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### DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN ROMANIA

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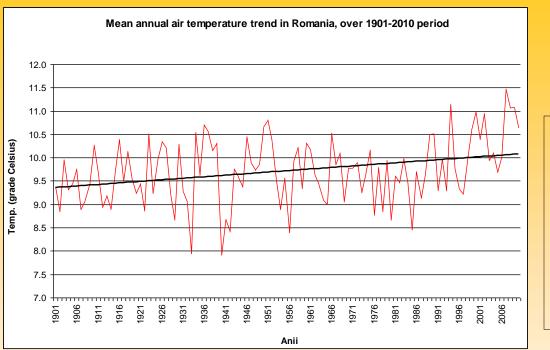
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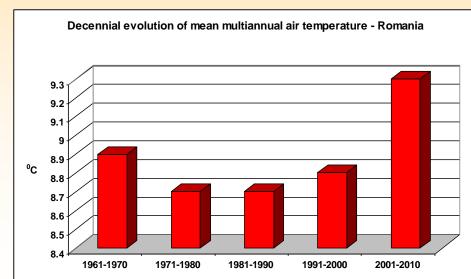
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#### **AGROCLIMATIC CONDITION IN ROMANIA IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**





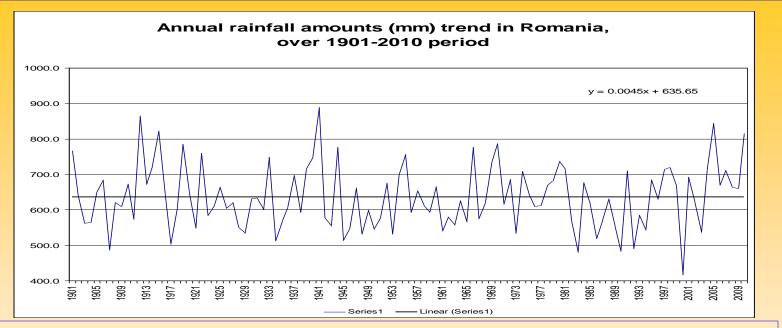
#### Annual air temperature trend in Romania, over 1901-2010 period

▶ In ROMANIA, the mean annual air temperature rose by 0,6°C in the last 100 years. The evolution by decades of the mean multiannual air temperature over the 1961-2010 period show that the air temperature rose by 0,4...0,6°C in the 2001-2010 interval in comparison with every decade. The increasing trend is obvious especialy begining with 1971.

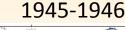
	Mean air temperature (°C)
1961-1970	8.9 /+0.4 <sup>o</sup> C
1971-1980	8.7 /+0.6ºC
1981-1990	8.7 /+0.6ºC
1991-2000	8.8 /+0.5°C
2001-2010	9.3

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#### Annual rainfall trend in Romania, over 1901-2010 period

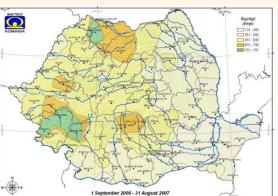


As regards precipitation, the 1901-2010 period highlighted a general decreasing trend in the annual precipitation amounts especially after 1961 year and a parallel enhance of the precipitation deficit in the South, South-East and East of the country.

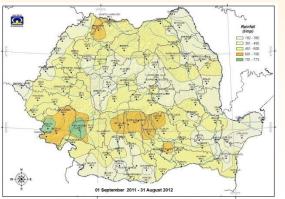




2006-2007



2011-2012



### Droughty/rainy years in Romania (1901-2010)

DECADE	XX-TH CENTURY		
DECADE	EXTREMELY DROUGHTY YEARS	EXTREMELY RAINY YEARS	
1901-1910	1907-1908	1910	
1911-1920	1917-1918	1911, 1912, 1915, 1919	
1921-1930	1923-1924, 1927-1928	1929	
1931-1940	1934-1935	1937, 1939, 1940	
1941-1950	<b>1945-1946</b> , 1947-1948, 1949-1950	1941, 1944, 1947	
1951-1960	1952-1953	1954, 1955, 1957, 1960	
1961-1970	1962-1963, 1964-1965	1969, 1970	
1971-1980	1973-1974, 1975-1976	1972, 1974, 1975, 1976	
1981-1990	1982-1983, 1985-1986, 1987-1988	1981, 1990	
1991-2000	1992-1993, 1997-1998, 1999-2000	1991, 1997	
	XXI-ST CENTURY		
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	<b>2006-2007,</b> 2008-2009		
2011-2020	2011-2012		

