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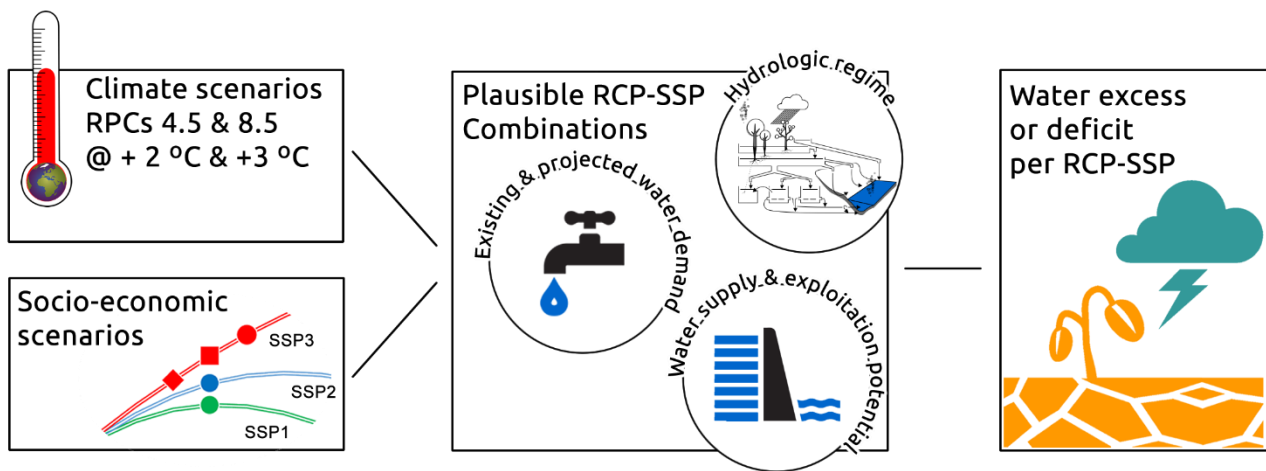
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18 Research highlights

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- 20 • Generalized framework of cross sectoral impacts on water resources
 - 21 • Simulations project robust signal of less precipitation and higher temperatures
 - 22 • Severe decrease of local water resources at +2°C and +3°C
 - 23 • Development of a set of plausible hydro-climatic and socio-economic scenarios
 - 24 • Practical implications of water scenarios point towards more sustainable direction

25 Graphical abstract



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43 Abstract

44 Ensemble pan-European projections under a 2 °C global warming relative to the
45 preindustrial period reveal a more intense warming in south Eastern Europe by up to
46 +3 °C, thus indicating that impacts of climate change will be disproportionately high for
47 certain regions. The Mediterranean is projected as one of the most vulnerable areas to
48 climatic and anthropogenic changes with decreasing rainfall trends and a continuous
49 gradual warming causing a progressive decline of average stream flow. Many
50 Mediterranean regions are currently experiencing high to severe water stress induced
51 by human and climate drivers. Changes in average climate conditions will increase this
52 stress notably because of a 10–30% decline in freshwater resources. For small island
53 states, where accessibility to freshwater resources is limited the impact will be more
54 pronounced. Here we use a generalized cross-sectoral framework to assess the impact of
55 climatic and socioeconomic futures on the water resources of an Eastern Mediterranean
56 island. A set of representative regional climate models simulations from the EURO-
57 CORDEX initiative driven by different RCP2.6, RCP 4.5, and RCP8.5 GCMs are used to
58 form a comparable set of results and a useful basis for the assessment of uncertainties
59 related to impacts of 2 degrees warming and above. A generalized framework of a cross-
60 sectoral water resources analysis was developed in collaboration with the local water
61 authority exploring and costing adaptation measures associated with a set of
62 socioeconomic pathways (SSPs). Transient hydrological modeling was performed to
63 describe the projected hydro-climatological regime and water availability for each
64 warming level. The robust signal of less precipitation and higher temperatures that is
65 projected by climate simulations results to a severe decrease of local water resources
66 which can be mitigated by a number of actions. Awareness of the practical implications
67 of plausible hydro-climatic and socio-economic scenarios in the not so distant future
68 may be the key to shift perception and preference towards a more sustainable direction.

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70 Keywords: climate change; climate impacts; water resources; hydrological modeling;
71 Mediterranean; Crete Island

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73 1 Introduction

74 The target of 2 °C global warming above preindustrial levels has been recognized as a
75 threshold above which consequences would be disastrous (Vautard et al., 2014).
76 However, the prospects of global warming to be limited to this target have weakened
77 (Sanford et al., 2014), while it is believed that we are currently heading to the 4 °C by
78 the end of the century (Betts et al., 2011). The adaptation of the strictest emissions
79 policies, that yield a 50% chance of succeeding in maintaining climate below a 2 °C
80 target, could reduce climate change induced impacts by 20–65% relative to a ‘business-
81 as-usual’ pathway reaching the 4 °C until 2100 (Arnell et al., 2013). Apart from the
82 increase in temperature, the projected climate changes may also impose changes in the
83 water availability through regional changes in other parameters of the hydrological
84 budget. Projections indicate a robust signal of reduction for renewable surface water
85 and groundwater across Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs), especially for
86 the dry subtropical regions, that may lead to increased water competition among
87 sectors (Field et al., 2014).

88 The concept of RCPs (Moss et al., 2010) is based on overall additional radiative forcing
89 in 2100 from human activities, and is expressed as a set of greenhouse gas
90 concentration trajectories adopted by the climate and impact modeling community for
91 near and long-term modeling (Vuuren et al., 2011). Four pathways of 2.6, 4.5, 6.0, and
92 8.5 W/m² additional energy taken up by the earth system cover a wide range of possible
93 anthropogenic changes in the future. The projected global mean temperature will likely
94 increase by 0.3 to 4.8 °C by the end of the 21st century compared to the recent past,
95 across all RCPs (Alexander et al., 2013). RCP4.5 is a stabilization pathway leading to
96 4.5 W m⁻² in the year 2100 (Thomson et al., 2011) with a most likely increase of 1.8 °C
97 (1.1 to 2.6) by that time. The higher end RCP8.5 (Riahi et al., 2011) assumes high
98 population and modest technological and energy improvements resulting to high
99 greenhouse gas emissions and a mean global temperature increase by 3.7 °C (2.6 to 4.8),
100 as a consequence.

101 While RCPs are designed to serve the climate modelling community, the integrated
102 assessment modeling community and the vulnerability, impacts, and adaptation
103 community can be served by the Shared Socio-economic Pathway (SSPs). Shared Socio-

104 economic Pathway (SSPs) identify a range of different technological, socioeconomic, and
105 policy futures that could lead to particular concentration pathways and magnitude of
106 climate change (van Vuuren et al., 2012). The outcomes of the SSPs can be envisioned
107 as society's response to the combination of adaptation and mitigation challenges posed
108 by climate change (O'Neill et al., 2015). Depending on the preference towards mitigation
109 or adaptation, five SSPs span the mitigation and adaptation challenges space, starting
110 from the low challenges –sustainability oriented SSP1 to the intermediate challenges –
111 close to business as usual SSP2 and high challenges – “regional rivalry” SSP3 of limited
112 cooperation regarding environmental issues (O'Neill et al., 2013).

113 The global water scarcity assessment by Hanasaki et al (2013a) foresees that, according
114 to the socio-economic futures with no climate policies adaptation, during the last 30-
115 year period of the 21st century the global population living under severe water stress
116 will range from 39% to 50%. Even under the scenario of rapid technological change and
117 high environmental awareness (SSP1), the water shortage is still projected to be
118 significant (affecting 39%-42% of global population), nevertheless, more due to
119 population increase and characteristics of socio-economic activities rather than climate
120 induced hydrological changes. For the medium “water efficiency” SSP2 scenario, the
121 number of people living under absolute water scarcity (less than 500 m³/yr/capita) is
122 foreseen to increase by 40% as a result from a warmer world by +2 °C above present (or
123 + 2.7 °C from preindustrial) (Schewe et al., 2014). Future water demand assessments
124 indicates that many regions will rely on non-renewable groundwater, water reuse, and
125 desalinated water as global demand may increase by 67–134% up to 2050 and 31–242%
126 by the end of the century (Hejazi et al., 2014).

127 At the spatial level of the Mediterranean climate change hot spot (Diffenbaugh and
128 Giorgi, 2012; Diffenbaugh et al., 2007; Giorgi, 2006), temperature increase is expected
129 to be one degree higher than the global average (Vautard et al., 2014). Specifically, by
130 the time that global warming reaches the +2 °C relatively to the preindustrial baseline
131 period (1881-1910), it is estimated that the region will experience approximately 0.2 °C
132 higher temperatures on average, implying hotter Mediterranean summers. Higher
133 temperatures will intensify evaporation rates from surface reservoirs and the potential
134 evapotranspiration over land (Bates et al., 2008). Additionally, climate change is
135 projected to pose changes in the precipitation regime (Hagemann et al., 2013), with

136 climate models to depict that precipitation on average is likely to be less frequent but
137 more intense, while drought events are likely to become more frequent and severe in
138 some regions (Koutroulis et al., 2013; Tsanis et al., 2011). The progressive decline of
139 water availability foreseen in future scenarios for the Mediterranean will most likely
140 cause short-term unsustainability of many water infrastructures in the Mediterranean
141 basin (García-Ruiz et al., 2011), posing additional pressures to water availability in
142 addition to human induced changes (Grouillet et al., 2015).

143 Groundwater resources play an important role in freshwater availability for the
144 majority of the Mediterranean coastal and island water system, especially during dry
145 summer periods (García-Ruiz et al., 2011; Ranjan et al., 2006). Degradation of the
146 groundwater quantity and quality is a common problem in the Mediterranean region
147 due to a range of anthropogenic pressures on the aquifers (e.g. over-pumping in relation
148 to average natural recharge, agrochemical leaching, urban waste and waste-water
149 inflows, mining activity). On top of those, changes in climatic variables can
150 significantly alter groundwater recharge rates and thus affect the availability of fresh
151 groundwater (Iglesias et al., 2007). Despite their significance and risk exposure, the
152 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (Parry, 2007) and FAO (Schneider et al.,
153 2013) recently highlighted the paucity of research into groundwater resources and
154 climate change. As relevant processes are seldom linear, the estimation of groundwater
155 availability is not always straightforward and introduces an additional layer of
156 uncertainty. Thus, in the Mediterranean regions there are also cases where the
157 increased rainfall variability may increase the recharge rate even with lower mean
158 rainfall values (Pulido-Velazquez et al., 2015).

