



Notes

Plenary Discussion on End User Needs

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Radan Huth first gives a summary reflecting the answers from the questionnaire to the various stakeholders. End-users often require more specific climate data and information than we can offer. Yet, from the questionnaire, no totally new and surprising request appeared. It also becomes clear that what we offer is indeed of great value.

There were statements that VALUE needs to think ahead about the quality of downscaled parameters or indices even if it is not yet specifically listed as an end-user need. Sometimes end-user simply do not yet know about a specific index.

It was suggested to cover more downscaled variables than just temperature and precipitation (e.g. wind or relative humidity), at least for one region. A validation for such parameters could be done at least at station-level. Participants agreed that the extension of variables and investigation of specialized (derived) aspects of the distribution must fit the official VALUE strategy. We should concentrate on generic variables that meet several of the end-users.

The needed parameters mentioned most by the end-users are temperature, precipitation, wind speed, relative humidity, and sunshine duration. Some of these parameters could be validated at least in one region. At station level, wind is available for Spain, Germany and Norway. SAFRAN analyses (France) has all parameters but on a grid of 11 km. Apart from SAFRAN, the availability for relative humidity data and sunshine duration data is not clear in other countries.