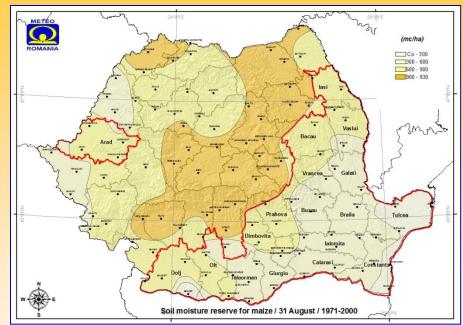
Since 1901 until now, Romania has seen in every decade one to four extremely droughty/rainy years, an increasing number of droughts being more and more apparent after 1981

### Soil moisture reserve in Romania (1971-2000)

#### 31 July / Maize

31 August / Maize





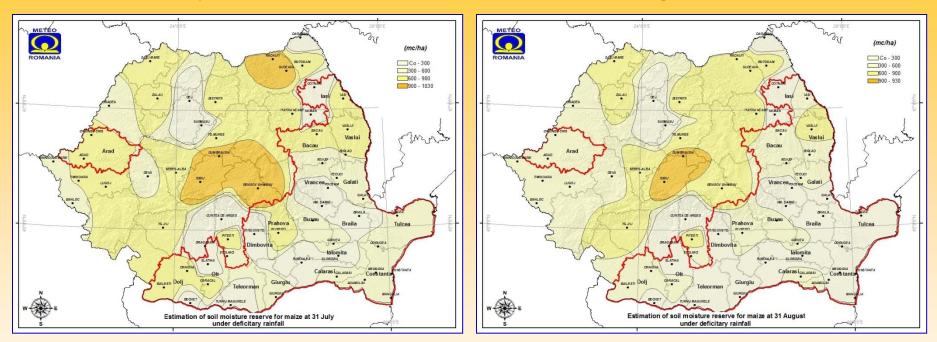
	Soil moisture classes	
<300 mc/ha	Extreme pedological drought	
300 – 600 mc/ha	Severe pedological drought	
600 – 900 mc/ha	Moderate pedological drought	
900 – 1200 mc/ha	Satisfactory supply	

The southern, south-eastern and eastern part of Romania are the most vulnerable areas to extreme and severe pedological drought.

# Estimations of the soil moisture reserve in Romania, in the context of predictable climate change

31 July / Maize

31 August / Maize



In the conditions in which the climatic scenarios estimate a decrease of the annual precipitation amounts (10-20%), it is expected that the intensity of pedological drought phenomena increased in the most vulnerable areas already known today, respectively the south, south-east and east of Romania. In the areas limited by the red line, the pedological drought will reach the highest intensity values (extreme/Co-300 m<sup>3</sup>/ha and severe/600-900 m<sup>3</sup>/ha).

### NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION

#### http://www.meteoromania.ro

 $\Rightarrow$  NMA is the national authority in the meteorological field in Romania, with a continuous service since 1884 and operates under the authority of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECC).

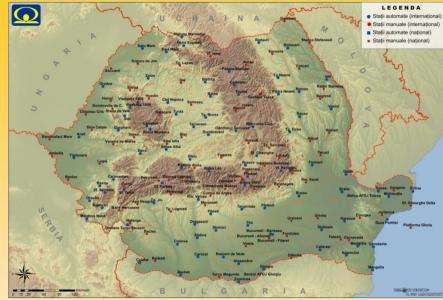
⇒ The National Meteorological Observation Network within the NMA is made up of **7** Regional Meteorological Centres / RMC.

### $\Rightarrow$ Meteorological profile:

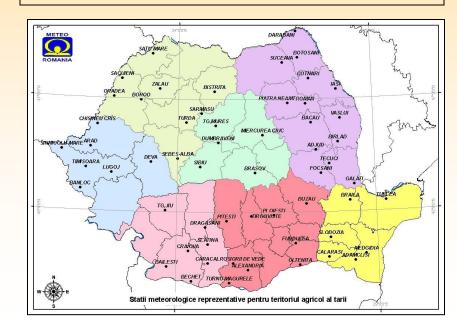
- Synoptic and climatological observations and measurements: 159 stations
- Number of automatic weather stations (MAWS): 126
- Agrometeorological observations and measurements stations: 55
- Radar network: 8 radars (5 C-band and 3 S-band Doppler radars)
- Pluviometric observations and measurements: 67 stations.
- $\Rightarrow$  NMA participates to the international meteorological data exchange with:
  - 23 stations in RBSN (Regional Basic Synoptic Network), and
  - 14 stations in RBCN (Regional Basic Climatological Network).