159 Several studies have assessed cross-sectoral climate change impacts at global and
160 continental scale (Arnell et al., 2013; Harrison et al., 2012; Metzger et al., 2005;
161 Piontek et al., 2014; Schewe et al., 2014; Warszawski et al., 2014) but few have done so
162 at local or even regional scale. Other local climate change impact studies (Cleridou et
163 al., 2014; Fabre et al., 2015; Garrote et al., 2015; Vargas-Amelin and Pindado, 2013)
164 are framed on socioeconomic prospective scenarios and management choices without
165 considering water demand in the form of qualitative/narrative scenarios according to
166 the SSPs. After our recent studies on water availability and stress (Koutroulis et al.,
167 2015, 2013; Tsanis et al., 2011) for the island of Crete, Greece, the issue of future water

168 resources availability is revisited under the latest generation of climate scenarios
169 (RCPs) combined with tailored information on the most relevant socio-economic futures
170 according to the SSPs. We integrate the major impacts of climate change on the water
171 resources of a Mediterranean insular socioeconomic system by downscaling socio-
172 economic drivers such as population and economic development and climate
173 information relevant to the local information. Therefore, the present study is one of the
174 few to date that is considering water use in the context of qualitative/narrative
175 scenarios of SSPs at local level, following a plausible combination of SSP-RCPs
176 scenarios to examine future water availability under a cross-sectoral climate change
177 impacts framework.

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179 **2 Methods**

180 The present study is built around the scenario-based impact assessment approach
181 (Christensen et al., 2011; Ciscar et al., 2014) focusing on the risks of future climate
182 change. The methodology described in the present study is developed based on ground
183 knowledge of local experts and stakeholders interacting with impact modelers aiming
184 to assess the impact of future climate change on water availability, and considering
185 adaptation measures, from a cross-sectoral perspective. In the context of water
186 resources research, the basic information provided by the SSPs are population and
187 economic growth trends while RCPs provide climate information. Two different climatic
188 pathways, namely RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5, are considered for assessing the future
189 climate relative to a baseline (near past to current) period. Projection periods are
190 defined by the level of global warming (+2 °C and +3 °C) as simulated by the driving
191 GCMs (described in detail in the dataset section). In correspondence to the climate
192 scenarios, three potential associated socio-economic pathways are considered, SSP1,
193 SSP2 and SSP3. Figure 1 includes the socio-economic information derived from the
194 SSPs supporting the present study. Global population (Figure 1, top) information at the
195 specific timings of warming level is assessed to food demand and therefore trends of
196 crop and livestock demand and tourism activity. National population projections
197 (Figure 1, middle) can be used for the estimation of energy demand and domestic water

198 demand. The evolution of national GDP in the future (Figure 1, bottom) is useful for
199 assessing the cost of adaptation.

200 The changes in freshwater supply and demand are assessed at the global warming
201 levels of +2 °C and +3 °C. Three 30 years periods are considered, a reference period
202 between 1971 and 2000 and the future time-slices around +2 °C according to RCP4.5
203 and around +2 °C and +3 °C under the RCP8.5. The +2 °C and +3 °C periods were
204 explicitly defined for each model as the period in which each driving GCM reaches this
205 specific level of global warming comparing to the preindustrial baseline period 1881-
206 1910 (Vautard et al., 2014). The 30-year time slice around which the +2 °C and +3 °C
207 periods are defined for each GCM driving model, are shown in Figure 1.

208 **2.1 Water demand**

209 Regarding global population, SSP trajectories are very coherent until around 2030s,
210 while by 2050 a clear differentiation occurs, with the highest (SSP3) and the lowest
211 (SSP1) trajectories diverging by 1.5 billion inhabitants (Figure 1, top). This difference
212 expands further until 2100 with world population reaching 12.6 billion in SSP3 and
213 dropping to 6.9 billion, lower than at present, in SSP1 (KC and Lutz, 2014). According
214 to the World Bank, Greece belongs to the “rich” OCED membership countries, with low
215 fertility (average offspring per woman ≤ 2.9). SSP1, which assumes a future moving
216 toward a more sustainable path, predicts that Greek population will increase
217 marginally, while from 2060 and forth, there will be a decline in the total population.
218 Figure 1 (middle) shows the trajectory of Greece’s population for each RCP – SSP
219 scenario relative to that of the global population in Figure 1 (top). Close to SSP1, the
220 middle road scenario SSP2, assumes medium fertility and medium mortality for all
221 countries, which translates as a faster stabilization of the Greek population, and a
222 subsequent decline at 2040. The SSP3 scenario refers to a fragmented world with an
223 emphasis on security at the expense of international development. Global population
224 growth is higher comparing to the previous scenarios, driven by the growth in the
225 developing countries. Nonetheless, fertility is assumed to be low in the rich OECD
226 countries, thus projecting severe reduction of the Greek population as early as 2020.

227 A critical limitation of SSP scenarios is that they do not provide any qualitative or
228 narrative information on the future water use (Naota Hanasaki et al., 2013) that would
229 be downscaled and adjusted to the needs of a local or regional study. Hence, water use
230 scenarios compatible with the SSPs have to be developed in taking into account global
231 and national trends, various assumptions as well as expert opinion from policy makers
232 such as the local water authorities. The effect of increased temperature on domestic
233 water consumption is introduced as a factor of 7% increase (or 15 L/day/capita) per
234 degree of warming (Chang et al., 2014). A slight increase of 7% in domestic water use
235 could be expected for the approaching 2026 – 2055 +2 °C period of the RCP8.5 – SSP3
236 pathway, mainly due to the increase of temperature. At the highest warming level of
237 +3 °C, despite the intense temperature increase, a decrease of -3% is projected, mainly
238 driven by the population decrease of 18% depicted in SSP3. For the warmer projection
239 periods, the effect of increased temperature on tourism water consumption, similarly to
240 domestic use, is also taken into consideration. Here, the projection of overnight stays is
241 derived as a combination of the information of projected climate comfort related to
242 tourism activities through the Tourism Climatic Index (TCI) approach (Grillakis et al.,
243 2015a; Mieczkowski, 1985), and projections of global population that drives the tourism
244 demand.

245 Realistic future scenarios of irrigation demand are based on local development plans
246 and proposed strategies for expansion of irrigation networks, along with the
247 corresponding information of each SSP for irrigated area and crop intensity presented
248 by several studies (N. Hanasaki et al., 2013; O'Neill et al., 2013). According to the SSP3
249 of low water efficiency and high growth in crop intensity, crop water demand is
250 assumed to follow global population trends based as a food demand driven approach
251 (Ignaciuk and Mason-D'Croz, 2014). Total demand is based on the demand of SSP2 on
252 top of which the proportional increase of the global population (Figure 1, top) of SSP3 is
253 added. Regarding livestock, the projections of the corresponding RCP-SSP combinations
254 are based on global population trends for each SSP (Figure 1, top) as a demand driver
255 along with a climatic index of potential evapotranspiration change (increase) according
256 to the livestock watering method. For specific species (mainly caprinae), a decreasing
257 trend is assumed due to decreased production trends affected by low price competitive
258 imports and changes of the European Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) aiming

259 towards higher productivity rather than high production capital (Hansen and
260 Herrmann, 2012).

261 Projections of industrial water needs are adjusted according to industrial water
262 withdrawal scenarios presented by Hanasaki et al. (2013a). Future projections of water
263 consumption of olive mills, that constitute a crucial part of the industrial water use
264 (Table 6), are estimated proportionally to irrigation needs. Projections of future water
265 needs for energy are derived proportionally from the total projected water needs of
266 other sector needs (domestic, tourism, industry, olive mills) based on the rationale that
267 they constitute the key energy intensive sectors. Finally, for SSP1 the potential
268 introduction of additional renewable energy sources and the connection of the island to
269 the national grid are considered.

270 **2.2 Water availability**

271 In order to derive water availability, RCM data are initially downscaled to basin level.
272 The difference in mean and standard deviation of the downscaled time series are then
273 adjusted using measured basin scale precipitation (P) and temperature (T) time series.
274 The methodology used for this adjustment is presented in (Haerter et al., 2011) and is
275 performed at a monthly time step. Regional climate model data from five Euro
276 CORDEX RCMs at 0.11 degrees resolution provided the climate projections according
277 to RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5 (Table 1). The climatic information is only analyzed for the
278 climate model and RCP combinations that reached the respective target global average
279 temperatures (+2 °C or +3 °C) at some point of the investigated time frame (i.e. until
280 2100).

281 Hydrological simulations are performed at basin scale using the calibrated SAC-SMA
282 continuous rainfall–runoff model (Tsanis et al., 2011). The SAC-SMA Sacramento
283 model is a lumped continuous rainfall-runoff model that estimates stream runoff (Q)
284 from P and potential evapotranspiration (PET) records, based on soil moisture
285 accounting (Podger, 2004). Here, PET is derived from values of T using the Blaney-
286 Criddle formulation (Allen and Pruitt, 1986). SAC-SMA is based on the assumption
287 that soil moisture storage is increased by P and reduced by actual evapotranspiration
288 (AET) and total runoff Q ($Q_{\text{direct}} + Q_{\text{surface}} + Q_{\text{baseflow}}$) and infiltration I between the

289 upper and lower zone that discharges at a slower rate (Q_{slow}). The size and relative
290 wetness of the storage determines the depth of P absorbed, the amount of water that
291 evaporates or transpires from vegetation, and that moving vertically or laterally out of
292 the store. These processes are described by 16 model parameters that are determined
293 using a scheme based on an application of Genetic Algorithms (Wang, 1997).

