

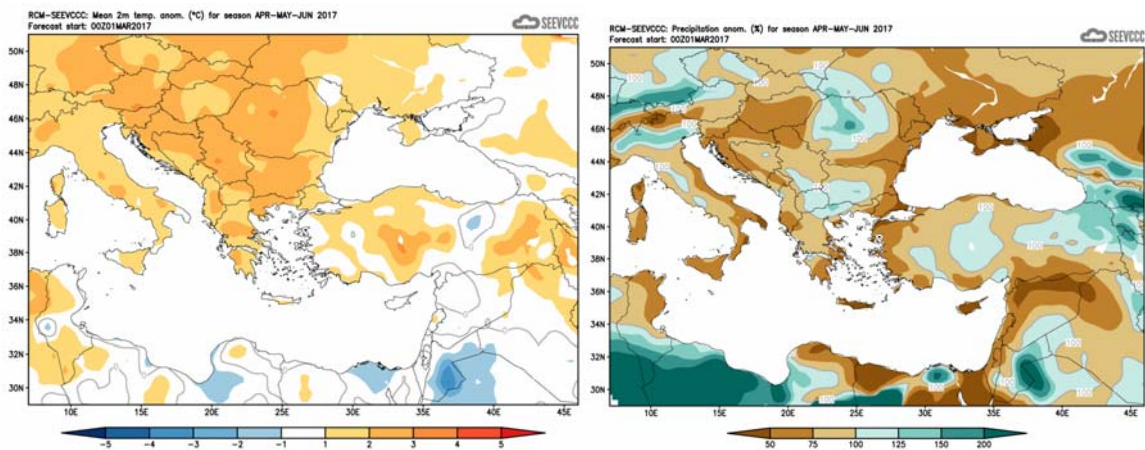
Seasonal weather forecast for the months of

April, May and June 2017

General over view of the weather expected to prevail for April, May and June.

The weather for the following three months period, namely **April, May and June 2017**, will be presented, with respect to the anomalies of temperature, and accumulated precipitation. In general the normal temperatures (both maximum and minimum), are on the rise. The accumulated precipitation starts declining, since barometric systems over the area resulting in from dynamic causes, are not frequent and are getting progressively rare during the period in focus. The period of the following three months is likely to be characterized from thermal instability, with outbreaks of thunderstorms, initiated from dynamic (rarely) and/or thermal (mainly) causes, mainly during afternoon hours. Dust episodes are also likely during the first two month as of the period. From historical data **April** contributes only with a couple of snow days to the total snow day's number of the hydrological year.

Specifically, regarding the seasonal forecast for the period **April, May and June 2017**, the temperature will be generally normal (normal temperature characterizes the coastal areas of the surrounding eastern Mediterranean). The amount of the accumulated precipitation over Cyprus is expected to range generally below 50% of normal.

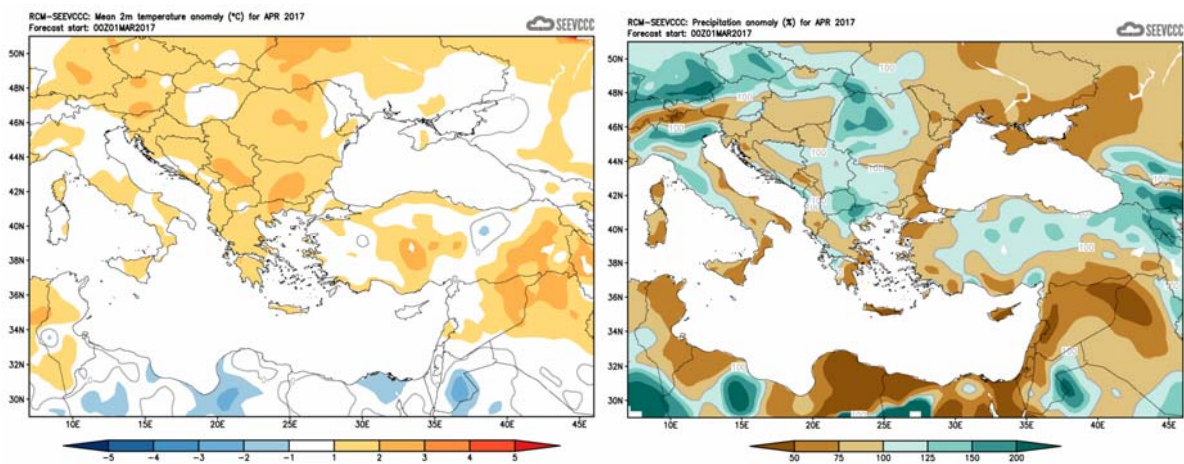


Divergence of temperature from normal from the mean seasonal temperature (°C) for April, May and June

