Climate Change Mitigation, Organic Agriculture and Human Health: Status Quo and New Data

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Global land and ocean temperature anomalies, 1880 to 2016

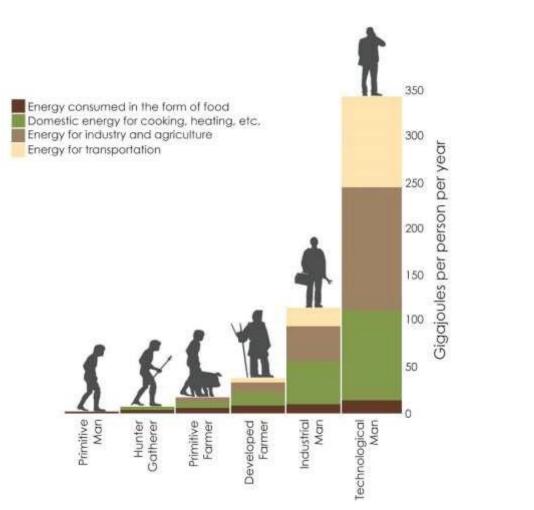


Degrees Celsius, based on average temperature for the 20th century

Climate change mitigation in the Mediterranean, the Interreg MED COMPOSE project and IPCC

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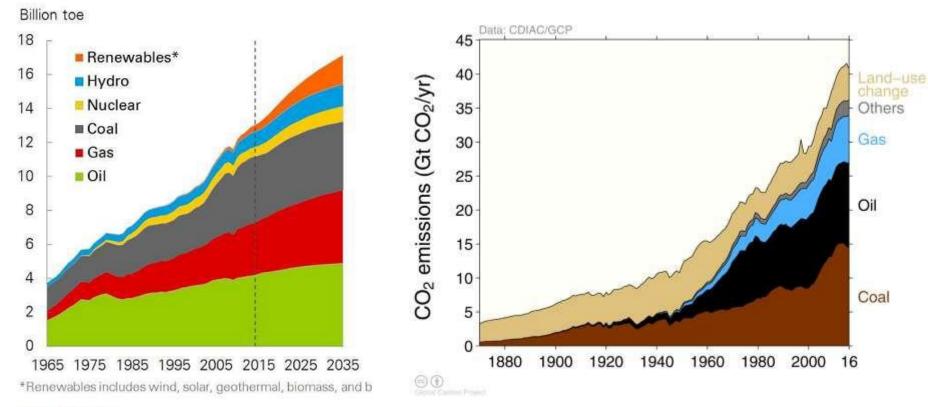
LIFESTYLE TODAY IS HIGLY ENERGY CONSUMING