294 Here we assume that given suitable infrastructure, various parts of the hydrological
295 budget can be transformed to some degree of efficiency in water availability. Thus, P
296 can be converted to surface water storage with the construction of surface reservoirs, Q
297 has the potential of reclaimed as surface water with the construction of dams, and I can
298 recharge aquifers for the benefit of groundwater availability. At the same time surface
299 water resources can be depleted via evaporation and networks suffer losses when
300 operated to cover demand. Details regarding existing and future water resources
301 infrastructure are case specific and need to be provided by the local authority, including
302 capacity, and costs of construction and maintenance, as well as a ranking in terms of
303 feasibility and priority associated with the set of socioeconomic pathways.

304 **2.3 Cross sectoral framework**

305 The three SSPs are suitably combined to the hydro-climate projections to incorporate
306 scenarios of alternative futures of water supply and demand under future economic and
307 societal development. More specifically, the climate scenarios provide the climatic
308 information for the assessment of the hydrological impacts at specific warming levels
309 by modeling the changes in the local terrestrial water cycle. Information of existing and
310 planned water resources infrastructures and management practices are used for the
311 development of realistic local water demand and supply scenarios compatible to each
312 respective SSP. Scenarios of future changes in irrigation, tourism, energy, domestic,
313 livestock and industrial water demand were also composed according to the potential
314 socio-economic futures, within a framework of a cross-sectoral water resources analysis.
315 Finally, hydro-climatic and socio-economic scenarios were associated in the context of
316 plausible RCP-SSP combinations. Five future situations under different local hydro-
317 climatic and socioeconomic conditions are considered to examine the range of potential

318 impacts on water availability at +2°C and +3°C of global warming. This methodological
319 framework is illustrated in Figure 2.

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321 **3 Area of study**

322 Crete is the fifth largest island of the Mediterranean and the first and most populated
323 island of Greece. The climate on the island is characterized as Mediterranean –
324 Semiarid featuring long and dry summers, and relatively wet and cold winters (Kottek
325 et al., 2006). The Water District of Crete (GR13) is the southernmost Water District of
326 the country (Figure 3) and includes the entire area of the Region of Crete (RoC). The
327 RoC consists of four territorial units according to NUTS3 classification: Chania
328 (GR434), Heraklion (GR431), Rethimno (GR433) and Lasithi (GR432). The intense
329 tectonic activity has formed the complex topography of the island with the elevation
330 ranging from sea level to 2,450 m, shaping small catchments with ephemeral streams
331 and karst geology (Tsanis et al., 2011).

332 During an average hydrological year, Crete receives about 7.7 billion m³ of
333 precipitating water, of which 68-76% evaporates or transpires, 14-17% infiltrates and
334 10-15% is lost to the seas as surface runoff (Koutroulis et al., 2013). Total annual
335 surface runoff is about 1,080 Mm³ and half of it discharges through the major streams
336 of the island. Total subsurface recharge is estimated to 780 Mm³ per year. It is
337 estimated that the total water consumption corresponds to the 7% of the total
338 precipitation (Tsagarakis et al., 2004). However, there are often water imbalance issues
339 that are attributed to the temporal and spatial variations in the precipitation over the
340 island, the increase in water demand during the dry months due to tourism, and the
341 difficulty of transporting water due to the mountainous terrain of the island
342 (Tsagarakis et al., 2004). The main water consuming sectors in Crete are agriculture
343 that share the 84.5% of the total consumption, while domestic and industrial sectors
344 use the 12% and 3.5% of the water respectively (Chartzoulakis, 2001). Agricultural
345 water is mainly used to grow of vegetable crops, fruit trees and vines. More than 91% of
346 vegetable crops are irrigated, 34.0% for row crops, 36.3% for fruits and 45.1% for
347 vineyards (Chartzoulakis, 2001).

348 The highly rugged terrain of Crete is crucial in terms of the spatial organization, the
349 urban structure, the drivers of development of the productive sectors, the transport
350 system and generally all to date, and future parameters related to human activities on
351 the natural environment. The population of Crete corresponds to 5.4% of the national
352 population, with an increasing trend, since between the censuses of 2001 and 2011 the
353 population increased by 3.65% reaching 623,065 inhabitants (Figure 4, left). The RoC
354 contributes about 5% (12.854 billion € in 2008) to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of
355 the country. Regarding the three major sectors of the economy of Crete, during 2008
356 the primary sector participated with 5.51%, the secondary (Industry and Construction)
357 contributed 13.84%, while the tertiary sector had the highest share with 80.65%. Before
358 the 2008 crisis and during the period 2000-2008, the most important contribution to the
359 added value of products of Crete was the "Trade and Tourism" sector, as part of the
360 tertiary sector with 4.59 billion €, growing by 85% from 2000 to 2008. The primary
361 sector, in absolute terms, remained stagnant, with a significantly reducing rate of
362 contribution to the regional added value from 10.04% in 2000 to 5.51% in 2008. On the
363 other hand, the "Industry and Energy" sector increased its contribution from 4.96% in
364 2000 to 7.48% in 2008. Since 2008, the island is facing a prolonged crisis, on par with
365 that of the rest of the country (Figure 4, right), leading to little overall investments and
366 financial contraction. Nevertheless, tourism is the most dynamically growing sector and
367 the demand has given incentives for significant investment in hotel facilities, resulting
368 in a quantitative and qualitative improvement of the accommodation infrastructure.
369 Overnight stays in Crete in 2010 amounted to 16,449,065, representing 24.6% of all
370 overnight stays in Greece. The intensification of tourism activity has increased the
371 environmental stress (Andriotis, 2003), including the water demand stress.

372 **3.1 Present water demand**

373 Current average annual domestic water consumption is estimated based on the
374 historical average consumption of 288 L/day/capita and the latest population census
375 data (623,065 in 2011), resulting to a total of 65.49 Mm³ for the Water District of Crete.
376 This constitutes almost 13% of the 525.62 Mm³ of total water demand (Figure 6, Table
377 6). Based on this estimation and (Chang et al., 2014), the effect of increased
378 temperature on water consumption is 15 L/day/capita per degree of warming. The

379 highly developed tourism sector in Crete has relatively large water requirements
380 especially during the summer season. For the estimation of the average water demand
381 associated to tourism activities, a consumption rate of 400 L per overnight stay is
382 assumed (Papagrigoriou et al., 2001). Information regarding current local population
383 and overnight tourism stays has been retrieved from the Hellenic Statistic Authority.

384 Total cultivated land in the Region of Crete is 255,359 ha, of which 107,909 ha (42%)
385 are irrigated (Papagrigoriou et al., 2001). A fraction of 70% (178,401 ha) corresponds to
386 olive groves and only 68,949 ha (39%) are irrigated, producing on average 150,000 tons
387 of olive oil annually. Vineyards cover an area of 27,665 ha (11%), arable land 27,236 ha
388 (11%), orchards 7,748 ha (3%), horticulture 10,032 ha (4%), greenhouses 2,286 ha (1%),
389 and the rest of the area is covered by other cultivations. Crop water requirements per
390 cultivation type have been defined by the local authority in consultation with the
391 research team of Papagrigoriou et al., (2001) that estimated the irrigation demand
392 based on theoretical methods of optimum crop yield. Table A2 of the appendix
393 summarizes water demand, land extend and irrigated area per cultivation type. It
394 should be noted that the adopted crop water needs which have arisen from the local-
395 scale research and expert judgment of the local Authority, are typically greater than
396 the total annual consumption reported by the Local Organizations of Land Reclamation
397 (LORL) that are the major irrigation organizations (in many cases fields are not
398 irrigated to full extent, or irrigation restrictions are applied for some resilient
399 cultivations like olive trees during dry seasons). Moreover, actual water needs are
400 further estimated at local (municipal level) taking into account the losses of individual
401 irrigation networks. Thus, a loss factor of 15% is assumed for organized irrigation
402 networks of irrigation organizations and 25% for municipal networks. Total irrigation
403 needs including systems losses are estimated to 439.62 Mm³ (Table 6), making up the
404 largest share (84%) of total water demand (Figure 6). Current water needs for livestock
405 are estimated at 8.7 Mm³ annually, based on animal watering requirements
406 (Papagrigoriou et al., 2001) and the number of animals as listed in the national census,
407 described in the appendix (Table A1).

408 The secondary sector of Crete is less developed compared to the primary. The majority
409 of industries – manufacturing (more than 60%) are concentrated in the regional unit of
410 Heraklion, at the central part of the island. Main industrial – manufacturing activities

411 include production of plastics, marble processing and concrete production, clothing and
412 textile, milk products, citrus and vegetable packaging, canneries and metal
413 constructions. Total industrial water consumption is estimated to 4.1 Mm³ (Table 6). As
414 olive tree cultivation is the primary agricultural activity in the region, occupying 70% of
415 the total agricultural land, water used by olive mills is an important part of this sector.
416 Olive oil is currently produced by 620 olive mill facilities spread over the island,
417 operating annually from November to February. The average water requirement is
418 estimated at 1,500 m³/year for each olive mill (Papagrighoriou et al., 2001) resulting to a
419 total 0.93 Mm³ annually. Energy needs of the island are covered by three thermal
420 power stations of total power 950 MW. Average annual water needs for steam
421 production are estimated at 0.2 Mm³. Information regarding the industry and energy
422 sector has been retrieved from the Hellenic Statistic Authority.

423 **3.2 Present water availability**

424 Regarding historical climate, observed precipitation data from 53 rain gauges (Figure 3)
425 and 15 temperature stations were used to estimate the basin scale precipitation and
426 temperature time-series for the 130 distinct watersheds of Crete. The SAC-SMA model
427 was calibrated with a Genetic Algorithm optimization scheme yielding a satisfactory fit
428 (R^2 between 0.590 and 0.917) for 15 gauged basins. Resulting calibration parameters
429 were generalized over all 130 major watersheds of the island.

