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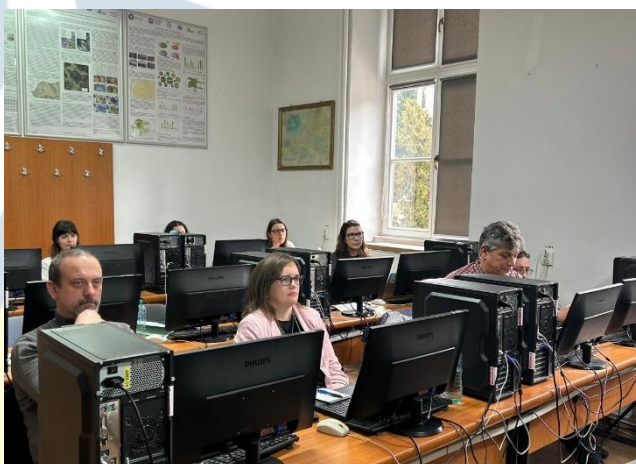
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What's new in SCEWERO?

The SCEWERO project continues to expand its impact by actively engaging researchers, students, and the broader community in efforts to better understand and manage extreme weather events. In recent months, consortium partners have delivered intensive training sessions, organised a workshop on science communication, and carried out multiple outreach and public engagement activities. Together, these initiatives reflect a strong commitment to strengthening scientific capacity, enhancing climate literacy, and supporting resilience in Romania.

Training on compound events analysis ~ 24-25 February 2026

As part of the SCEWERO capacity-building programme, the third training session was successfully held at Babeş-Bolyai University, focusing on the analysis of compound events. Delivered by experts from the University of Antwerp and the Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change, the training aimed to strengthen Babeş-Bolyai University researchers' ability to detect and characterise complex climate events driven by interacting hazards.



Over two intensive days, participants explored the global and European context of compound extremes. The programme combined theoretical sessions with hands-on applications, including practical exercises on identifying concurrent extremes and analysing compound events specifically for Romania.

The training also addressed the influence of climate change on compound extremes and highlighted the importance of data flows and methodological frameworks for understanding these phenomena. Overall, the event significantly enhanced interdisciplinary research skills and advanced scientific understanding of high-impact, multi-driver climate risks. [Read more](#)

Workshop ~ Science communication as a bridge between climate research and climate services ~ 25 March 2026

How can climate information be more effectively communicated and translated into action? This question was at the core of a joint workshop organized by the SCEWERO and Climateurope2 projects, bringing together scientists, private sector representatives, public authorities, NGOs, and young climate ambassadors.



The event created a dynamic platform for dialogue on the role of climate services and science communication in supporting society to better respond to climate change and extreme events. Through a series of expert presentations, participants explored how scientific knowledge can be transformed into accessible, user-oriented services, with concrete examples such as heat early warning systems and collaborative research–industry initiatives.



A key highlight of the workshop was the active involvement of stakeholders in open discussions, focusing on real needs for climate information, existing communication gaps, and opportunities to improve the interface between research and practical applications. The inclusion of high school students from the School Climate Ambassadors programme added a valuable perspective, emphasising the role of youth in climate communication and action.

Overall, the workshop reinforced the importance of co-creation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and effective communication in developing climate services that are both scientifically robust and socially relevant. [Read more.](#)



Public Engagement and Outreach

WIDERA Info Day in Bucharest ~ 29 January 2026

SCEWERO was represented at the WIDERA Info Day in Bucharest on 29 January, an event dedicated to European coordination, support actions, and research and innovation opportunities. Prof. Adina-Eliza Croitoru presented the project, highlighting its objectives, international partnerships, and its role in strengthening research capacity on extreme weather events in Romania, as a national good-practice example.

The event offered a valuable opportunity to increase visibility, exchange ideas, and connect with the national research community, while fostering dialogue and future collaborations.



The School Climate Ambassadors Program

As part of its outreach activities, the SCEWERO project launched the School Climate Ambassadors Program, an initiative designed to strengthen climate awareness and action among high school students. Bringing together more than 100 students from 11 high schools in Cluj County, Romania, alongside teachers and university student mentors from the Faculty of Geography, the programme created a collaborative learning environment that bridges education, research, and community engagement. Through targeted training sessions and hands-on activities, students explored real-world climate challenges and developed practical solutions for adaptation and mitigation within their schools.

A key component of the programme was the establishment of “climate embassies” in each participating school, empowering students to take on leadership roles and actively promote sustainability initiatives.

The programme also encouraged critical thinking and communication skills, including debates on topics such as climate change and misinformation. By fostering cooperation among schools, university staff, and the local community, the initiative helps build a new generation of informed and engaged climate ambassadors capable of translating knowledge into meaningful action. [Read more.](#)



ROADSHOW – A TRAVELING CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM ~ March 24-25, 2026 Cluj-Napoca

The Roadshow highlighted the strong collaboration between the SCEWERO and Climateurope2 projects in advancing climate services and public engagement. As part of Climateurope2’s regional initiative led by the Center for the Promotion of Science (CPN), the event brought together researchers, local communities, and creative practitioners to explore how climate information can support better decision-making.

This joint effort reflects a shared commitment to bridging science and society. While SCEWERO contributes its expertise in extreme weather events and research capacity building, Climateurope2 focuses on developing user-oriented climate services and strengthening stakeholder engagement. Through interactive installations, the Climate Capsule, the Roadshow created an engaging environment for dialogue, encouraging participants to reflect on climate risks, future scenarios, and their role in shaping a sustainable and climate-neutral future. Together, the two projects demonstrate how interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative communication approaches can enhance the accessibility, relevance, and impact of climate knowledge across Southeast Europe.



Looking Ahead





The activities planned for spring and early summer 2026 continue to strengthen scientific capacity and expand community engagement within the SCEWERO project. Building on this momentum, the coming months will focus on deepening collaboration, advancing research, and enhancing skills in emerging areas.

Planned activities include a series of targeted training and exchange activities, such as a short visit by the Romanian partners to CMCC (21-24 April 2026), a training session on AI tools for extreme events (25–26 June 2026), and a summer school on science communication scheduled

for September 2026. These initiatives aim to further develop technical expertise while improving the communication and practical application of climate knowledge.

In parallel, SCEWERO will continue to consolidate joint research outputs with its consortium partners and actively strengthen its links with European and international networks focused on climate extremes. Together, these efforts will support the project's overarching goal of advancing resilience to extreme weather events through science, collaboration, and innovation.

Upcoming Activities

- **Short visit to the CMCC team**
 21-24 April 2026
- **Summer school on the use of AI for the analysis of extreme events**
 22-24 June 2026
- **Training for AI tools for extreme events**
 25-26 June 2026
- **Summer school on science communication.**
 September 2026

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