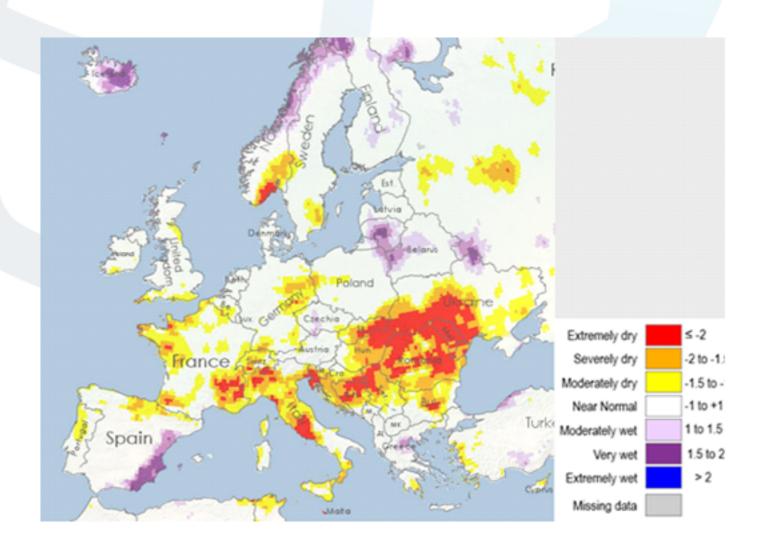
A severe drought affected Europe in 2022 with significant impacts on society, the environment, and the economy. Also, Romania was highly affected and experienced huge losses in agriculture, a drop in energy production, increased forest fires, disruptions in water supply and many months of restriction on riverine transport on the Danube. The drought showed Europe's and Romania's vulnerability to these events and illustrated the need to prepare.

To better understand these vulnerabilities, the multiple impacts of droughts and to exchange ideas and showcase successful experiences in managing drought risk, the Romanian Ministry of Environments, Water and Forests and the National Administration 'Romanian Waters' together with the World Bank are organizing an international conference on Drought Risk and Drought Risk Management in Romania and in Europe.



Standardized Precipitation Index SPI-6, February to July 2022

Source: JRC Global Drought Observatory (GDO) of the Copernicus Emergency Management Service (CEMS)

We cordially invite you to join us for a diverse program of presentations and panel discussions with local and international experts.

Agenda

Monday, October 30

14.00 – 17.30

Drought Risks and Drought Damages in Europe and Romania

Opening remarks by Mircea Fechet, Minister for Environment, Waters and Forests followed by presentations on recent drought risk and impact assessments.

Tuesday, October 31

09.30 - 13.00

Drought Risk Management at River Basin Scale and at National Level

Experiences from Europe and Romania, panel discussion on further strengthening capacities to build drought resilience at the basin scale and at national level.

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 16.30

Drought Risk Management – Sectoral Approaches

Successful examples from a variety of sectors, panel discussion on the role of drought impact data and drought monitoring for strengthening drought resilience of key sectors.