430 The Integrated Water Resources Management study of Crete (Papagrighoriou et al.,
431 2001) includes all existing water infrastructure (dams, reservoirs, abstractions) until
432 2001. The infrastructure that developed since 2001 in order to support the water supply
433 of the Water District of Crete is described in the recent draft of water resources
434 management (Special Secretariat for Water, 2014). Existing infrastructure (dams,
435 reservoirs, groundwater abstractions) shapes the current supply potential to 421.40
436 Mm³/yr. Total water supply in Crete is estimated at 421.40 Mm³/yr and distributed
437 335.40 Mm³/yr for irrigation (80%), 8.70 Mm³/yr for livestock and 77.3 Mm³/yr for water
438 supply, tourism, energy and industry (18%). It is important to emphasize the heavy
439 reliance to the system to groundwater, as water resources originating from surface
440 bodies account only 8% of the total availability.

441 The localized scenarios are developed in collaboration with the Directorate of Water,
442 the general water managing authority for the Region of Crete, exploring the feasibility
443 and the costing of adaptation measures, in terms of additional water infrastructures,
444 associated with the set of socioeconomic pathways. Future plans focus on the
445 exploitation of surface water due to the overexploitation of groundwater resources
446 (Daliakopoulos et al., 2005; Varouchakis et al., 2015) in several aquifers of the island
447 and the consequent salt intrusion (Dokou and Karatzas, 2012; Kourgialas and Karatzas,
448 2015). Future exploitation plans include the construction of small – local scale dams
449 and reservoirs, large embankment dams of wider operation range, improvement of
450 existing boreholes, construction of new irrigation networks and other complex water
451 engineering structures. A total number of 68 water engineering projects were defined
452 with a total capacity of 166.8 Mm³ (about 40% additional supply compared to existing,
453 at present climate conditions) and a cumulative construction cost of 893 M€ (current
454 prices). The feasibility and the implementation maturity of these projects are evaluated
455 in collaboration with the local authority in the context of the SSPs.

456

457 **4 Results**

458 **4.1 Hydro-meteorologic projections**

459 Transient temperature response at local level reveals an increasing temperature trend
460 that is more pronounced in the case of the high-end RCP8.5 scenario (Figure 5). A
461 global temperature increase by 2 °C is projected to be milder at local level (Crete),
462 reaching the +1.69°C above the annual average of 16.92 °C (median 18.61 °C) according
463 to RCP4.5 (2037-2066 on average) and +1.80 °C under RCP8.5 (2026-2055 on average).
464 Similarly local temperature is projected to increase by 2.86 °C around 2060 on average,
465 at the global warming level of +3 °C. Detailed projected changes of the range of the
466 multi-model projections are included in Table 2. Average annual precipitation (903 mm)
467 is projected to decrease by 6% at the global warming level of +2 °C, regardless of the
468 concentration pathway (around 2050s for RCP4.5 or around 2040s for RCP8.5). This is
469 underlines the robust response of precipitation to climate change to the cumulative CO₂
470 concentration (about 70 PgC from 2000 to 2050 for RCP4.5 or until 2040 for RCP8.5),

471 regardless of the exact timing. In a +2°C warmer world, dry years (5th percentile) are
472 also expected to be dryer by 7.3% and 11.9% under RCP4.5 and RCP8.5, respectively
473 (Table 2). Drought is projected even more pronounced (-17.9% of the 5th percentile of
474 annual precipitation) at the higher warming level of +3 °C.

475 Potential evapotranspiration is expected to increase by roughly 5% at +2 °C and by 8%
476 at +3 °C (Table 2) attributed to temperature increase. The combined effect of increasing
477 temperatures and decreasing precipitation drives a decrease of average annual
478 availability, defined as the sum of runoff and infiltration (Koutroulis et al., 2013;
479 Tsanis et al., 2011). The availability decrease is more pronounced compared to that of
480 precipitation. At a +2 °C warmer world, according to RCP8.5 the water availability is
481 simulated to decrease roughly by a factor of two (-12.1%) compared to precipitation (-
482 6%). The corresponding availability under RCP4.5 and compared to precipitation
483 change is foreseen to decline by a factor of three (-18%) probably due to the further slow
484 discharge of groundwater aquifers to the sea (RCP4.5 crosses the level of +2 °C
485 warming by 10 years later compared to RCP8.5). Dry years (in terms of availability) are
486 expected to be drier by 20% – 25% in the case of +2 °C and by over 35% at +3 °C. The
487 availability of wet years is projected to slightly decrease for RCP4.5 at +2 °C and for
488 RCP8.5 at +3°C and on the other hand, increase by almost 15% under RCP8.5 at +2 °C
489 (Table 2).

490 **4.2 Water supply and exploitation potential**

491 Table 4 includes the number of future water resources infrastructure per RCP – SSP
492 combination, the total capacity and the construction cost, projected to the
493 corresponding period according to the projections of the national GDP (Figure 1,
494 bottom). This classification was established after consultation with the Directorate of
495 Water of the Decentralized Administration of Crete that serves as an end user for the
496 project. The impact of climate change on water supply for open structures (dams,
497 reservoirs) is associated to the changes in potential evaporation and for groundwater
498 abstractions the output of hydrological modeling regarding changes in subsurface
499 availability are considered (Table 3). Capacity and surface extend from 5 dams and 8

500 open reservoirs over Crete are examined to estimate the average water storage area per
501 Mm³ of stored water for the island of Crete.

502 For the period 2037 – 2066 and the RCP4.5 – SSP1 high efficiency scenario, a total of
503 39 infrastructure projects are considered feasible (Table 4), 24 of them further
504 exploiting or optimizing groundwater and 15 harvesting surface runoff. The total
505 capacity of surface projects (64.36 Mm³) is almost four times the groundwater
506 abstractions (16.52 Mm³) and the implementation cost is more than 8 times compared
507 to groundwater exploitation (Table 4). The increased costs compared to SSP2 scenario,
508 despite the lower capacity, reflects the cost of investing on water saving technologies.
509 The *business as usual* RCP4.5-SSP2 scenario foresees additional infrastructure (4
510 groundwater and 8 surface) providing a total of 117.69 Mm³, thus increasing current
511 availability by 28% with a total approximate construction cost of 1.289 billion €.
512 According to the low water efficiency and high growth SSP3 scenario an approximate of
513 160 Mm³ (ranging from 158.8 Mm³ to 162.5 Mm³ depending on the warming level –
514 reference period of each RCP) could be added to the available water resources. The cost
515 of this “upgrade” is estimated at around 1.3 billion € which is mainly attributed to the
516 construction of surface water resources infrastructure such as dams and reservoirs.

517 **4.3 Projected water demand**

518 Regarding domestic water consumption, future projections for the RCP-SSP
519 combinations are based on national level projections according to the examined SSP
520 and the corresponding +2 °C or +3 °C warming level period. Domestic consumption is
521 projected to increase up to 77.5 Mm³ (+18%) for the +2 °C period (2037-2066) according
522 to the RCP4.5 - SSP1 combination (Table 6). Similarly, a 14% increase is foreseen for
523 the RCP4.5 – SSP2 combination and for the same period, while a decrease of -1% is
524 projected following the RCP4.5 – SSP3 scenario mainly due to the projected population
525 decrease for Greece expected under SSP3 (Figure 1, middle). Regarding tourism, Table
526 5 contains information on multi-model projections of overnight stays (median,
527 interquartile and 5-95 percentile estimates) for every analyzed period and
528 corresponding RCP-SSP combination, as derived by (Grillakis et al., 2015b). The
529 combined effect of increased consumption of 12% due to +2 °C (downscaled to a local

530 +1.7 °C), of 42% due to climate comfort improvement under RCP4.5 for the 2037-2066
531 period and due to global population under SSP1 (Table 5) results to an overall increase
532 of 59% (from 6.6 to 10.5 Mm³) in water demand for tourism activities (Table 6). Similar
533 increasing trends are projected for all RCP-SSP storylines, driven by global population
534 increase (from +39% to +74%), increase due to improved climate comfort (from +7.1% to
535 7.9%) and increase from higher temperature consumption (from +12% to +20%)
536 resulting to higher consumption (Table 6) ranging from +59% (3.9 Mm³) to +116% (7.6
537 Mm³).

538 Regarding the primary sector, for the sustainability scenario (SSP1) of low growth in
539 irrigated area and crop intensity combined with high water use efficiency, the demand
540 could be shaped to 543.76 Mm³ annually for the period 2037-2066. This increase by 24%
541 is attributed to the extension of irrigation networks along with the application of water
542 saving technologies. For the medium crop intensity growth scenario (SSP2) and
543 medium water use efficiency (which is considered as the *business as usual* scenario),
544 irrigation water demand is expected to increase by 30% to a total 571.94 Mm³ per year
545 on average for the period 2037-2066. The estimated irrigation demand of the *business*
546 *as usual* scenario RCP4.5-SSP2 is estimated at 675.91 Mm³ that is close to the 670.80
547 Mm³ estimated by Papagrorgiou et al., (2001). For the same level of warming (and
548 period) of RCP4.5 and SSP3, an increase of 37% is estimated. According to SSP3
549 projections, resulting annual crop water demand is shaped to 623.47 Mm³ during 2037
550 – 2066 and RCP4.5, 576.08 Mm³ during 2026 – 2055 and RCP8.5 and 661.42 Mm³ for
551 the period 2047 – 2076. Regarding livestock, projected water demand ranges from 11.4
552 to 11.7 Mm³ (increase from +31% to +34%), depending on scenario (Table A1 of
553 Appendix).

554 According to SSP1, industrial water consumption is expected to remain at current
555 levels (4.1 Mm³) for the period 2037 – 2066 at +2 °C of global warming, mainly due to
556 advances in water saving technologies. For the same period and following SSP2 of
557 medium water saving efficiency, the increase is estimated at +21% (+0.9 Mm³), while
558 for low efficiency and high growth (SSP3), the increase ranges from +14% to +67%
559 (Table 6). Projections of future water needs for energy (Table 6) are derived
560 proportionally from the total projected water needs of other sector needs (domestic,
561 tourism, industry, olive mills) based on the rationale that they constitute the key

562 energy intensive sectors. The slight increase in SSP1 is associated to the potential
563 introduction of additional renewable energy sources or the connection to the national
564 grid (Table 6).

