



STRENGTHENING THE RESEARCH  
CAPACITIES FOR EXTREME WEATHER  
EVENTS IN ROMANIA

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Training on AI for Climate Extremes  
Program

25-26 JUNE 2026  
CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA

## Day 1

Thursday, 25 June 2026

9:00 – 9:30 ~ Registration and welcome coffee

9:30 – 10:30 ~ ML for Heatwaves

Detecting and forecasting heatwaves, and detecting their drivers

Lecturer [Ronan McAdam](#)

10:30 – 11:00 ~ Tea & Coffee Break

11:00 -13:00 ~ ML for Heatwaves: Hands-on

Dimensionality reduction of predictors, introduction to ML models

Lecturer [Ronan McAdam](#) & [Antonello Squintu](#) & [Eugenio Fella](#)

13:00 – 14:30 ~ Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:00 ~ ML for Intense Precipitation – Extreme Precipitation intro

Forecasting intense precipitation through identification of its drivers

Lecturer [Eugenio Fella](#)

15:00 – 16:30 ~ ML for Intense Precipitation: Hands-on

*Precipitation ½ h hands on + 1h discussion*

Selection of drivers and forecasting through ML models

Lecturer [Eugenio Fella](#) & [Antonello Squintu](#) & [Ronan McAdam](#)

## Day 2

Friday 26 June 2026

9:30 - 10:30 ~ Introduction to the detection of drought events

Parametric and non-parametric indices for drought detection.

Lecturer [Elena Xoplaki](#) & [Isidoros Iakovidis](#)

### 10:30 11:00 ~ Tea & Coffee Break

11:00 -13:00 ~ Hands-on drought events

*Hands-on estimating indices for drought events.*

Lecturer [Elena Xoplaki](#) & [Isidoros Iakovidis](#)

### 13:00 - 14:30 ~ Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:00 ~ Statistical downscaling using machine learning techniques

Using the Empirical Quantile Mapping to extend seasonal forecast applications to the local scale

Lecturer [Leonardo Aragão](#)

15:00 - 16:00 ~ Statistical downscaling using machine learning techniques

*Hands-on Downscaling & Discussion on ML methods*

Using k-Nearest Neighbours to extend seasonal forecast applications to the local scale

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### 16:00 ~ Closing activities