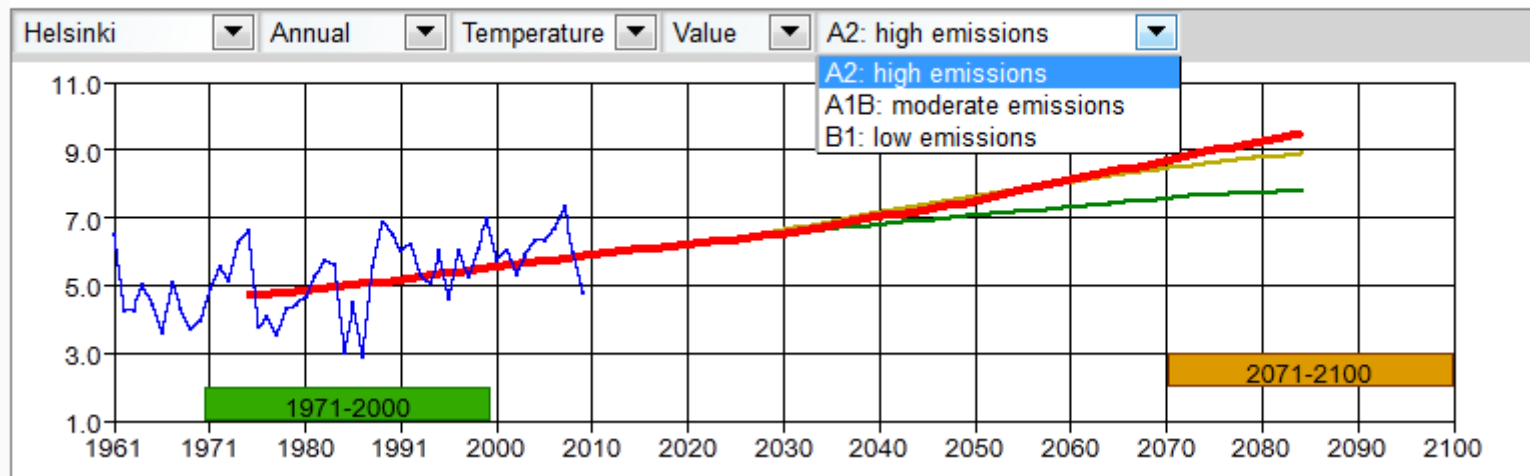
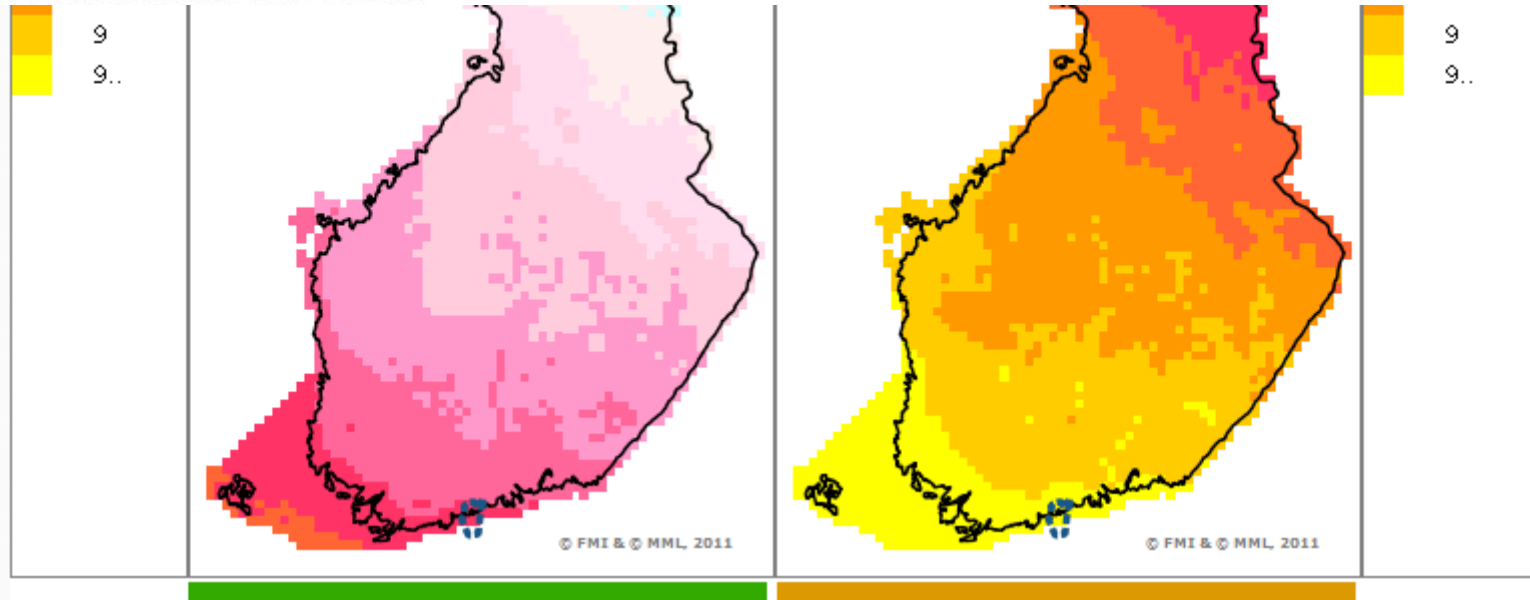
Adaptation

Minimising the adverse effects of climate change requires systematic action.

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Activities and budget

Activity	Total
A1.1 Training on solutions to improve AWS performance and to mobilize observational data regionally	201 375 €
A1.2 Implementation forecasting tools and production systems at selected NMHSs	294 105 €
A1.3 Development and implementation of solutions for common presentation and communication of early warnings	63 300 €
A2.1 Capacity building on institutional governance through Quality Management	104 450 €
A2.2 Enhancing presentation skills or Early Warning information to the general public and communities - Training on a TV broadcasting solution	165 625 €
A2.3 Enhancing communication of climate information to the Caribbean communities	122 870 €
A2.4 Project meetings	27 550 €
Contingency	20 725 €
	1 000 000 €



SHOCS Phase II: Budget

Cost Element	Cost of unit	Units	Unit	Total	% of Total		
						A1.-A8.	A5.-A7.+ B+C
A1. Work	450-845 €	605	days	362 215 €	36 %	70 %	
A2. Travels	1 400 €	68	#	95 200 €	10 %		
A3. Accommodation	110 €	360	days	39 600 €	4 %		
A4. Allowances	70 €	391	days	27 370 €	3 %		
A5. Travels	600 €	112	#	70 000 €	7 %		45 %
A6. Accommodation	110 €	440	days	48 400 €	5 %		
A7. Allowances	70 €	495	days	34 650 €	3 %		
A8. Subcontracted work				20 000 €	2 %		
B. Administrative				25 000 €	3 %		
C. Fixed Assets		50.8		268 640 €	27 %		
D. Contingency				8 925 €	1 %		
Grand Total				1 000 000 €		704 635 €	424 890 €



Way forward of SHOCS II

- **Submit ACS Project Concept document**
- **Submit ICI Project Proposal to MFA**
- **SHOCS Final Work Shop 21-22 Nov 2012**
- **Seek approval at the ACS SC DRR meeting 23rd Nov 2012**
- **Submit ICI Project Document to MFA**
- **Approval and assignment by MFA**
- **MoU signed**
- **Project start**



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