565 A robust signal of increase is projected for all future scenarios mainly attributed to the
566 increase of irrigation demand. The total demand of the +2 °C warmer 2037 – 2066
567 period according to SSP1 – RCP4.5 combination is shaped to 648.69 Mm³, increased by
568 29% compared to present situation. Respectively, for the higher end scenario of RCP8.5
569 the same level of warming is reached approximately 10 years sooner (2026 – 2055) and
570 combined with SSP3 results to a total demand of 675.25 Mm³ (increase by 28%). For
571 the higher levels of warming (+3 °C) of RCP8.5 that are reached during the period 2047
572 – 2076 and for the fragmentation – high growth and low efficiency scenario, total
573 demand is shaped at 758.87 Mm³. This increase (44%) is attributed to high population
574 change which in turn generates higher food demand and thus increased irrigation
575 needs (87% of the total needs).

576 **4.4 Water resources availability and cost**

577 The impact of climate change on the supply potential of the current infrastructure is
578 projected to decrease by 17% (from 421 Mm³ to 351 Mm³; Figure 7) and by 11% at +2 °C
579 according to RCP4.5 and RCP8.5, respectively. This is attributed mainly to the decline
580 of water groundwater availability that is the major source of the system supply. This
581 decline is foreseen to be more pronounced (-25%) at +3 °C of global warming. The
582 implementation of future infrastructure projects will increase the supply potential.
583 Ignoring the effect of climate change the additional availability is shaped to 506 Mm³
584 (+20%) according to SSP1, 544 Mm³ (+29%) under SSP2 and 588Mm³ (+40%) for SSP3.
585 The corresponding cost of the water engineering projects for the respective RCP-SSP
586 period is included in Table 6 and Table 7. Including the information of climate change
587 impact on current water supply and future exploitation potential, as described in the
588 previous section, the projected supply potential could range from 432 Mm³ (+3%) to 537
589 Mm³ (27%) depending on the RCP-SSP combination. It is important to note, for
590 example according to the RCP4.5 at +2 °C combined to SSP1, despite the
591 implementation of infrastructure of +80.9 Mm³ additional water resources the resulting

592 availability is shaped to 432 Mm³ (+3%) compared to current supply. This is due to the
593 impact of climate change on the availability of groundwater resources and thus to the
594 current supply system (that depends mostly). The proposed infrastructure plans are
595 based mainly (80%) on the exploitation of surface water through dams and reservoirs
596 and can substantially alter the timing of water resource availability, compensating the
597 inefficiency of the existing situation.

598 The impact of climate change on the hydrology of the region and thus to the supply
599 potential ranges from -51.3 Mm³ to -75.4 Mm³ under 2 °C of global warming, depending
600 on the RCP-SSP formulation. The impact is more pronounced for RCP4.5 (compared to
601 RCP8.5) probably due to the ten years later crossing of the +2 °C and the further loss in
602 terms of discharge from groundwater aquifers. The expected deficit under the RCP-SSP
603 formulation ranges from 20% to 37% (Table 7), mainly due to increasing irrigation
604 demand. The least cost effective scenario in terms of investment cost for additional
605 availability per Mm³ is the business as usual RCP4.5-SSP2 scenario (10.95 M€/Mm³).
606 The RCP4.5-SSP1 high sustainability combination, despite the high investment cost
607 due to the increase in GDP, is simulated as the most cost effective option but with a
608 high deficit rate (33%). The second most cost effective option, for the warming level of
609 +2 °C is the RCP8.5-SSP3 with the lower projected deficit which, however, assumes
610 rapid adaptation in terms of investments in water resources infrastructure of high cost.
611 Nevertheless, this high end scenario leads to higher deficit rates (37%) at global
612 warming levels around +3 °C.

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614 **5 Limitations**

615 With respect to the methodology tested here, certain limitations have been identified in
616 the evaluation of impacts of climate change, such as the following:

- 617 • Simplifications in water management that can be overcome with the use of a
618 more complex and data demanding utility management model (Garrote et al.,
619 2015; Pulido-Velazquez et al., 2011) taking into account simultaneously temporal,
620 spatial heterogeneity of the hydrological components, demands and the location
621 of the infrastructures.

- 622 • Assumptions regarding the regionalization of hydrologic modelling parameters
623 that can only be overcome with denser surface water gauging.
- 624 • Simplifications regarding the groundwater component of the modelling approach
625 that is a tradeoff of modeling parsimony versus complexity and future
626 uncertainty.
- 627 • Simplifications regarding the impact of major surface storage infrastructure on
628 the hydrologic regime and by extension on hydrologic modelling that will be
629 overcome with future observations of in recently built infrastructure..
- 630 • Adaptation considered in the present study is limited to constructions and not on
631 soft measures (we do not cover the full range of adaptation options).
- 632 • Assumptions on local water demand are based on expert judgement and best
633 reasoning but there is always uncertainty regarding current and future policy
634 implementation outcomes, as end user preferences often depend on personal,
635 sociocultural, socioeconomic, institutional and bio-physical factors rather than
636 technical ones (Panagea et al., 2015).

637 The above limitations can also serve as suggestions for further research.

638 **6 Conclusions**

639 While mitigation and adaptation policies to restore sustainability are usually centrally
640 planned, their success invariably depends on the implementation efficiency at local
641 level where awareness and perception often pose barriers (Betzold, 2015; La Jeunesse
642 et al., 2015). Especially in the case of adaptation, mobilization incentives are highly
643 local and the mediating the local impact of climate change induced threats is
644 challenging (Agrawal, 2010). In this context, communicating relevant and targeted
645 climate change information to stakeholders and decision makers is crucial for
646 converting and gaining commitment on the field. This work makes a first attempt to
647 translate global scale SSPs to the context of local development scenarios in order to
648 overcome their limitations in providing information on future water use and thus
649 impact directly to local administration and end users. The close collaboration with the
650 local water authority has covered a major part of this process, but it is also a major

651 requirement that results on water availability and its expected future costs in relation
652 to demand are disseminated to end users.

653 Similar to all Mediterranean islands, Crete is largely dependent on groundwater
654 resources (MED-EUWI WG on groundwater, 2007). This extend dependence (50% on
655 average), and the simultaneous scarcity of alternative freshwater sources may pose
656 grave risks on the water intensive agricultural sector. Despite remarkable technological
657 progress and specialization (Daliakopoulos and Tsanis, 2014), and a significant natural
658 comparative advantage, the agricultural sector of Crete faces similar challenges with
659 the agriculture of the southern regions of Greece. The major problem, common to all the
660 municipalities of Crete, is the scarcity of irrigation resources, a factor impairing the
661 restructuring and intensification of cultivations, and often risking saltwater intrusion
662 in the coastal aquifers. This work confirms and updates previous findings of a robust
663 signal for water scarcity (Koutroulis et al., 2015, 2013; Tsanis et al., 2011) that is bound
664 to aggravate the current deficit of water resources in the island and increase tensions
665 among sectors and users.

666 Given the fact that water stress in the island arises only due to the spatial and
667 temporal variability of precipitation, infrastructure such as dams and reservoirs can
668 substantially alter the timing of water resource availability seem to present a viable
669 solution for the island. On the other hand, the intensification of agricultural production
670 aimed for the needs of globalized markets has led to some extent to the loss of self-
671 sufficiency (Daliakopoulos & Tsanis, 2014). For this reason, feasibility studies need to
672 be undertaken to determine the degree to which the costs and risks of proposed
673 infrastructure and agricultural restructure can be sustained by the resulting additional
674 production. For example, the conversion of all olive trees to irrigated (estimated
675 additional demand of over 250 Mm³ per year) may eventually subside production
676 resilience to drought and require in capitals (estimated over 1 billion €)
677 disproportionate to the long term social and financial profits.

678 It is also possible that high infrastructure costs can be avoided with the use of
679 alternative water resources (such as reuse or decentralized rainwater harvesting) for
680 irrigation, and advocating for water resources conservation. Such approaches may
681 include deficit or precision irrigation, taking into account the sensitivity of each crop to

682 water stress (e.g. diverting excess irrigation from resilient crops such as olive trees),
683 switching production to more drought tolerant crops or optimizing it to lower risk
684 endogenous cultivations. Nevertheless, these sustainable practices require a high level
685 of sophistication and significant dedication and restraint from the side of the end user
686 against irresponsible actions such as illegitimate water use. In this context, the
687 projected water scarcity highlights the important role for development and deployment
688 of water conservation technologies and practices (Hejazi et al., 2014) and the need for
689 strategic resources planning from global to regional and local scales. Eventually,
690 awareness of the practical implications of each SSP in the not so distant future may be
691 the key to shift user perception and preference towards a more sustainable direction.

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Tables

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Table 1: CORDEX RCMs, their driving GCMs and the timing of +2 °C under the

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RCP4.5 and RCP8.5. GCMs that do not reach the +3 °C under RCP 4.5 are indicated

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with N/R, unavailable data are indicated with N/A.