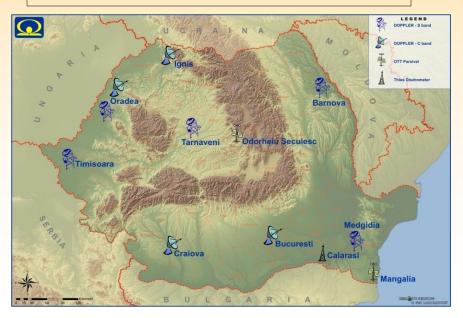
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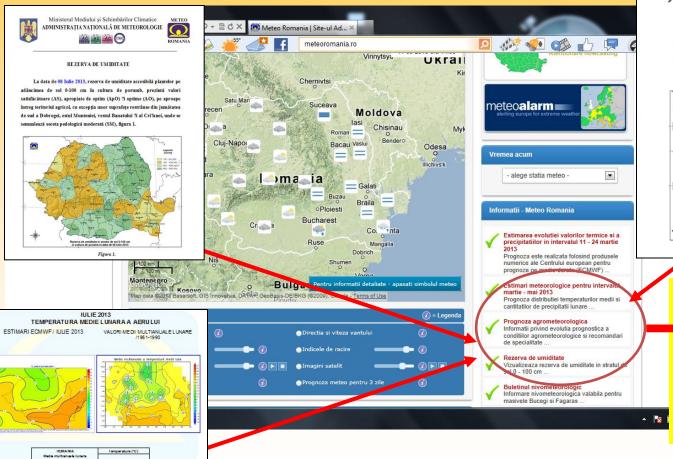
#### Agrometeorological measurements network



#### Radar network



### DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION http://www.meteoromania.ro



(1981-1998)

19.2

#### INFORMARE privind intensitatea fenomenului de secetă în România - 2012

La data de 29 Octombrie 2012, pe adâncimea de sol 0-20 cm (ogor), se înregistrează valori scăzute și deosebit de scăzute, seceta pedologică fiind moderată (SM) și izolat puternică (SP) și extremă (SE), în majoritatea regiunilor agricole. În Banat, cea mai mare parte a Crișanei, Transilvaniei, estul Maramureșului, nordul Olteniei, nord-vestul Munteniei, aprovizionarea cu apă a solului se situează în limite satisfacioare (AS) și local apropiate de optim (ApO), figura 1.



- Notes on the evolution of drought

- Agrometeorological forecasts
- Soil moisture information
  - Seasonal forecasts

### Design a specialized agro-meteorological bulletin / regional and local level RESULTS: Agrometeorological information and warnings disseminated on mobile phone



### DROUGHT INDICATORS / agrometeorological operational and research activities

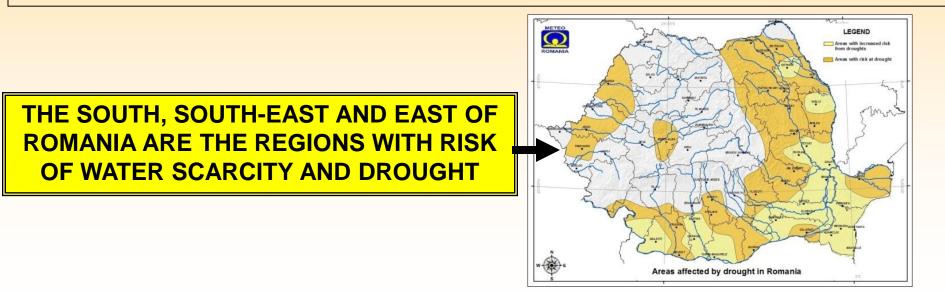
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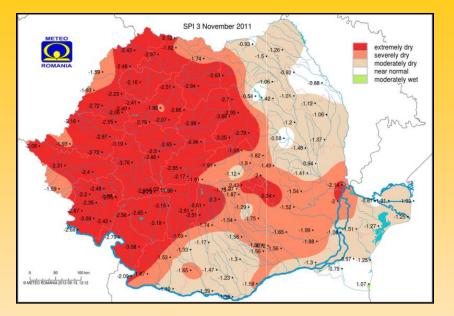
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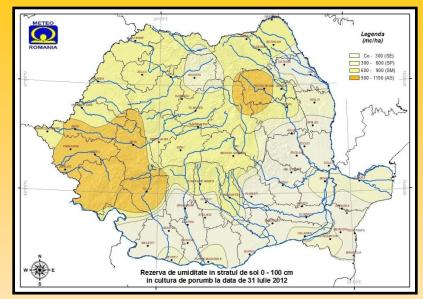
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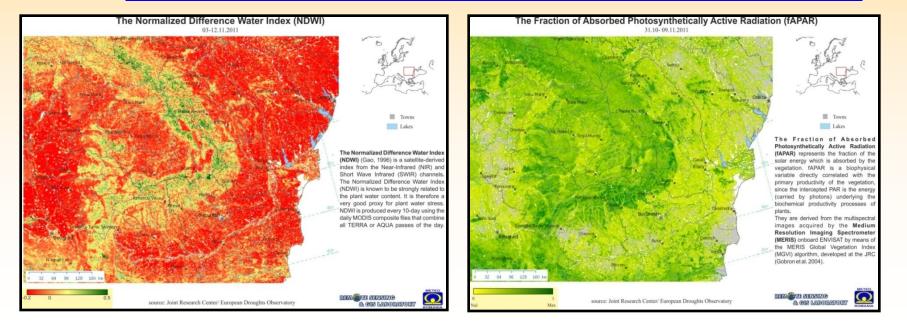
#### SPI / November 2011



