

DATA SET DESCRIPTION

Gridded monthly mean near-surface (2 m) air temperature for Europe (project DecReg/MiKlip)

Version v002

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INTENT OF THE DATASET

This describes the freely available data of the DWD Climate Data Centre which were produced by project DecReg/MiKlip. The aim was to generate a dataset for validation of decadal regional climate prediction.

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Spatial coverage	Europe (CORDEX domain)
Temporal coverage	01.01.2001 - 31.12.2010
Spatial resolution	0.044 degree, i.e., approximately 5 km x 5 km
Temporal resolution	monthly
Projection	rotated regular grid, virtual North Pole at 39.25 N, 162.00 W (rotated coordinates)
Format(s)	netCDF
Parameters	Mean air temperature [K] at 2m above ground is given in the files named tas_*.nc
Uncertainties	Interpolation uncertainty is estimated by means of the kriging variance and regression uncertainties (see Brinckmann et al., 2015). Resulting inter-quartile ranges (IQR) are provided in separate files named tasIQR_*.nc. Depending on region and season the 1-sigma standard deviation varies between 0.3 and 1.8 °C (estimated using the 5 % and 95 % quantile of all gridded IQR data in 2010).

DATA ORIGIN

Origin of the used station data is the MIRAKEL database of the Deutscher Wetterdienst (SYNOP), supplemented by station data from the European Climate Assessment and Dataset (ECA&D). We acknowledge the data providers in the ECA&D project (Klein Tank, A.M.G. and Coauthors, 2002; Data and metadata available at <http://www.ecad.eu>).

VALIDATION AND UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATE

See Brinckmann et al., 2015.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR APPLICATIONS

See Brinckmann et al., 2015.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The topography used can be downloaded at https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/help/DECREG_elevation_0.044.nc.gz

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