Driving GCM	RCM	+2 °C time-slice		+3 °C time-slice	
		RCP4.5	RCP8.5	RCP4.5	RCP8.5
EC-EARTH-r1	KNMI-RACMO22E	2042-2071	2028- 2057	N/R	2052- 2081
EC-EARTH-r12	SMHI-RCA4	2042-2071	2027- 2056	N/R	2052- 2081
IPSL-CM5A-MR-r1	IPSL-INERIS- WRF331F	2028-2057	N/A	N/R	N/A
HadGEM2-ES-r1	SMHI-RCA4	2023-2052	2016- 2045	2055- 2084	2037- 2066
MPI-ESM-LR-r1	CSC-REMO	2050-2079	2030- 2059	N/R	2053- 2082

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925 *Table 2: Historical and projected local hydrol-meteorological response to different*
 926 *global warming scenarios and levels.*

	Parameter	5th%ile	25th%ile	Median	75th%ile	95th%ile
Baseline	Temperature (°C)	18.11	18.46	18.61	18.91	19.15
	Precipitation (mm)	766	830	903	981	1054
	Availability (mm)	138	172	218	274	330
	Potential Evapotranspiration (mm)	1,443	1,452	1,464	1,474	1,484
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C	Temperature change (°C)	1.71	1.82	1.69	1.77	1.76
	Precipitation (mm)	698	759	846	926	1,063
	Precipitation change (%)	-7.3%	-6.9%	-5.9%	-6.0%	-1.5%
	Potential Evapotranspiration (mm)	1,514	1,529	1,536	1,547	1,556
	Potential Evapotranspiration (%)	4.8%	5.2%	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%
	Availability (mm)	104	129	176	244	329
	Availability change (%)	-20.9%	-21.0%	-18.0%	-10.7%	-5.0%
RCP8.5 @ +2 °C	Temperature change (°C)	1.79	1.78	1.80	1.82	1.79
	Precipitation (mm)	675	756	849	968	1109
	Precipitation change (%)	-11.9%	-8.9%	-6.0%	-1.3%	5.2%
	Potential Evapotranspiration (mm)	1,520	1,531	1,541	1,551	1,558
	Potential Evapotranspiration (%)	5.2%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2%	5.1%
	Availability (mm)	104	142	192	270	377
	Availability change (%)	-24.6%	-17.1%	-12.1%	-1.4%	14.3%
RCP8.5 @ +3 °C	Temperature change (°C)	2.74	2.81	2.86	2.91	2.99
	Precipitation (mm)	629	700	787	897	1023
	Precipitation change (%)	-17.9%	-15.7%	-12.9%	-8.5%	-3.0%
	Potential Evapotranspiration (mm)	1,558	1,571	1,584	1,595	1,606
	Potential Evapotranspiration (%)	7.8%	7.9%	8.1%	8.2%	8.4%
	Availability (mm)	87	118	160	228	322
	Availability change (%)	-37.3%	-31.4%	-26.8%	-16.9%	-2.6%

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938 *Table 3: Impact of climate change on water availability for each type of infrastructure*
 939 *per RCP-SSP combination.*

	Dam	Reservoir	Groundwater
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP1	-0.57%	-1.12%	-18.00%
RCP4.5 @+2 °C (2037-2066) SSP2	-0.57%	-1.12%	-18.00%
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP3	-0.57%	-1.12%	-18.00%
RCP8.5 @ +2 °C (2026 - 2055) SSP3	-0.60%	-1.18%	-12.10%
RCP8.5 @ +3 °C (2047 - 2076) SSP3	-0.94%	-1.84%	-26.80%

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957 *Table 4: Number of future water resources infrastructure by exploitation type (GW:*
 958 *Groundwater; SW: Surface Water; TW: Total Water Resources), RCP – SSP*
 959 *combination, total capacity and construction cost.*

	Number			Capacity (Mm ³)			Cost (M€)		
	GW	SW	TW	GW	SW	TW	GW	SW	TW
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP1	24	15	39	16.52	64.36	80.88	64.54	548.13	612.67
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP2	28	23	51	19.90	97.79	117.69	81.84	1,207.28	1,289.12
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP3	29	39	68	20.73	140.74	161.46	35.93	1,321.28	1,357.21
RCP8.5 @ +2 °C (2026 - 2055) SSP3	29	39	68	21.84	140.69	162.53	33.92	1,251.99	1,285.92
RCP8.5 @ +3 °C (2047 - 2076) SSP3	29	39	68	18.32	140.17	158.49	36.62	1,345.16	1,381.78

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977 *Table 5: Historical (1990-2011) and projected overnight stays ($\times 1,000$) for different*
 978 *RCP-SSP combination and warming levels after Grillakis et al (2015) for the island of*
 979 *Crete.*

Scenario		5th%ile	25th%ile	Median	75th%ile	95th%ile
Baseline (1990 - 2011)				11,796		
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP1	(stays) (%)	16,805 +40%	17,126 +41%	17,957 +42%	18,532 +43%	18,564 +43%
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP2	(stays) (%)	18,079 +51%	18,438 +52%	19,368 +54%	20,014 +55%	20,050 +55%
RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP3	(stays) (%)	19,651 +65%	20,057 +66%	21,110 +68%	21,842 +70%	21,884 +70%
RCP8.5 @ +2 °C (2026 - 2055) SSP3	(stays) (%)	14,978 +45%	17,309 +50%	19,680 +55%	20,410 +57%	20,648 +57%
RCP8.5 @ +3 °C (2047 - 2076) SSP3	(stays) (%)	15,230 +60%	18,681 +69%	22,726 +79%	24,239 +83%	24,428 +84%

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996 *Table 6: Current (2010) and projected (RCP-SSP combinations) annual water demand*
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	2010	RCP4.5 @+2 °C (2037-2066) SSP1	RCP4.5 @+2 °C (2037-2066) SSP2	RCP4.5 @+2 °C (2037-2066) SSP3	RCP8.5 @+2 °C (2026 - 2055) SSP3	RCP8.5 @+3 °C (2047 - 2076) SSP3
Domestic	65.49	77.53	74.82	64.61	69.89	63.44
Tourism	6.58	10.45	11.30	12.37	11.48	14.18
Industry	4.10	4.11	4.97	5.70	4.68	6.85
Olive mills	0.93	1.15	1.21	1.32	1.22	1.40
Energy	0.20	0.24	0.20	0.18	0.21	0.20
Livestock	8.70	11.45	11.47	11.51	11.70	11.38
Irrigation	439.62	543.76	571.94	623.47	576.08	661.42
Total	525.62	648.69	675.91	719.16	675.25	758.87

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1012 *Table 7: Total water supply per RCP-SSP combination, the effect of climate change on*
 1013 *the supply potential, the total demand, the absolute deficit and as percent of demand,*
 1014 *the additional availability, the total construction cost and the cost of the additional*
 1015 *availability.*

	RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP1	RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP2	RCP4.5 @ +2 °C (2037-2066) SSP3	RCP8.5 @ +2 °C (2026-2055) SSP3	RCP8.5 @ +3 °C (2047-2076) SSP3
Supply under SSP w/out CC(Mm³)	506.2	544.0	588.2	588.2	588.2
Supply under SSP and CC (Mm³)	432.2	469.0	512.7	536.9	475.5
CC effect (Mm³)	-74.1	-75.0	-75.4	-51.3	-112.7
Demand (Mm³)	648.7	675.9	719.2	675.3	758.9
Deficit (Mm³)	- 216.5	-206.9	-206.4	-138.4	-283.4
Deficit as % of demand	-33%	-31%	-29%	-20%	-37%
Additional availability (Mm³)	80.9	117.7	161.5	162.5	158.5
Construction Cost (M€)	612.7	1,289.1	1,357.2	1,285.9	1,381.8
Cost (M€) per additional Mm³ of availability*	7.57	10.95	8.41	7.91	8.72

