



CEOS WGClimate Update on ECV Inventory

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Review and assess, on behalf of CEOS, the generation of Fundamental Climate Data Records (FCDRs) and derived Essential Climate Variable (ECV) climate products supported by Member space agencies, complementary with existing entities and roles,

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Undertake an analysis, of the extent to which the current status of production of satellite climate records meets the GCOS requirements, including an analysis of the consistency of definitions of ECVs

Why do we need a Climate Monitoring Architecture?



Main "needs/usage scenarios" have emerged for a climate monitoring architecture:

- Assist in promotion of a common understanding of the implementation implications of meeting the various space-related climate monitoring requirements (e.g. from GCOS)
- To support an assessment of the degree to which the currently implemented systems meet the requirements (and the generation of an action plan to address identified shortfalls/gaps/duplication)
- To improve our understanding of the end-to-end information flows and dependencies (i.e. from sensing through to decision-making)

Joint activity CEOS, CGMS, WMO



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- GEO
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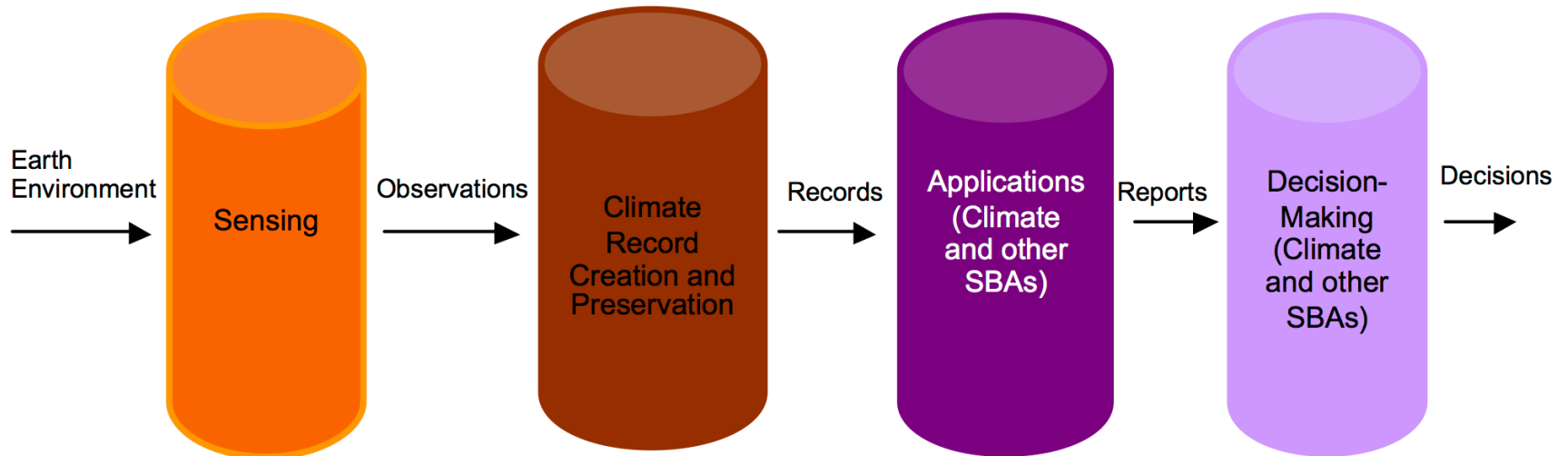
Strategy Report on a Climate Monitoring Architecture



