

## **README file for “Heavy snow”**

### **Version**

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### **Description**

NetCDF files containing data related to annual probability of heavy snow in Europe under present and projected future climates. Probabilities are shown as multi-model means based on the simulations performed with the following climate models: SMHI-RCA4-CanESM2, SMHI-RCA4-NorESM1, SMHI-RCA4-IPSL-CM5A-MR, KNMI-RACMO22E-EC-EARTH, KNMI-RACMO22E-HadGEM2-ES and MPI-CSC-REMO2009-MPI-ESM-LR. For the period 1981–2010, the probabilities are also derived from the E-OBS dataset. The probabilities are expressed in percents in the variable “risk”. The probabilities are provided separately for two different thresholds, the heavy snow amount exceeding 6 and 25 cm day<sup>-1</sup>. For the future periods, information about statistical significance of the difference in the projected probability compared to the period 1971–2000 is also provided in the variable “sig”. If the projected future probability differs from the historical probability at the 5% level according to the Wilcoxon signed-rank test, the variable “sig” is given a value 1, otherwise it is given a value 0.

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### **List of files**

- e-obs\_heavysnow06\_1981-2010.nc contains the annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 5 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 1981–2010 as derived from the E-OBS dataset data.
- e-obs\_heavysnow25\_1981-2010.nc contains the annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 25 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 1981–2010 as derived from the E-OBS dataset data.
- multi-model\_heavysnow06\_historical\_1971-2000.nc contains the multi-model mean annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 5 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 1971–2000.

- multi-model\_heavysnow06\_rcp45\_2021-2050.nc contains the multi-model mean annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 5 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 2021–2050 under the RCP4.5 scenario.
- multi-model\_heavysnow06\_rcp85\_2021-2050.nc contains the multi-model mean annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 5 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 2021–2050 under the RCP8.5 scenario.
- multi-model\_heavysnow06\_rcp45\_2071-2100.nc contains the multi-model mean annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 5 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 2071–2100 under the RCP4.5 scenario.
- multi-model\_heavysnow06\_rcp85\_2071-2100.nc contains the multi-model mean annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 5 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 2071–2100 under the RCP8.5 scenario.
- multi-model\_heavysnow25\_historical\_1971-2000.nc contains the multi-model mean annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 25 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 1971–2000.
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- multi-model\_heavysnow25\_rcp85\_2071-2100.nc contains the multi-model mean annual probability (in percents) that heavy snow exceeds 25 cm day<sup>-1</sup> during 2071–2100 under the RCP8.5 scenario.

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