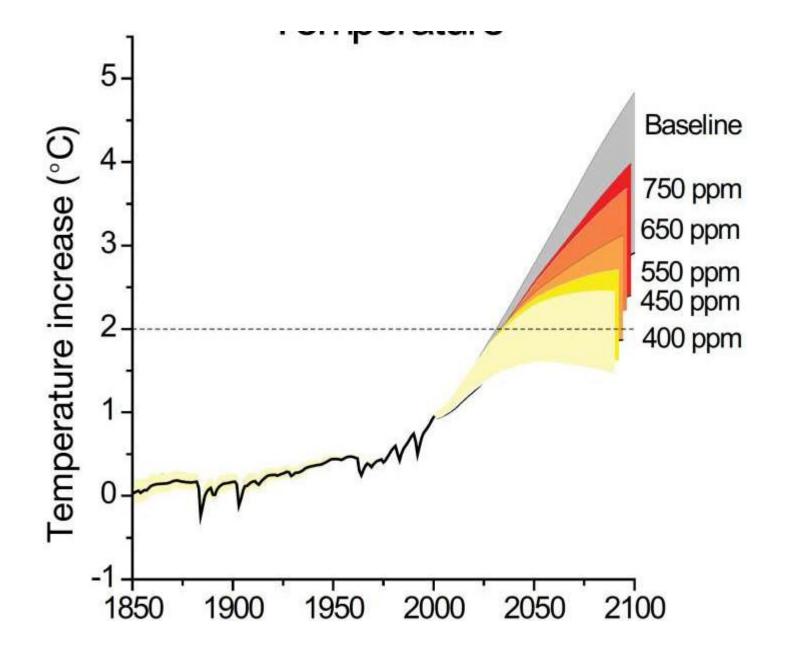
One person energy need

≈ 1GigaJ per day

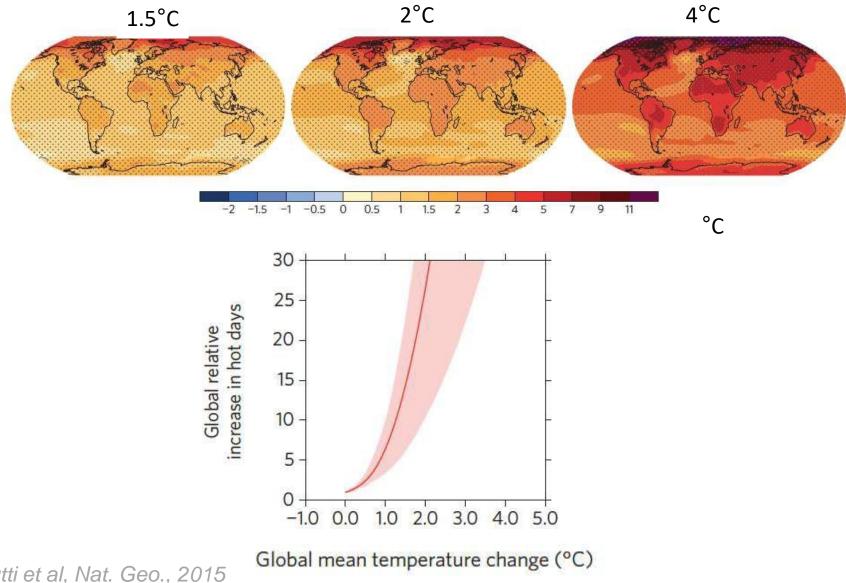
Primary energy consumption and total global emissions are increasing



2017 Energy Outlook

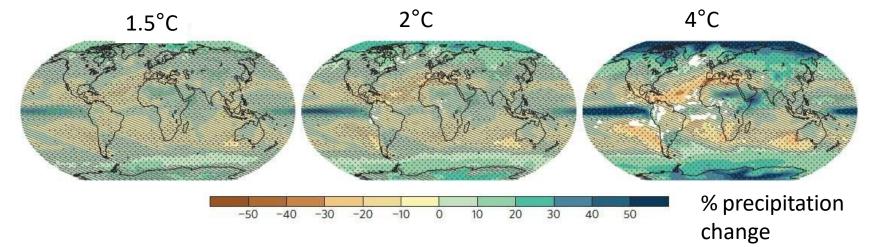


Regional aspects of surface warming



Knutti et al, Nat. Geo., 2015

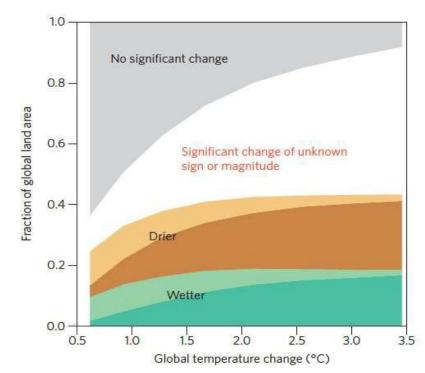
Regional aspects of precipitation change



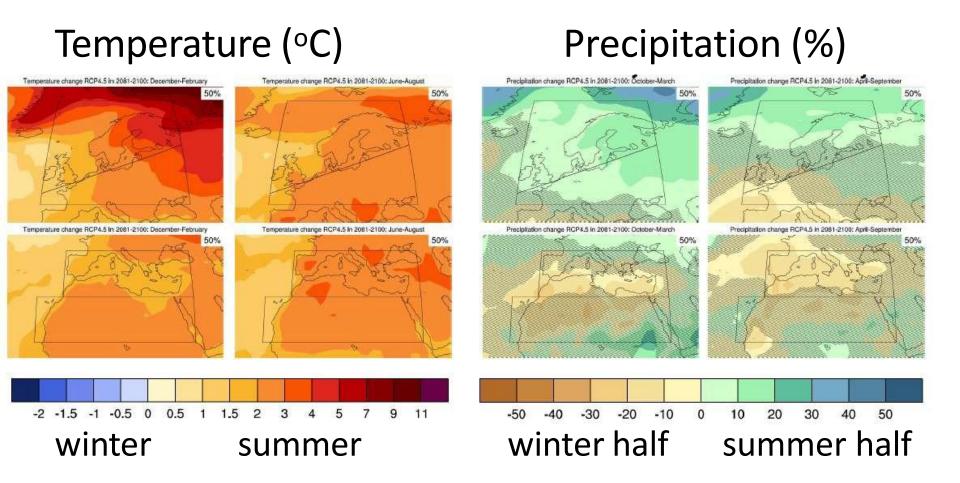
Water cycle change :