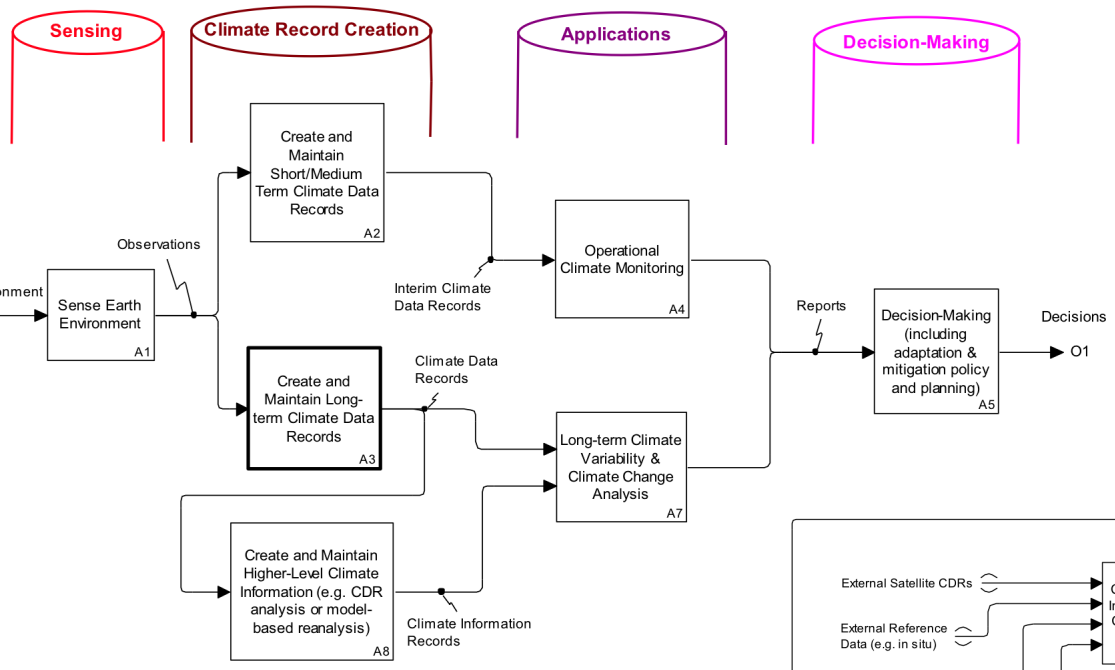
- 1. Executive Summary and recommendations**
- 2. Introduction, Objectives & Targets**
- 3. Climate Monitoring Principles, Requirements & Guidelines**
- 4. State of the Art**
- 5. Beyond research to operations**
- 6. Climate Architecture definition**
- 7. Mechanisms for Interaction**
- 8. Roadmap for way forward**
- 9. Recommendations**

This strategy document is also seen as a foundations for the GFCS Monitoring and Observation Pillar

Architecture Pillars

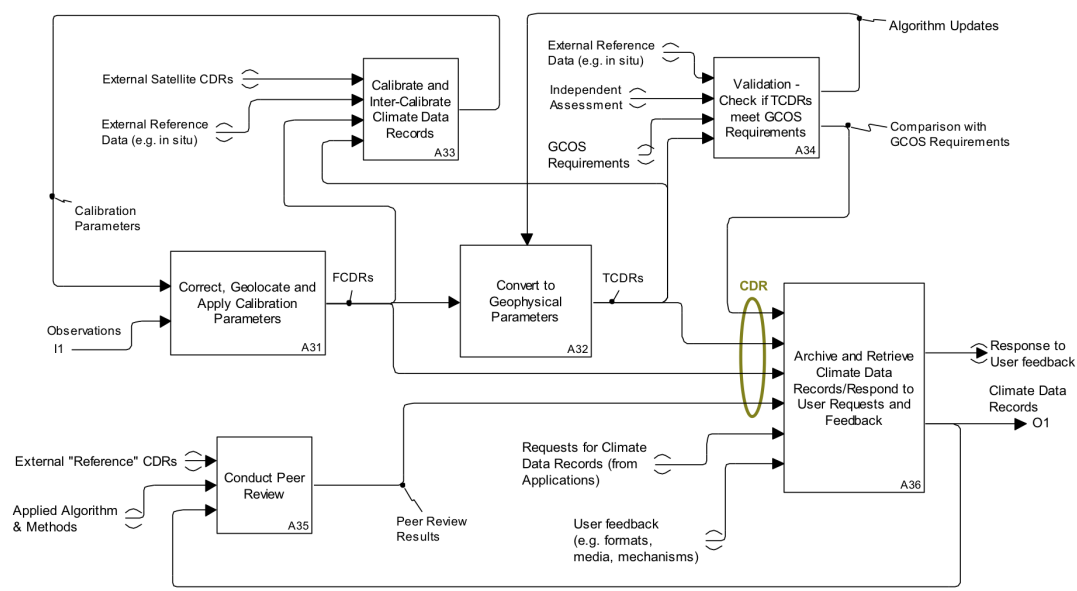


Logical representation



Traceable to GCOS Guidelines and GCOS Climate Monitoring Principles

Traceable from ECV Inventory and physical representation of Climate Monitoring Architecture



Way Forward



Define, Validate and Obtain
Consensus on Overall Approach



Current status



**Short-term
(within 2
years)**

Describe Current and Planned
Implementation Arrangements (ECV-by-
ECV) within the Physical Architecture



Use the Physical Architecture to Develop a
Coordinated Action Plan to Address
Identified Gaps/Shortfalls