Percentage (%) of the mean seasonal accumulated precipitation compared to the mean normal for April, May and June

April

The seasonal forecast suggests that **April's** temperature will be generally normal. Normal to slightly above normal temperature characterizes all the surrounding area. Regarding the accumulated precipitation Cyprus is expected to be again in a dry zone extending from the Southern Balkans towards Near and Middle East. Thus the accumulated precipitation is expected to range below 50% over the most areas of the island except the northern part that will range between 50% and 75%.

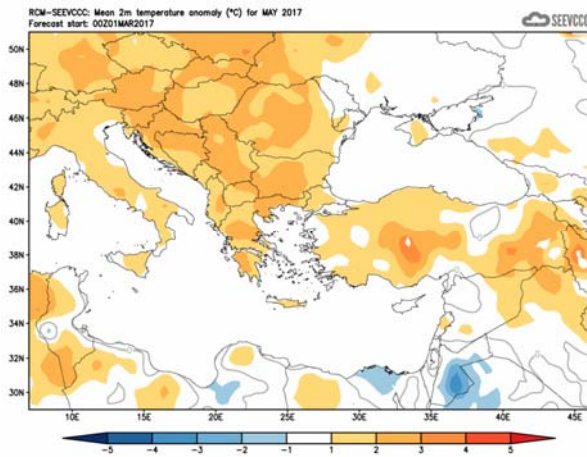


Divergence of the mean monthly temperature (°C)
from normal during April

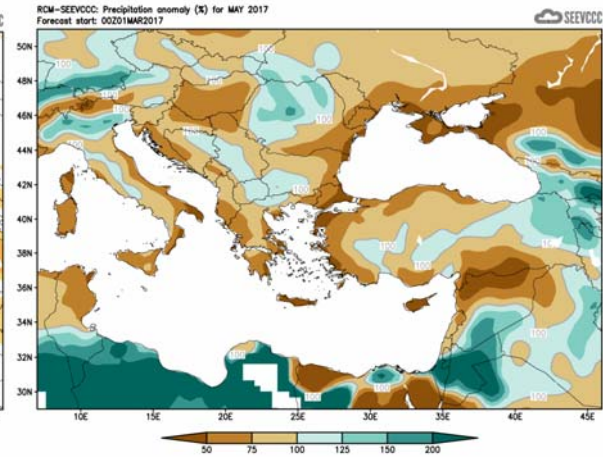
Percentage of the mean monthly precipitation (%)
compared with the normal of April

May

The seasonal forecast suggests that **May's** temperature will be generally normal and normal to slightly above normal over the surrounding area. Regarding the accumulated precipitation Cyprus is expected to be again in a dry zone extending from the Southern Balkans towards Near and Middle East. So the accumulated precipitation is expected to range again below 50% over the entire island.



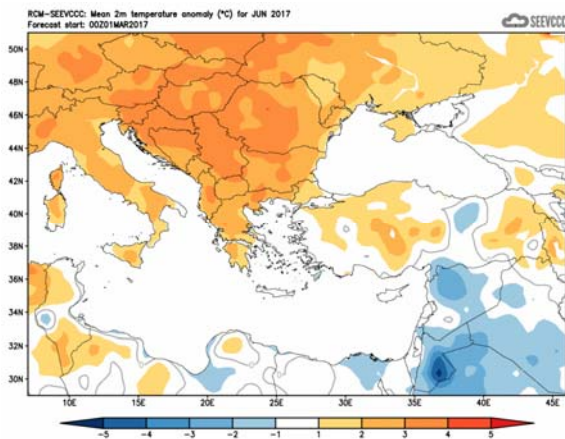
Divergence of the mean monthly temperature (°C) from normal during May