- for 50% of world's population at +2°C
- for 40% of land surface at +3°C

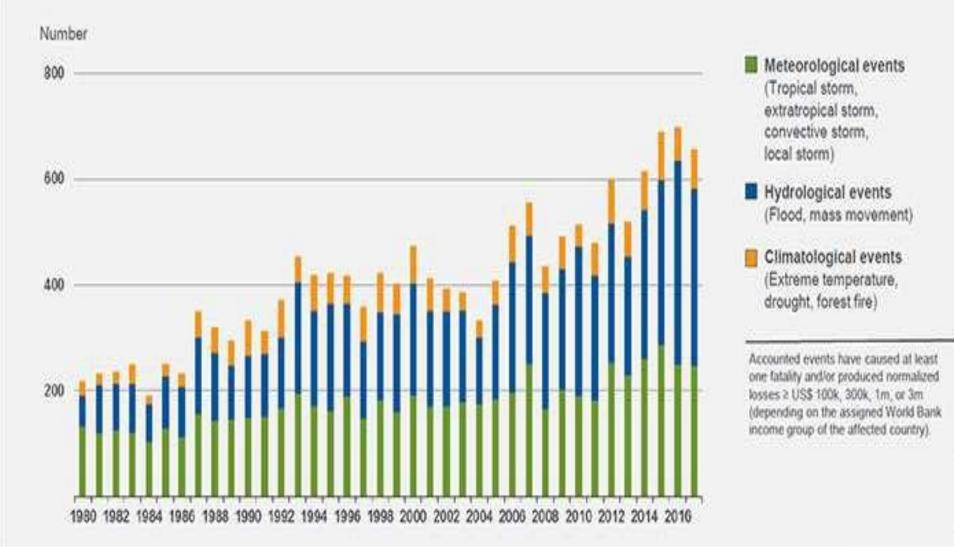
Sedlacek and Knutti, 2014; Knutti et al, Nat. Geo., 2015



Projections Europe (RCP4.5) 2081-2100 versus 1986-2005



Number of world natural catastrophes 1980-2017

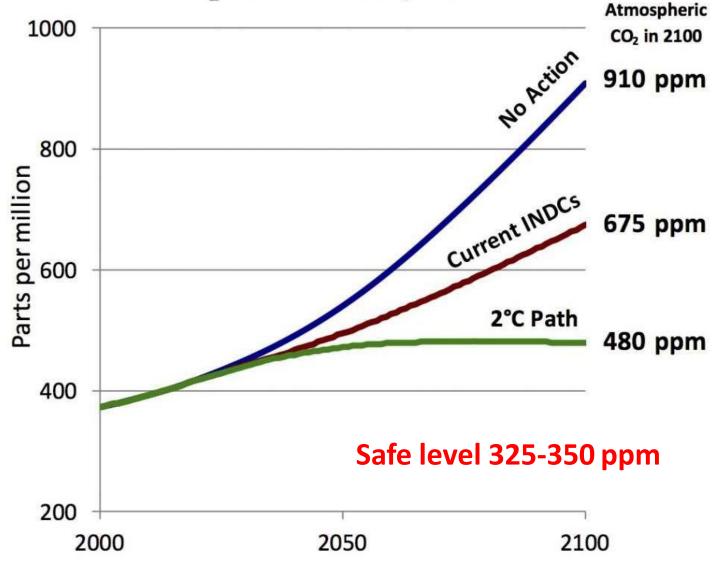


Paris agreement takes effect in 2020

But the world IS NOT on track

- Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) would lead to will lead to a warming of 2.8 °C, current government policies still lead to a warming of 3.6°C
- INDCs are totaly incompatible with 2°C objective
- 1.5°C temperature increase could be reached even before 2025

CO₂ in the Atmosphere



Climate Interactive for ClimateProgress, 2015 | ClimateScoreboard.org

1.5°C in the Paris Agreement

- Paris Agreement included the aim to hold the increase in the global temperature to well below 2 °C and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above preindustrial levels.
- New science outlines how the risks and impacts of climate change increase between 1.5°C and 2°C.