**Medium-term
(2-4 years)**

ECV Inventory Questionnaire



- **Joint activity CEOS, CGMS and WMO**
- **Call released with CEOS MIM in May 2012, responses were due October 5th – extended to January 2013**
- **Questionnaire form – through a web interface.**
- **45 total questions based on 5 topics (General, Usage, Stewardship, Properties, Access).**
- **Many questions use menu selections (12 menus). Some example menus are: Agency, Project, ECV, Satellite, Data Format.**
- **Responses were requested at the dataset level**
- **Addresses both existing/past missions and future/planned mission in two separate questionnaires**
- **Each single entry takes on average 25 minutes to complete**





Essential Climate Variable (ECV) Inventory




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ECV Record Id	CDR_ECV04_7
Responder name	Rainer Hollmann
Responder email	rainer.hollmann@dwd.de
Data Set Identifier	Yes, new release of CM SAF (CM-05)
Responsible organization	EUMETSAT
International Coordination	yes SCOPE-CM
Assessment body	no
Quality control organization	no
Climate applications	cloud feedback, radiation budget
Essential Climate Variable (ECV)	Cloud amount
Collection organization	NOAA EUMETSAT
Calibration organization	NOAA
Intercalibration organization	NOAA
FCDR organization	NOAA
TCDR organization	EUMETSAT CM SAF (DWD, KNMI, SMHI)
GCOS Requirements Assessments organization	EUMETSAT CM SAF
Independent peer review organization	EUMETSAT Secretariat

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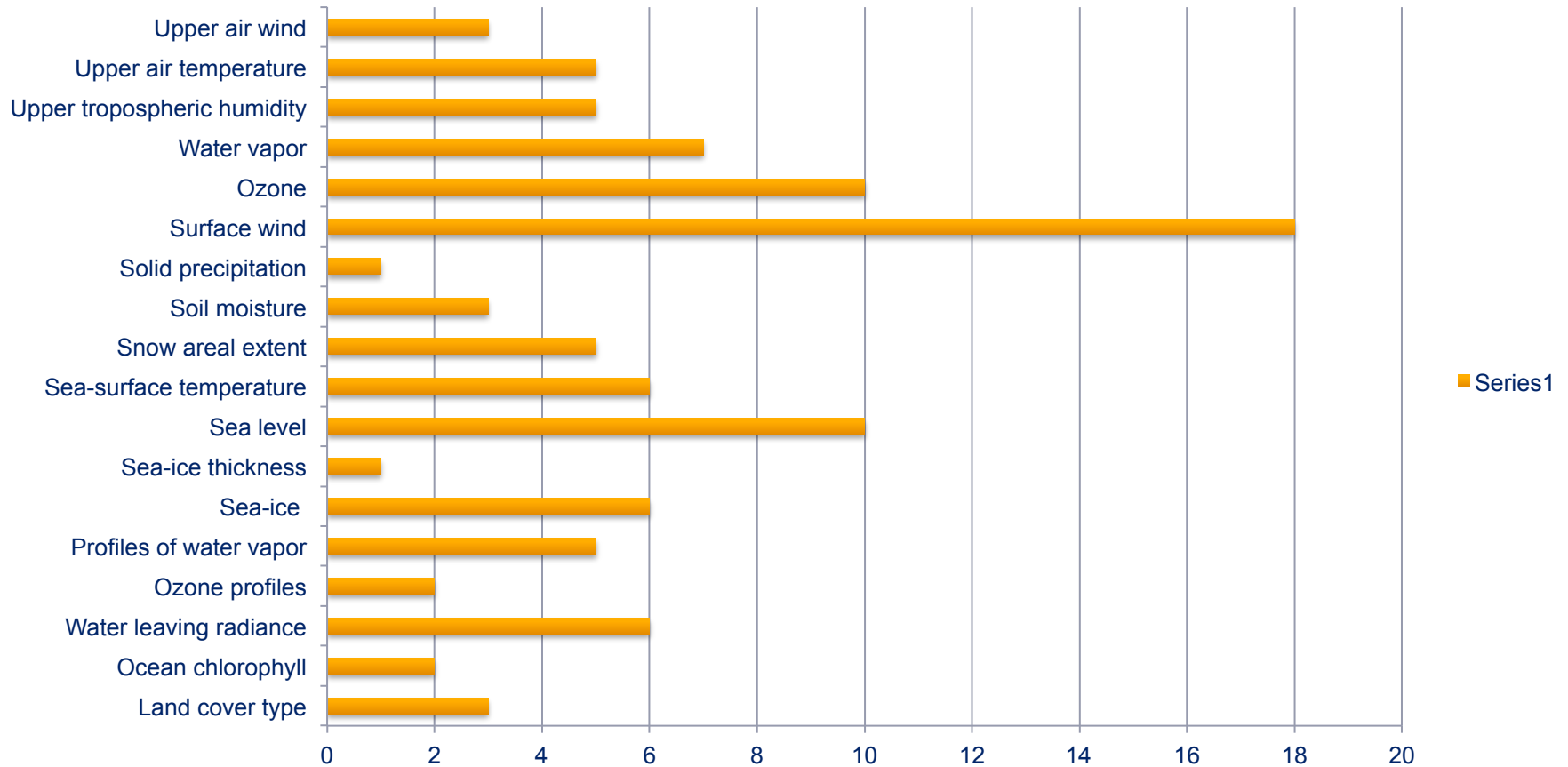
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ECV Inventory Statistics