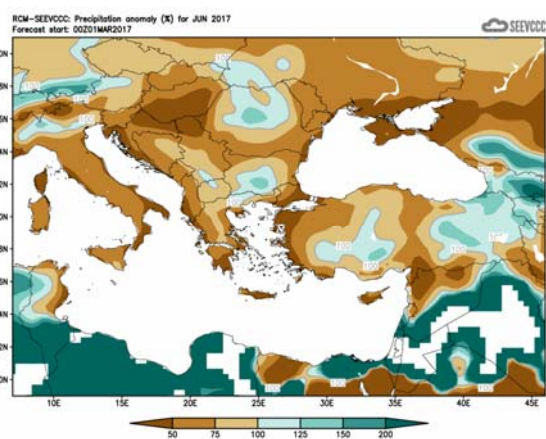
Percentage of the mean monthly precipitation (%) compared with the normal of May

June

The seasonal forecast suggests that **June's** temperature will be generally normal. Regarding the accumulated precipitation Cyprus is expected to be again dry with the accumulated precipitation below 50% over the most areas of the island except the northern part that will range between 50% and 75%.



Divergence of the mean monthly temperature (°C) from normal during June



Percentage of the mean monthly precipitation (%) compared with the normal of June

Normal values of temperature and accumulated precipitation for April, May and June

The normal values of mean maximum, mean minimum temperature and accumulated precipitation are presented below concerning the three months of the period of forecast is covering, in order to gain a better view of the normal seasonal climate. The period of forecast is the transitional period in which the atmosphere switches from its winter pattern to the summer one. The temperature, both maximum and minimum, is on the rise with **June's** temperature significantly higher than **April's** temperature.

On the other hand the accumulated precipitation is declining, as presented by the climatological data shown on the table below. During **April** the accumulated precipitation notes a significant decline (if compared to **March** - not shown) which suggests that the frequency of the approaching barometric lows declines significantly if not vanish. A further decline of the accumulated precipitation is observed on **May** and **June**.

April, May and **June** are climatologically suggested to be unstable months with thundery activity initiated mainly by thermal causes. From the table below, note also the effect of the mountainous area of Troodos range over the accumulated precipitation, mainly as a result of thundery activity which is affecting primarily the mountainous ranges of the island. The accumulated precipitation over Prodomos station although declining towards May is always significantly higher, if compared to the accumulated precipitation of the other selected stations.

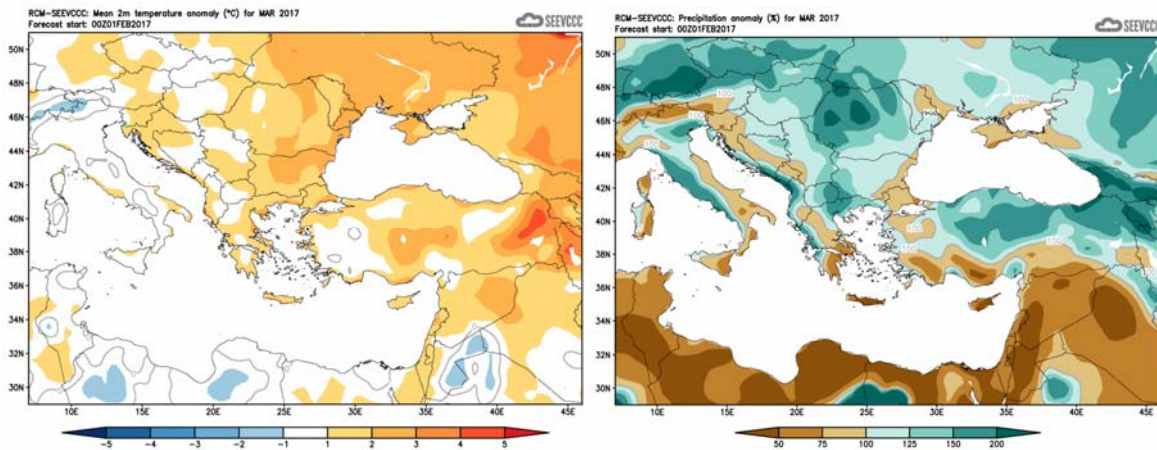
TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION NORMAL VALUES FOR THE PERIOD 1981-2010									
Area Name	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE (°C)			MEAN DAILY MINIMUM TEMPERATURE (°C)			MEAN MONTHLY TOTAL PRECIPITATION (mm)		
	April	May	June	April	May	June	April	May	June
NORTH COAST	21.6	25.8	30.3	10.8	14.3	18.5	21.8	7.6	1.8
WEST COAST*	21.5	24.5	27.6	11.5	14.7	18.0	15.2	6.1	1.3
MOUNTAINOUS AREAS	15.5	20.4	25.0	6.6	10.8	15.0	47.2	32.0	27.2
INLAND*	24.4	29.6	34.0	10.4	14.8	19.1	19.1	24.6	11.6
SOUTH COAST	22.7	26.4	30.2	11.8	15.7	19.4	14.2	9.8	2.0
EAST COAST**	23.2	27.4	31.0	10.9	14.9	18.9	19.7	10.7	1.8

