

Development of a water resource management platform during low water periods in the SUDOE region



# Water quality regulation functions under climate change in South-Western Europe catchments

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## Climate change impacts on hydrology in Europe



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Major impacts in the South of Europe :

- 沟 water ressource
- changes in hydrological regime
- A extreme events



# Climate change impacts on biogeochemistry?



- $\circ$  Nutrient
- $\circ$  Sediment



# Ecological functions

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One objective: to evaluate impacts of global changes on ecological functions of water regulation

# SWAT modelling





Calibration/Validation: past talk Ms. Cakir et al. today @2:40pm

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- 12 834 HRUs ٠
- 633 000 km<sup>2</sup> •

#### Human activities:

# Climate forcing



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# Calibration/validation of hydrology with MESAN reanalyses

#### 2000/10

#### Calibration: 2000/05 Validation: 2006/10



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## Validation of hydrology with climate models (BC-CORDEX)





1990/2059



General annual streamflow decrease, more intense in the South













1990/2059



Max average decrease in 70 yrs: -185 m3/s -98% summer streamflow





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### Impacts of climate change on sediment retention



## Impacts of climate change on nitrate removal



Dominance of nitrate removal in rivers of South-Western Europe, except large downstream rivers

## Impacts of climate change on nitrate removal



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#### Trend Streamflow



Altitude



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### Hotspots of 'nitrate removal increase' :

- downstream of large rivers
- where %agro-forestry is high
- where sediment retention also increases

### Conclusions

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- Quantify impacts on export to the ocean



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## Thank you for your attention.

