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# A case of science contribution to public policies: planning the adaptation to climate change in cities



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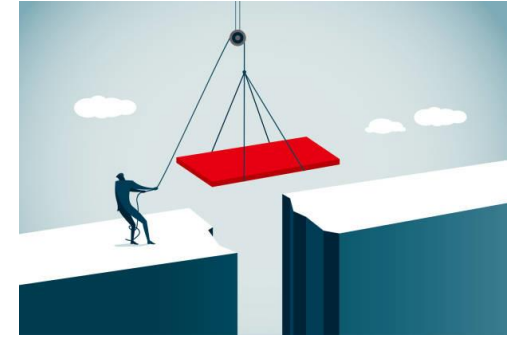
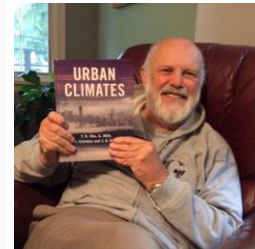
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## Towards a Prescription for the Greater Use of Climatic Principles in Settlement Planning

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- 1988 - The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) establish the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- The United Nations General Assembly endorses the action of UNEP and the WMO in setting up the IPCC.

- **climate has an important role to play** in settlement design and must be included as an integral part of the education of every urban planner.

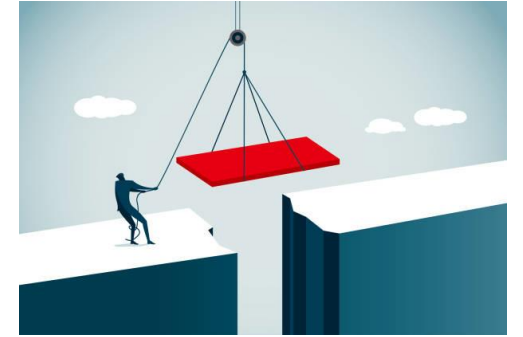
- **very little use** is being made of the available urban climate knowledge and expertise in the planning process.

why are the fruits of their research largely being ignored by the planning and construction professions?

## **Towards a Prescription for the Greater Use of Climatic Principles in Settlement Planning**

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....the planner may consider the work of the urban climatologist to be:

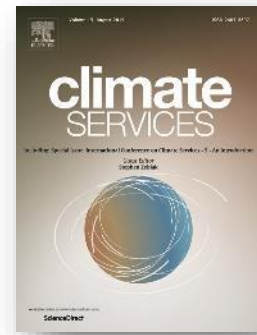
- irrelevant if the latter has not realized the nature of the planner's problem and has failed to relate his work to it. This implies **the climatologist to be ignorant of the planning process.**
- If the climate information is relevant but the planner considers it to be incomprehensible it implies **the user is ignorant of the science.**
- if the user and the supplier both see the relevance of the information to the problem, but the user finds it to be inapplicable, **this suggests a lack of communication between them.**

# Climate services and climate applicability

*“Climate services pioneers novel research areas that directly refer to **how climate information can be applied in methodologies and tools for adaptation to climate change.**”*

- Information must be:
- Accessible
- easily understandable by non specialists
- Directed for users
- Decision support tools