- 1.5 has become a big number in the climate change discourse. It is the goal we want to achieve.
- This year, the IPCC will publish the latest research on a world that is 1.5 degrees warmer.
- what we know about what will happen to our planet when it reaches
 1.5 degrees of warming



HELLO HOT WEATHER

It has already increased fivefold and will continue to grow. With 1.5° increase it will double (Erich Fischer)

BYE CORAL REEFS

From 2050 onwards, all of the reefs are at risk with a 1.5° increase. Bleaching becomes more and more a threat.





SEA RISING

The 10 to 20 cm of sea-level rise expected by 2050 will "more than double the frequency of extreme water-level events in the Tropics"

DISSAPEARING FORESTS

"Tens of millions of trees have died in the Rocky Mountains over the past 15 years, victims of a climate-driven triple assault of tree-killing insects, wildfires, and stress from heat and drought."



PUBLIC HEALTH AT RISK

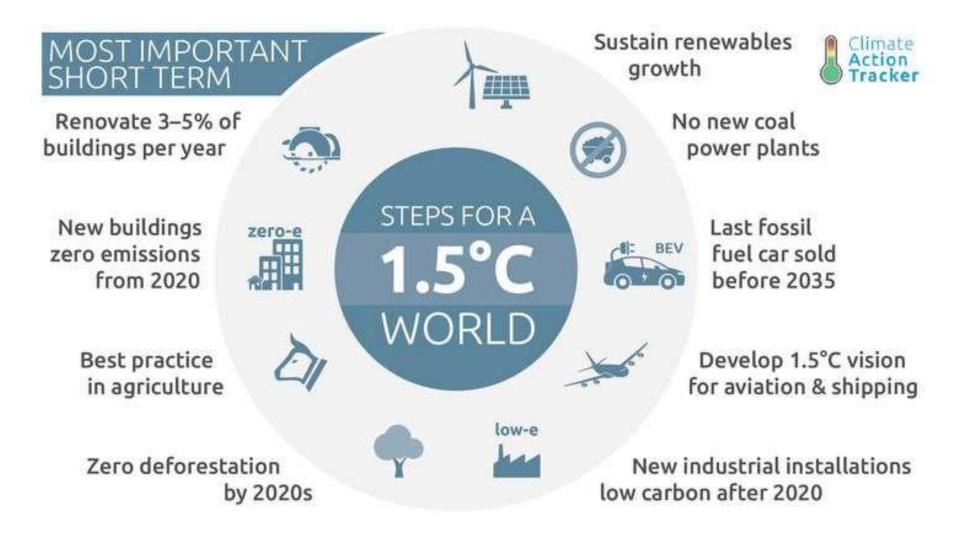
Increased air pollution, a longer and more intense allergy season, the spread of insect-borne diseases are some of the serious risks of climate change.

Risks and impacts of climate change increase between 1.5°C and 2°C

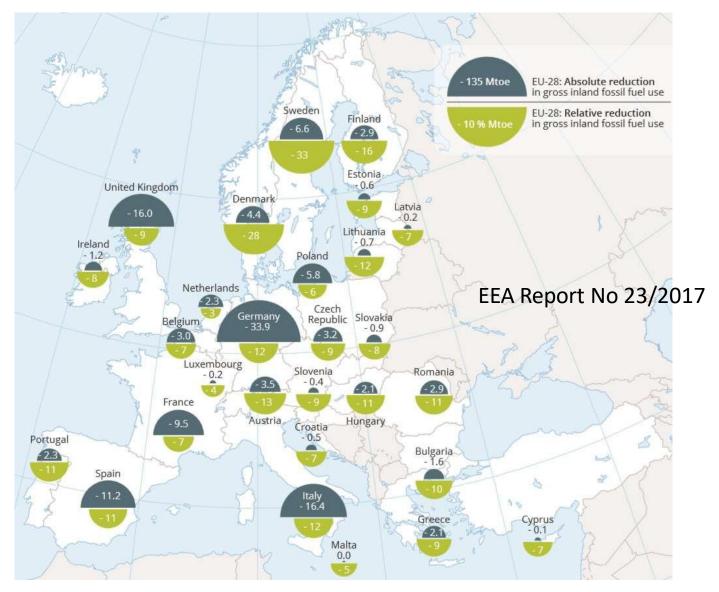
- For a global average T rise of 1.5 °C, 16% of the world's population in 2050 (1.5 billion people) will have moderate-to-high levels of risk in two or more of the water, energy, and food and environment sectors.
- At 2 °C this figure nearly doubles to 29% of global population,
- whilst at 3 °C of warming it rises to half the population, or 4.6 billion people.