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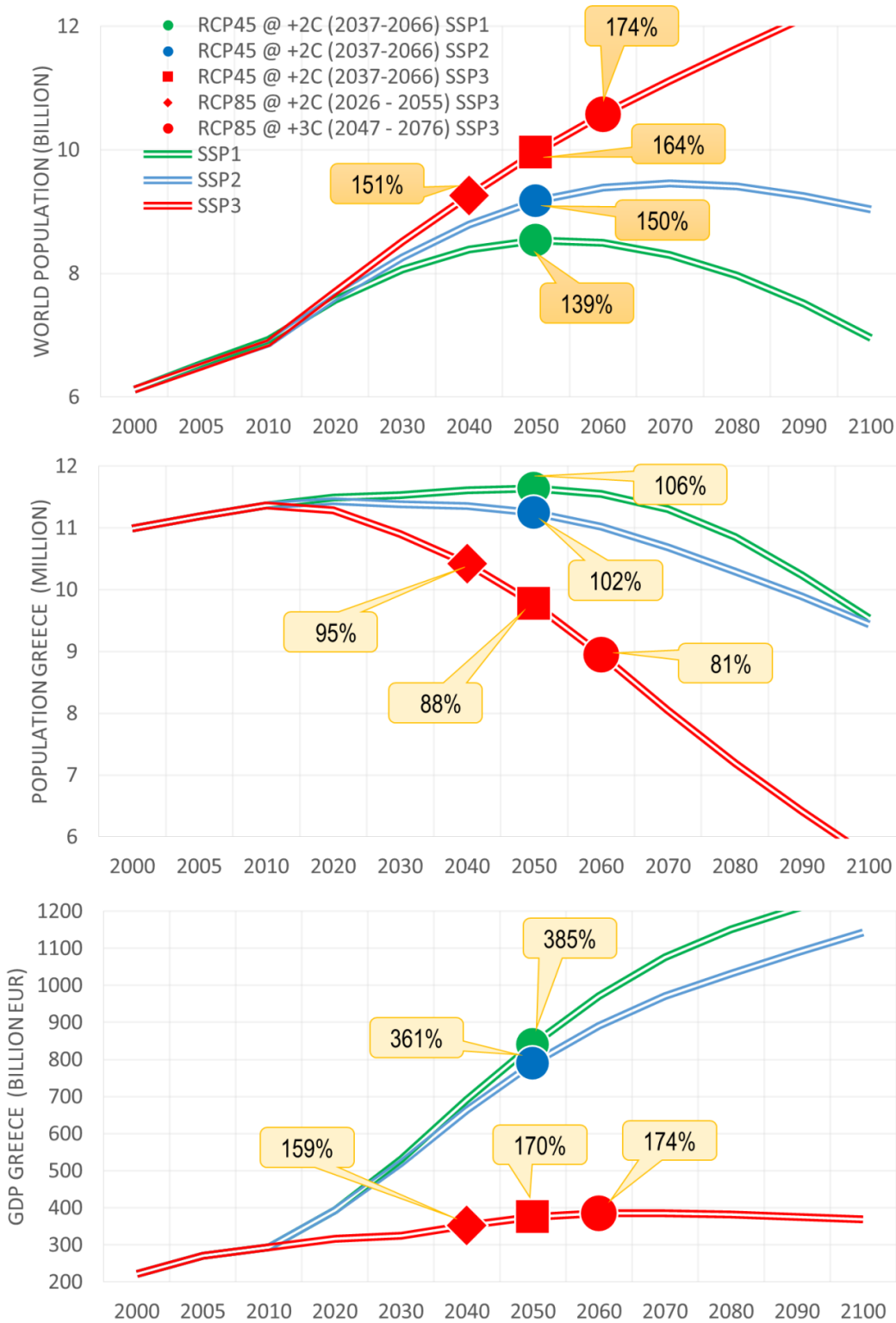
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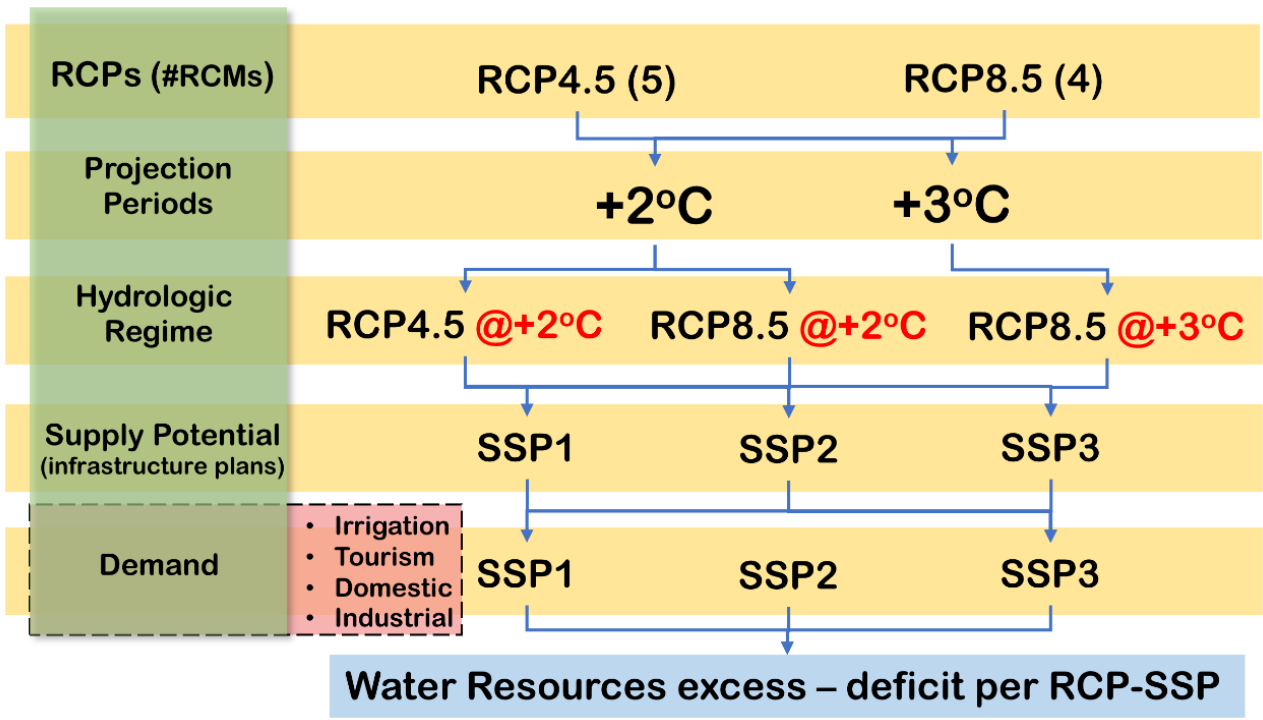
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1028 *Figure 1: Global population (top), population of Greece (middle) and GDP of Greece*
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 1030 *value of population and GDP for each investigated scenario.*



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1032 *Figure 2: Framework of a cross – sectoral climate change impact study of 2 °C and 3 °C*
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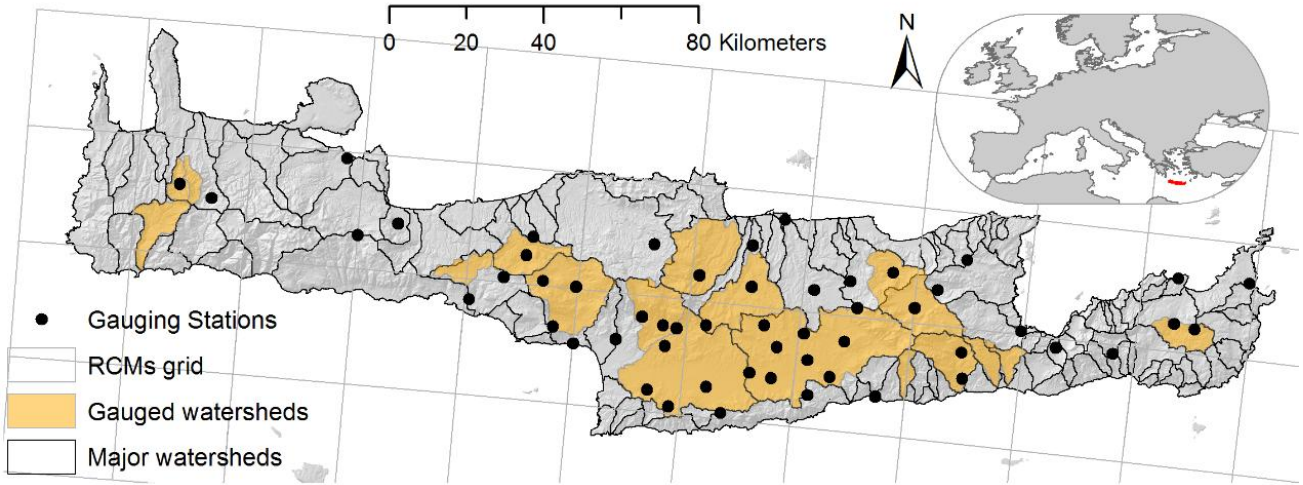
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1044 *Figure 3: Location of Crete Island, precipitation gauging network, major watersheds*
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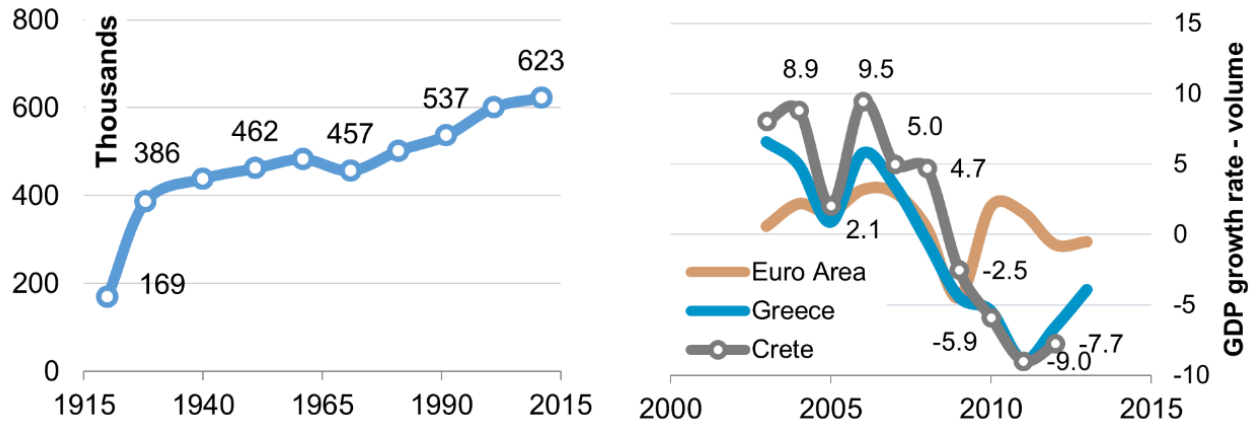
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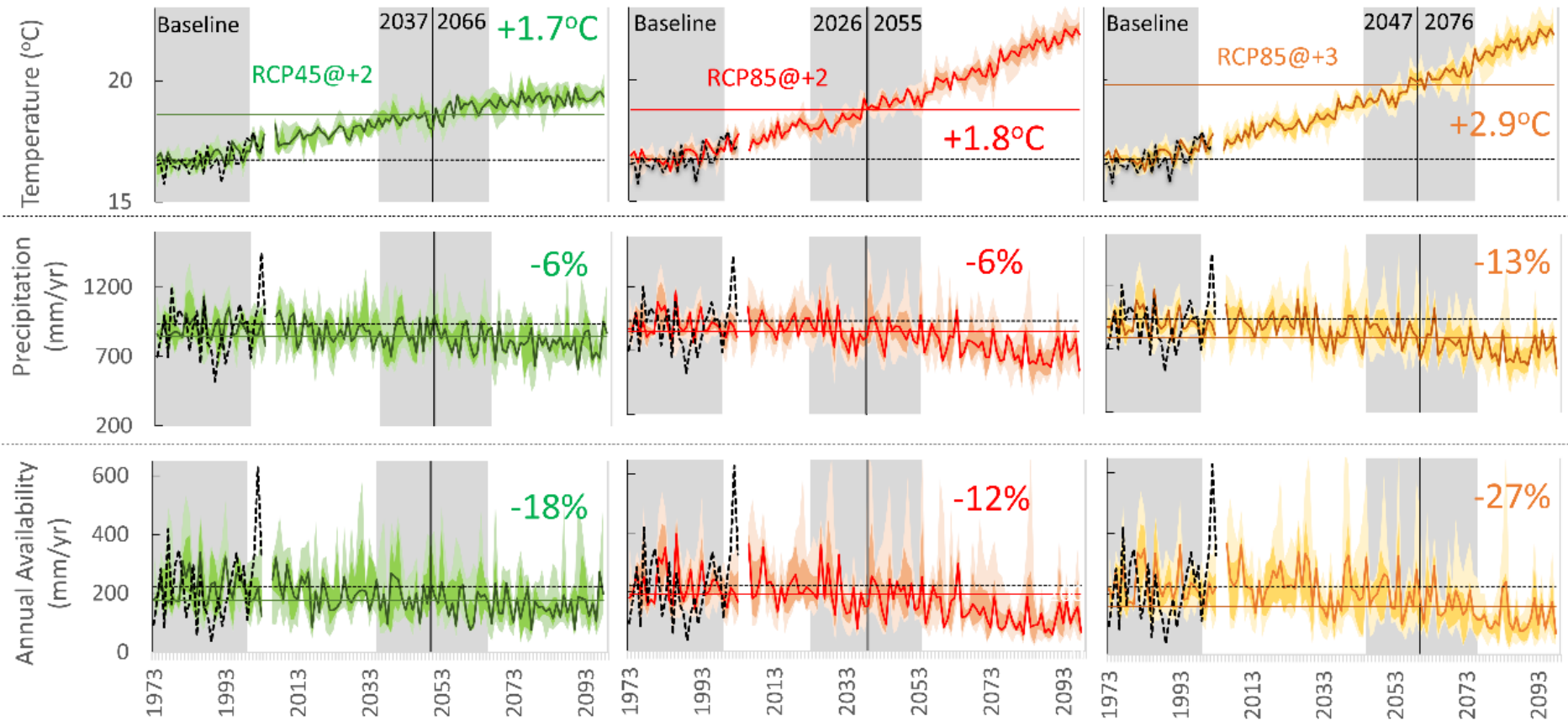