* West Coast and Inland Values cover the period 1983-2010

** East Coast Temperature Values cover the period 1981-2007

Evaluation of March seasonal forecast for the area of Cyprus

The seasonal forecast suggested that **March's** temperature would be slightly above normal. The temperature over the surrounding area would also be normal to slightly above normal. Regarding the accumulated precipitation Cyprus was expected to be again in a dry zone extending from the Southern Balkans towards Near and Middle East. Specifically the accumulated precipitation was expected to range below 50% of normal over the southern and eastern areas and from 50 to 75% over the rest of the island.



Divergence of the mean monthly temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) from normal during March

Percentage of the mean monthly precipitation (%) compared with the normal of March

Concerning the model's evaluation for **March**, a general judgment is that the model performed relatively well concerning temperature as **March** was slightly warmer than normal, but not so well concerning the accumulated precipitation. Extreme maximum values with great departures from normal were recorded. As an example, Pafos airport recorded a highest daily maximum of 25.6°C (with the normal being 18.6°C). A daily maximum temperature of 3°C (with a normal of 10.4°C) that was well below normal was recorded at Prodromos station. Daily minimum temperatures that were well above normal (deviating by 4°C or more from normal) were also recorded in many stations. As an example note the highest daily minimum temperature of Athalassa on the 31st of **March** that was 13.8°C (with a normal of 6.9°C) and the highest daily minimum of Larnaka airport on the 1st of **March** that was 15.4°C (with a normal of 8.6°C).

From the distribution (provisional accumulated precipitation chart) of the accumulated precipitation of the month is evident that the mountains received high accumulation score. As regarded from the same chart the mean surface distribution was slightly above normal (reaching 51.7mm or 106% of normal). It is obvious, that the model did not perform so well concerning the accumulated precipitation, as it was suggesting a dry month.

During 11-13 of **March** 2 EMMA warnings with yellow awareness level were issued, concerning precipitation.

It is worth mentioning that based on the provisional data, there were 7 days of snow during **February**, having on the 2nd of **March**, 2cm of new snow on Troodos square.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION PROVISIONAL DATA FOR MARCH 2017

