The South-East European Climate Outlook Forum (SEECOF)

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SEECOF target area

19 countries in Southeast Europe, Middle East and South Caucasus regions + Jordan and Ukraine joining most recently
**Brief history**

Process launched in 2008 in collaboration with the WMO RA VI WG on Climate-related Matters and in parallel to the implementation of the WMO RA VI RCC-Network

Target seasons: summer and winter

SEECOF-1: June 2008 … … SEECOF-12: November 2014

SEECOF largely benefitted from two subsequent projects of the European Commission Directorate General for Enlargement (2009-2013)

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**Governance, technical support and scientific background**

SEECOF process hosted and maintained by the Southeast European Virtual Climate Change Centre hosted by RHMS, Serbia, in close collaboration with Member countries in the sub region, and beyond

Great assistance by RA VI RCC-Network and GPCs in RA VI (ECMWF, Exeter, Moscow and Toulouse)

Study on climate variability and predictability over SEE regions
Key elements of the SEECOF mechanism (1)

SEECOF focus: Seasonal outlooks with occasional sessions on Climate Change issues
Provision of Training (CPT, GPC and RCC products, LRF, Climate Watch etc.)
User dialogue
Close collaboration with MedCOF, PRESANORD and North Eurasian COF (NEACOF)

Three step approach:

(1) Qualitative verification of previous SEECOF outlook
(2) Assessment of the current state of the climate, including large-scale climate patterns and its likely evolution
(3) Building the consensus statement

Key elements of the SEECOF mechanism (2)

Implementation of a combination of
- Online COFs (SEECOF-3, 5, 7, 9, 11 …), and
- Face-to-face COF meetings (SEECOF-1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 …)

Implementation of a SEECOF Website including a Web forum facility (www.seevccc.rs/forum):
- Conduct online COFs
- Facilitate preparation of physical COFs by collecting and displaying relevant data and products
- Facilitate online discussions
- Facilitate user interaction
- Provision of archival services.
Thank you for your attention

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