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 1059 *Figure 4: left: Population of the Region of Crete (RoC) from 1920 to 2011. Source (HSA,*
 1060 *2015¹); right Real GDP growth rate - volume - Percentage change on previous year” for*
 1061 *the Euro Area, Greece and Crete (Source: EUROSTAT, 2015²; HSA, 2015).*

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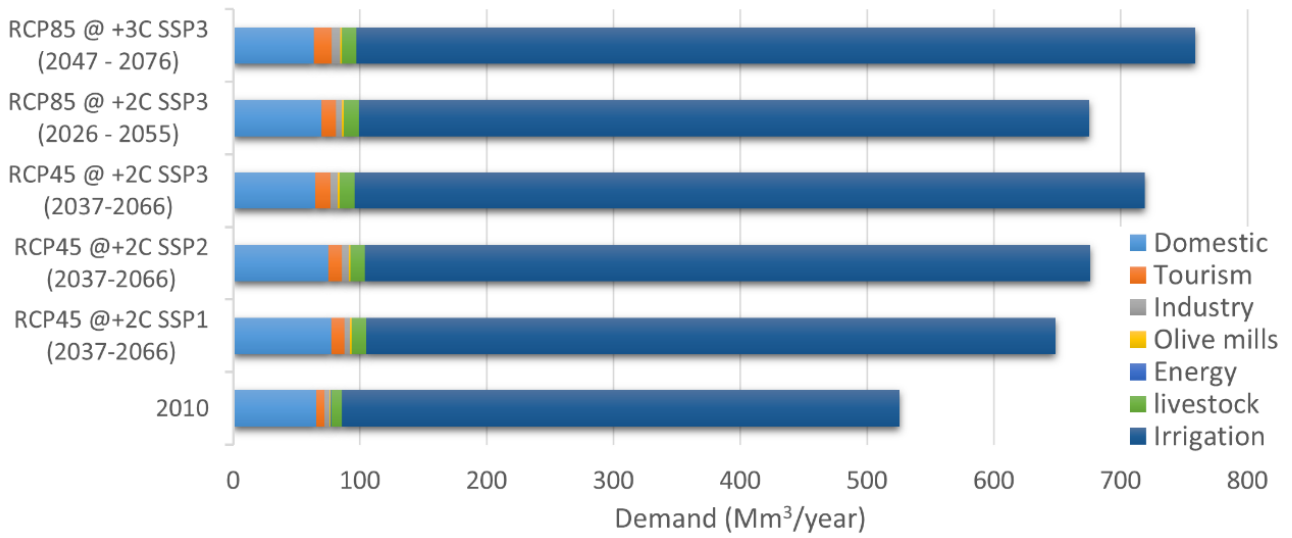
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1074 *Figure 5: Transient response of temperature, precipitation and water availability at local scale (Crete) according to RCP4.5*
 1075 *and RCP8.5. The strong dashed line represent local observations, colored line correspond to the multi-model median, the*
 1076 *strong shaded envelope to the interquartile range and the light shaded envelope to the 5th to 95th percentile range.*

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1081 *Figure 6: Total and sectorial water demand for present and future scenarios.*

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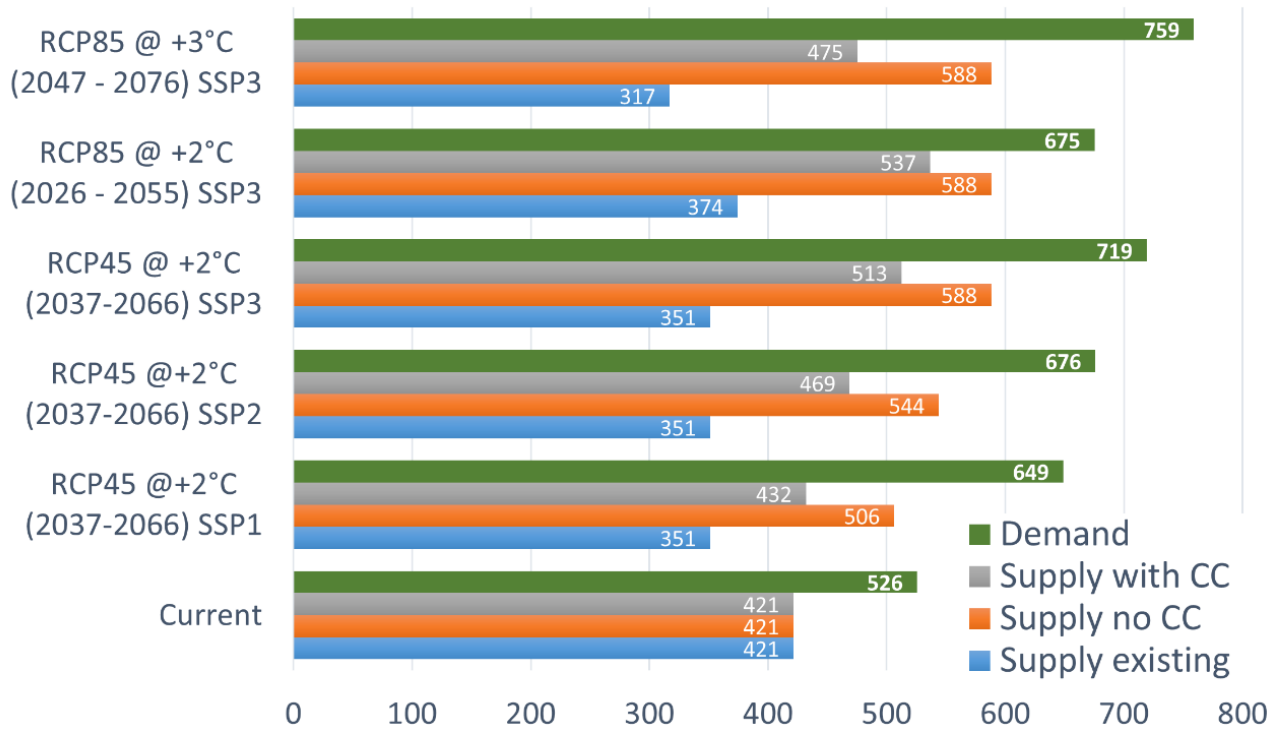
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1091 *Figure 7: Water resources demand, supply under existing infrastructure including the*
 1092 *effect of climate change, supply potential according to infrastructure implementation*
 1093 *for each SSP without the effect of climate change (no CC) and with CC.*

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7 APPENDIX

Table A1: Estimation of current and projected livestock water consumption (Papagrigoriou et al., 2001).

	Daily consumption lt/day	Number of animals			Water demand Mm ³ /yr							
		1985-1991	2000	2009	1985-1991	2000	2009	RCP4.5 @+2 °C SSP1 (2037-2066)	RCP4.5 @+2 °C SSP2 (2037-2066)	RCP4.5 @ +2 °C SSP3 (2037-2066)	RCP8.5 @ +2 °C SSP3 (2026 - 2055)	RCP8.5 @ +3 °C SSP3 (2047 - 2076)
Equidae*	20	13273	2,339	983	0.10	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Bovinae**	60	1856	2,207	2403	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.10
Caprinae*	100	57320	61,220	46738	2.09	2.23	1.71	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.61	1.29
Sheeps**	7	1258254	1,498,377	1877680	3.21	3.83	4.80	7.01	7.01	7.01	7.01	7.01
Goats**	7	545449	627,258	632523	1.39	1.60	1.62	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36
Rabbits*	3	769479	405,971	294925	0.84	0.44	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.31	0.24
Poultry**	0.3	1219732	1,430,662	1818466	0.13	0.16	0.20	0.29	0.31	0.34	0.32	0.37
		TOTAL			7.81	8.33	8.70	11.45	11.47	11.51	11.70	11.38

* For equidae, caprinae and rabbits a decreasing rate (affected only by the evaporation climatic factor) was adopted due to limited production trends affected by imports of lower prices.

** For bovine, sheeps, goats and poultry, the increasing rate of global population of each SSP is adopted as a demand driver along with a climatic index of potential evaporation change (increase) according to the livestock watering method.

Table A2: Crop water demand, extend of cultivation types and irrigated areas (Papagrighoriou et al., 2001)

Cultivation type	Irrigation needs (m ³ /ha/yr)	Area (ha)	Irrigated (ha)
Vineyards	3,000-3,500	27,665	10,912
Arable land	7,000	27,236	7,856
Olive trees	2,500	178,401	68,949
Horticultural	4,500	10,910	10,032
Greenhouses	6,500	2,286	2285.2
Orchards	5,000	7,748	6,910