#### Soil Moisture Reserve / 31 July 2012



#### **Drought indicators based on satellite-derived products**



## NATIONAL DROUGHT MANAGEMENT POLICY

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

1. National Committee to Combat Drought, Land Degradation and Desertification, which is a consultative body (approved in 2004 and updated in 2013).

- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- 1. Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change (2008)

### Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development http://www.madr.ro

 $\Rightarrow$ The Romanian Government is assisted in taking decisions on drought, land degradation and desertification issues by the interdisciplinary National Committee to Combat Drought, Land Degradation and Desertification, which is a consultative body. This Committee is coordinated by The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

 $\Rightarrow$  Strategy of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in irrigation sector has the following main objectives:

1. Rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure belonging to the public domain of the State on the area of approx. 823 thousands hectares, economically viable

2. Changing power solution for 3 irrigation systems with the surface of approx. 56 thousands ha, which are currently fueling from Siret and Prut powered from magistral channel Siret – Bărăgan

3. Fitting of the area of approximately 425 thousands ha, to be arranged with irrigation works in areas adjacent of the magistral channel Siret – Bărăgan, powered from the magistral channel Siret - Bărăgan.

National Strategy to Combat Drought, Land Degradation and Desertification (elaborated in 2008) must be updated and approved by Romanian Government.



### Ministry of Environment and Climate Change http://www.mmediu.ro

 $\Rightarrow$  *The National Climate Change Strategy (2013-2020)* addresses two main components: the reduction in the concentration of greenhouse gases (Mitigation) and the adaptation to climate change (Adaptation), which is under approval by Romanian Government.

- On the Adaptation component were identified 13 sectors vulnerable to climate change: Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Tourism, Public Health, Construction and Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Resources, Forestry, Energy, Biodiversity, Insurance, Recreation, Education.

- In this context, the integration of the adaptation in the sectorial strategies will help to have a comprehensive approach and select appropriate measures for the direct and indirect effects of climate change (including drought and floods).

 $\Rightarrow$  MECC and the National Meteorological Administration work together tightly to consolidate the technical and institutional capacity of NMA and also to facilitate the access to the structural funds of the European Union during the next accounting interval, over the years 2014 to 2020.



### **FUTURE STEPS /drought monitoring and early warning system**

 $\Rightarrow$  The need to improve national drought monitoring and management policies with the goal of improving preparedness and reducing drought impacts will be based on two main topics:

1) Monitoring and prediction which should contribute to a broad early warning system;

2) Mapping and assessing the impact of droughts, promote adaptation of best practices, and develop infrastructure for irrigation based on scientific knowledge (climatic data, soil and crops data).

Thematic drought maps will illustrate the most vulnerable areas to drought and water deficit at different spatial and temporal scales, including also the impacts on agriculture, forest, water supply and energy and environment. In order to choose the best decision it is needed a more detailed description of current situation regarding the current conditions and forecast of limitative conditions (water deficit and drought) in order to elaborate the disaster management plan in timely manner. In this way the farmer and not only may get benefit by the complex analyses and advisories to mitigate the effects of limitative conditions.

⇒ By continuing the modernization and development of national meteorological system components is essential to ensure permanent interoperability with the European and international systems and other specialized institutions in this field. Thank you!

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