How we can limit global warming to 1.5°C

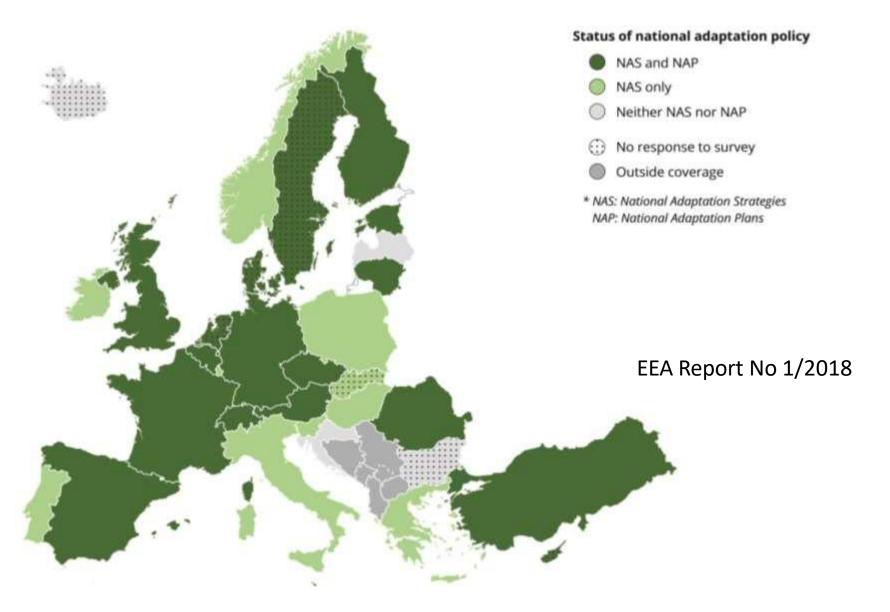
The most important things to do in the next 5 to 10 years



Total and relative reduction in gross inland fossil fuel use (per year, in 2015)



Status of national adaptation policy



Adaptation + Mitigation Synergies

Adaptation Mitigation Green Forest protection **Energy Efficiency** Infrastructure Land use changes, Renewable energy **Distributed Energy** Relocation **Resilient Urban Transport** Combined heat & power Infrastructure & **Building design** Water & Energy Sustainable transportation Conservation Flood mitigation Methane capture and use Building Emergency Response Weatherization Industrial process **Business Continuity plans** improvements Low-input agriculture Community engagement Carbon sinks

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If we are serious about "saving the planet", then this will require a fundamental rethinking in economy model

- Reduction of resource consumption
- Management that emphasize optimization, not maximization
- Behavioural changes

A good practise example

COMPOSE, Rural COMmunities engaged with POSitive Energy

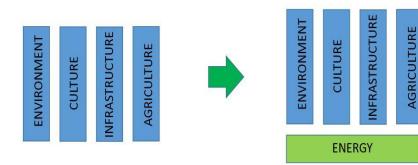


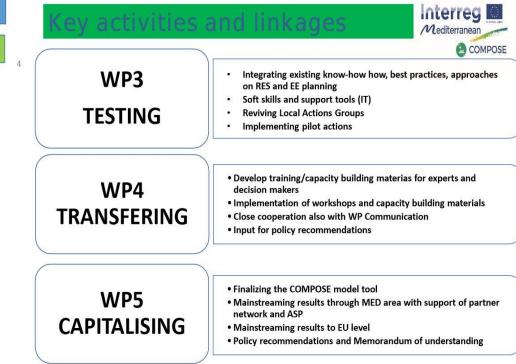
Purpose and objectives



PURPOSE of the COMPOSE project is to contribute to more RES and EE measures being used in development planning by awareness raising, education, capacity building and demonstration, contributing to the shift from perceiving energy management not as sector but rather as an horizontal principle every project should be tested for.

From energy sector and energy policies to energy consciousness.





Dutputs and results



- 1. COMPOSE planning tool holistic&simple development planning support tool for experts in development planning (irrespective of the sector)
- 2. TRANSFERABILITY PLAN approach on how to best transfer project results to MED area and beyond
- MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING signed by stakeholders at decision making level, demonstrating viability and use value of the COMPOSE approach