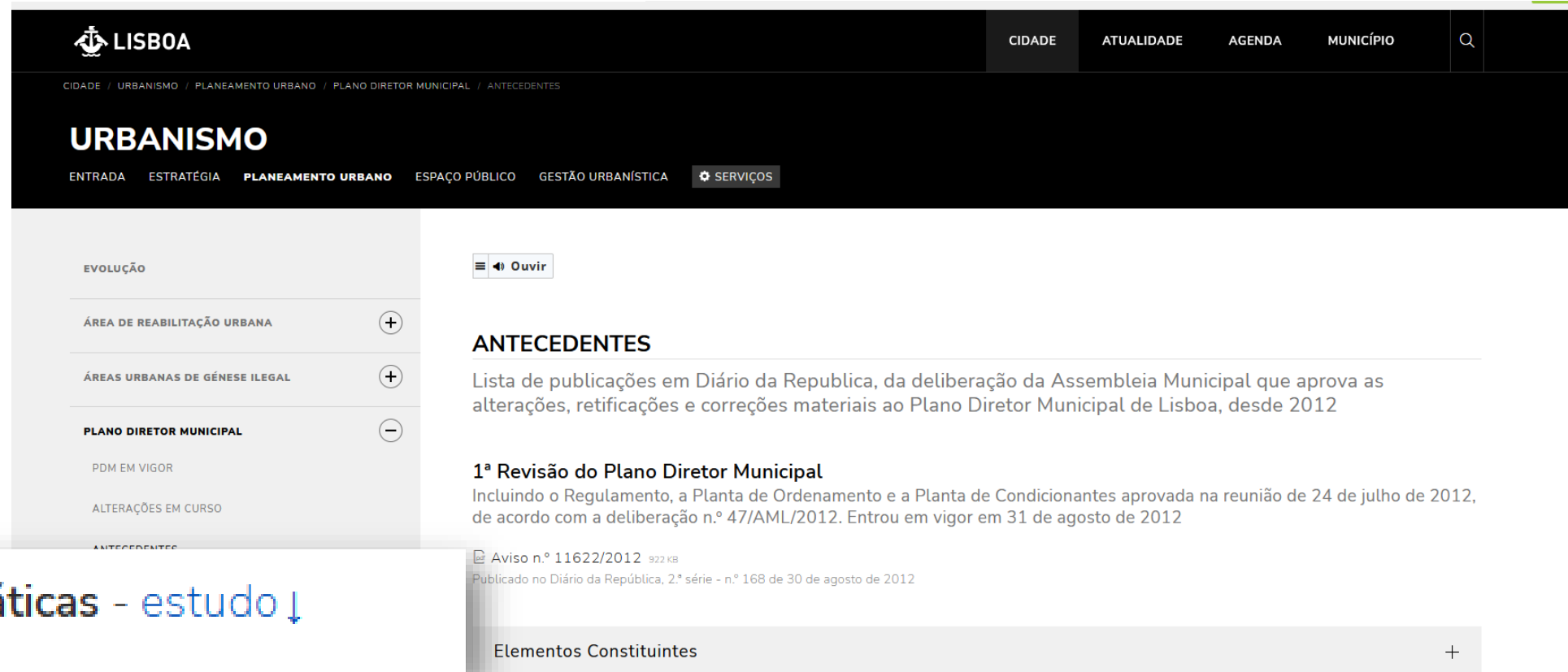
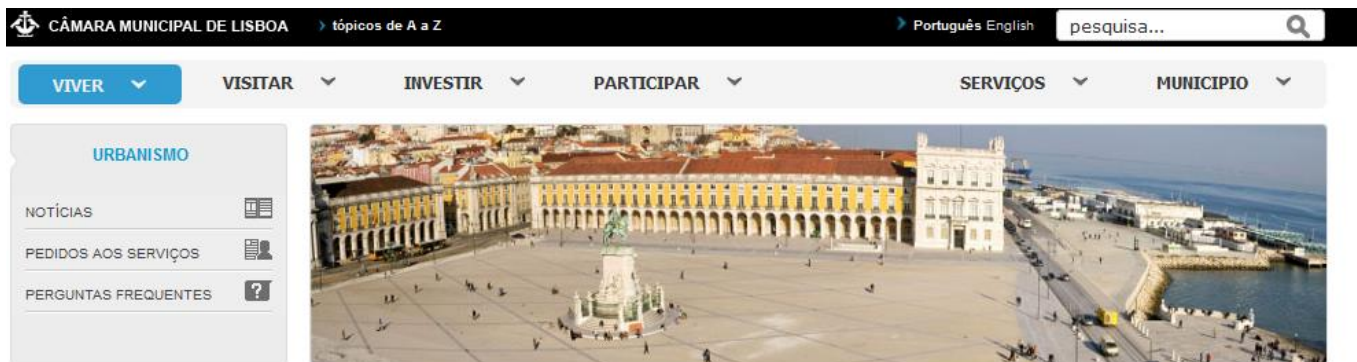
*...the intelligence behind the transition to a climate-resilient and low-carbon society”*



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# 1st application - the Lisbon Municipal Plan (2003-2005)



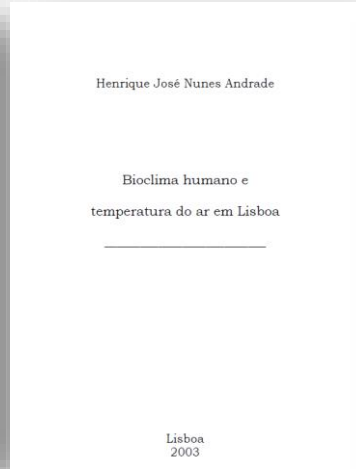
Orientações climáticas - estudo ↓



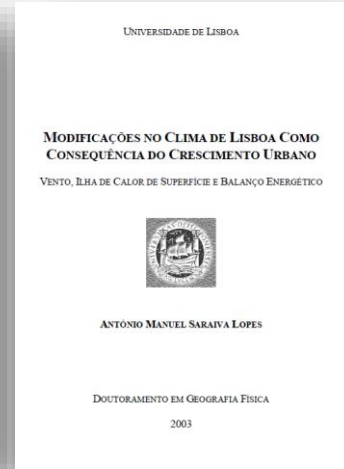
# Urban climate studies in Lisbon applications (2003-2005)