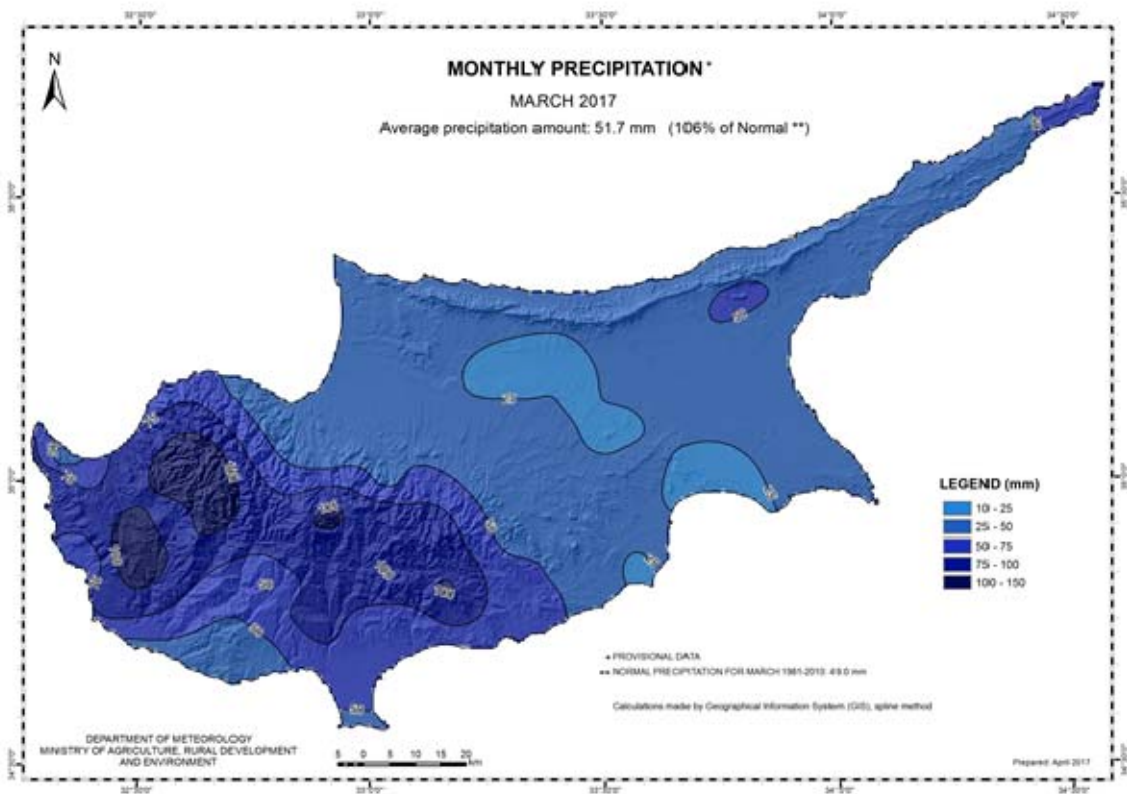
St. No.	Station Name	Temperature Data					Temperature Data					Precipitation Data		
		Mean Daily Maximum Temperature (°C)	Normal Value (1981-2010)	Difference from Normal Value	Highest Daily Maximum Temperature (°C)	Lowest Daily Maximum Temperature (°C)	Mean Daily Minimum Temperature (°C)	Normal Value (1981-2010)	Difference from Normal Value	Lowest Daily Minimum Temperature (°C)	Highest Daily Minimum Temperature (°C)	Monthly Total Precipitation (mm)	Normal Value (1981-2010)	Difference from Normal Value
41	POLIS CHRYSOCHOUS	19.5	18.3	1.2	24.8	15.4	8.3	8.3	0.0	3.1	11.8	75.0	45.7	29.3
82*	PAFOS (AIRPORT)	19.7	18.6	1.1	25.6	16.5	10.0	8.9	1.1	5.9	15.1	45.9	34.4	11.5
225	PRODROMOS (C.F.C.)	10.7	10.4	0.3	15.9	3.0	2.7	2.8	-0.1	-1.7	6.7	84.2	92.1	-7.9
666*	ATHALASSA (RADIOSONDE)	20.5	19.2	1.3	25.4	15.0	8.9	6.9	2.0	5.1	13.8	26.7	31.9	-5.2
731	LARNAKA (AIRPORT)	20.4	19.3	1.1	23.7	17.2	9.7	8.6	1.1	6.3	15.4	27.6	35.8	-8.2
800**	ACHNA (DASAKI)	19.8	19.1	0.7	24.3	15.4	8.2	7.8	0.4	3.8	12.8	22.6	35.2	-12.6

* Pafos' and Athalassa's Station Normal Values cover the period 1983-2010

** Achna's Temperature Normal Values cover the period 1981-2007

= VALUES FROM AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATION

For the purpose of better visualization of **March** accumulated precipitation, a chart of Cyprus with the total preliminary accumulated precipitation is presented.



A Cyprus chart with the normal (period 1981 to 2010) accumulated precipitation for the month is also presented.