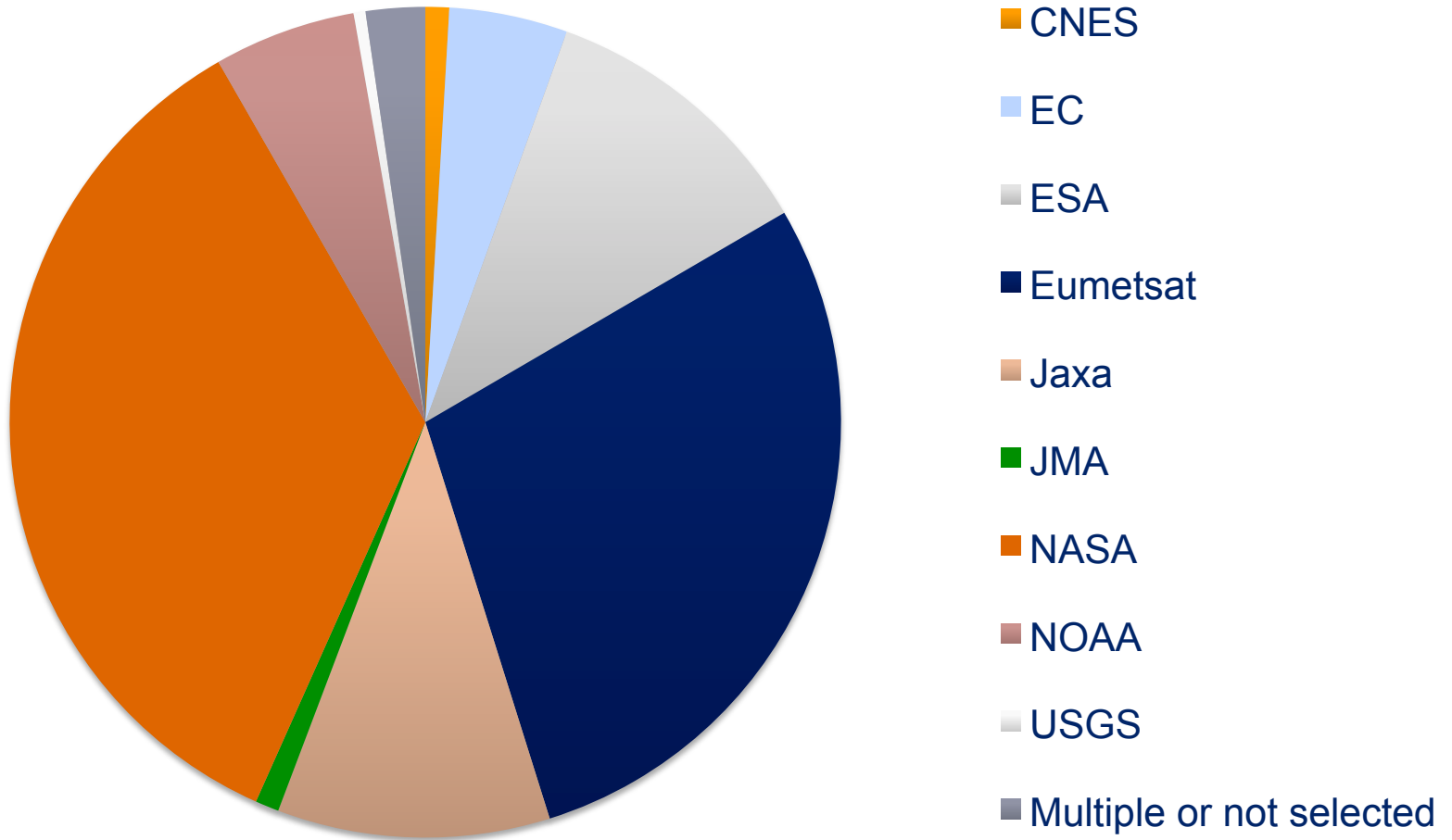
- Number of records per ECV, continued



ECV Inventory Statistics – Responsible Org

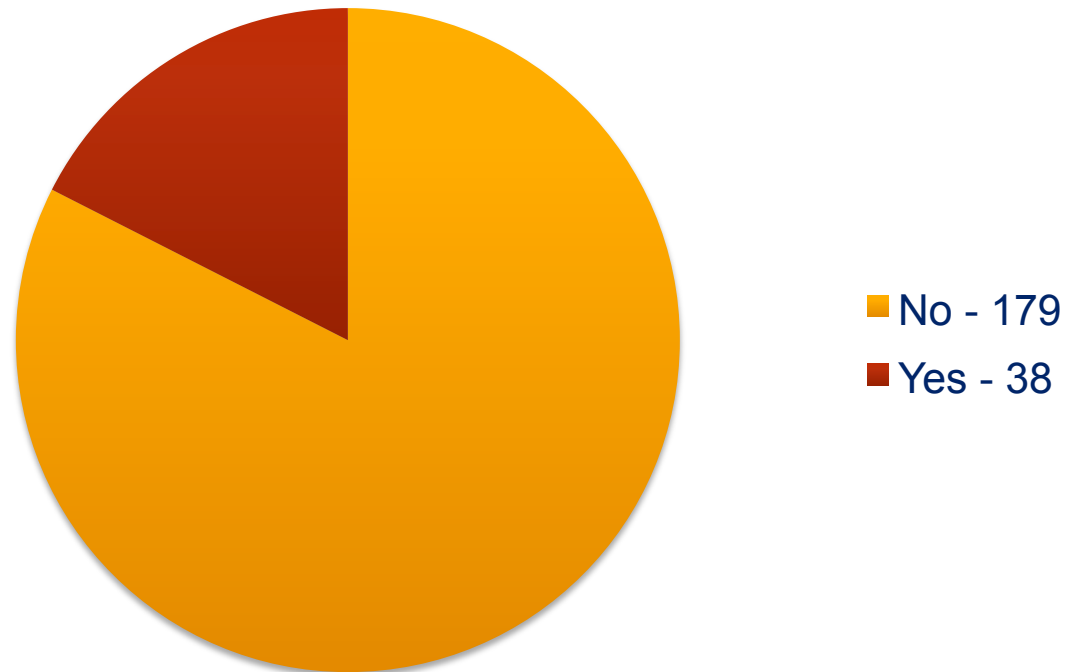


- Number of records per responsible organization





- Number of records that use an in-situ network for cal/val



ECV Inventory response received so far



- ~220 entries so far good representation across domains
- Much more response on past/current than on planned/future
- Potential for gap analysis to distinguish what is being observed but not used
- Initial quality control underway assessing completeness, consistency checks (incl. with MIM), domain experts broad overview

ECV Inventory data analysis - ideas



- Spatial temporal resolution vs. GCOS requirements check - - **justify our existence**
- Comparative gap analysis for ECV products and sensors - **missed opportunities**
- Histograms comparison of length of ECV timeseries for “operational” and “research” agencies - **myth buster**
- Shared responsibilities pre-launch cal, post-launch cal, validation – **stewardship**
- Cluster climate application field on GFCS Priorities & WCRP grand challenges - **justify our existence**

ECV Inventory data analysis - ideas contd.



- Identify number of agencies per ECV, comparison existing VCs – **missed opportunities**
- Number of citations of product references provided – **stewardship**
- Coverage analysis global vs. regional – **match making**
- Combining polar and geostationary missions: possible examples SST, precipitation, clouds, LST, albedo – **missed opportunities**
- Take two ECV products COVE analysis for intercalibration – **match making**

Links to WCRP/GCOS inventory initiatives



There is an opportunity to consider a central “database” of ECV product metadata

CEOS-CGMS-WMO maybe the the best “resourced” opportunity for this – **BUT** this should not negate the potential for multiple interfaces to this database

CEOS-CGMS-WMO Inventory needs to:

- Verify consistency of GCOS/WCRP questionnaire with ECV Inventory
- Evaluate feasibility of extending to in-situ data – This would then have to be vetted by CEOS and CGMS plenaries
- On in-situ ultimately CEOS-CGMS-WMO could provide the infrastructure/database but GCOS/WCRP Panels & WMO would be responsible for soliciting insitu contributions (i.e. handholding)