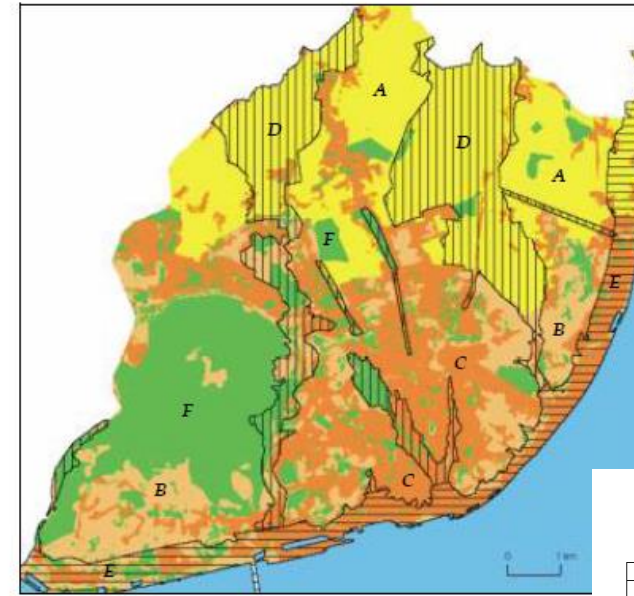
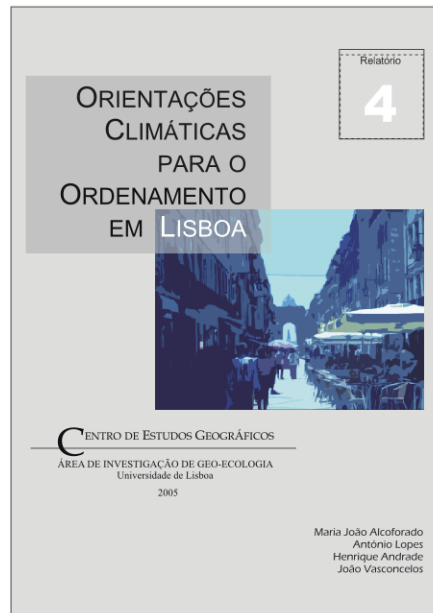
1989 (1992 ed)



2003



2003



- A  Área de fraca densidade de construção do Norte
- B  Áreas construídas de média densidade
- C  Áreas construídas de alta densidade
- D  Corredores de ventilação
- E  Frente ribeirinha
- F  Espaços verdes

Fig. 18 - Delimitação das áreas para as quais são definidas orientações climáticas para o ordenamento urbano

Fig. 18 - Areas for which climate guidelines for planning were prepared

Quadro III - Quadro-resumo das orientações climáticas especializadas para o ordenamento em Lisboa

Table III - Summary of spatialized guidelines for planning in Lisbon

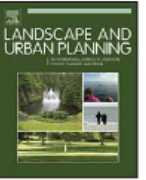
Grupos de climatopos	Orientações
<p><b>A</b></p> <p>Área de baixa densidade de construção do Norte de Lisboa (4+5+6 na fig.16)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manter corredores de ventilação com orientação N-S (NW-SE a NE-SW)</li> <li>2. Manter uma razão H/W ≤ 1 nas construções urbanas</li> <li>3. Criar espaços verdes extensos no interior e entre as áreas edificadas</li> </ol>
<p><b>B</b></p> <p>Áreas construídas de média densidade a Sul do limite aerodinâmico (2, fig.16)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preservar os fundos dos vales de novas construções e da ocupação com vegetação densa</li> <li>2. Manter uma razão H/W ≤ 1 nas construções urbanas</li> <li>3. Criar espaços verdes de média dimensão e preencher os espaços intersticiais com vegetação</li> </ol>
<p><b>C</b></p> <p>Áreas construídas de alta densidade (1+4, fig.16)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preservar os fundos dos vales de novas construções e da ocupação com vegetação densa</li> <li>2. Manter nas construções urbanas uma razão H/W o mais elevada possível (se possível ≤ 1); evitar o aumento do número de pisos dos edifícios e a construção nos espaços intersticiais</li> <li>3. Ocupar os espaços intersticiais com vegetação, de preferência caducifolia</li> <li>4. Utilizar materiais de construção e cobertura de baixa condutividade e albedo elevado</li> </ol>



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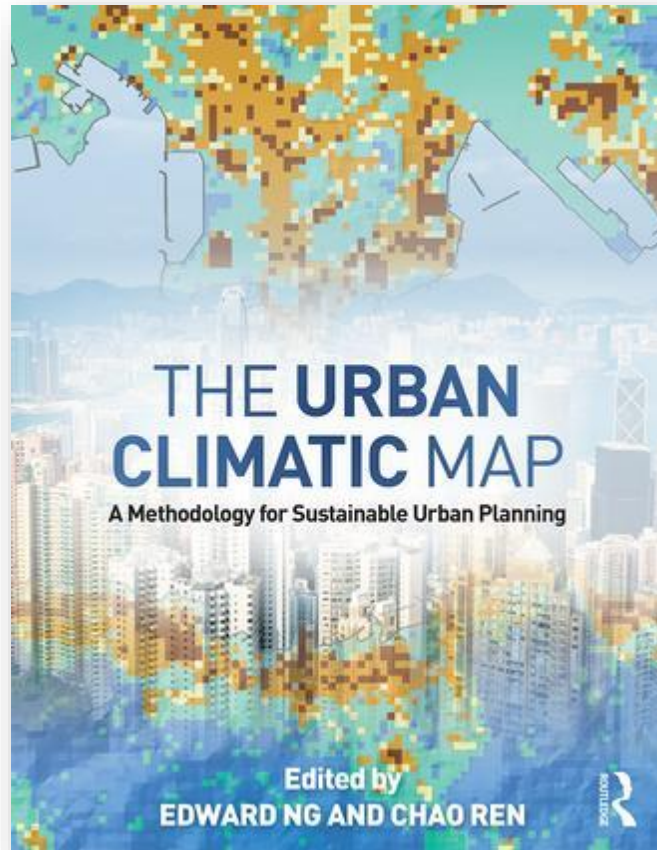
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### Application of climatic guidelines to urban planning The example of Lisbon (Portugal)

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#### Chapter 16

### Urban climatic map studies in Portugal

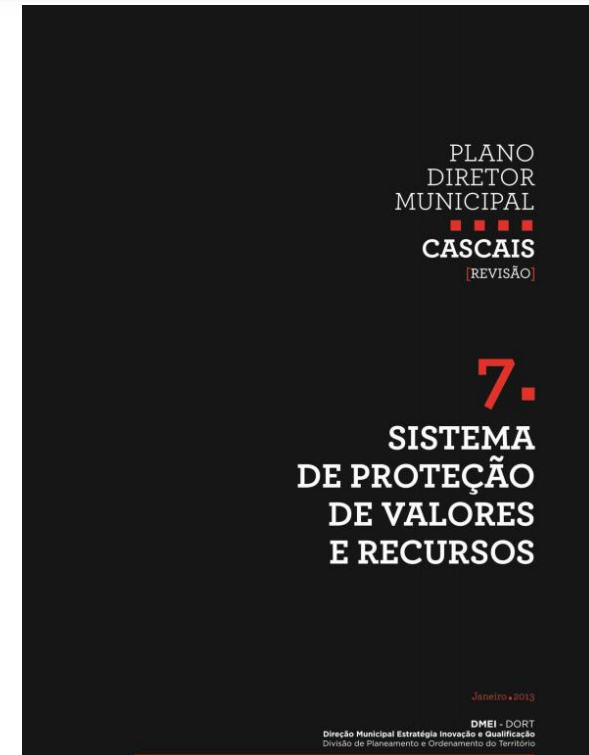
Lisbon

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#### Introduction

Urbanised areas have grown significantly throughout Europe. The European Environment Agency reports that between 1950 and 1990 urban area grew between 26 per cent (Sunderland, UK) and 270 per cent (Algarve, Portugal) (Gill *et al.*, 2004). Urbanisation processes strongly impact the environment, mostly in negative ways. Climate is one component of the urban physical environment that may play a role in improving the quality of urban life and the sustainability of cities (Andrade, 2005). However, climate is not often taken into account in urban planning (Oke, 1984; Brazel and Martin, 1997; Eliasson, 2000; Mills, 2006; Oke, 2006) and there is hardly any legislation on climate quality in cities, compared to legislation on air quality and noise.

Climate change is a current and urgent topic as urban areas are particularly vulnerable due to





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# Ondas de calor em Lisboa

 HEAT WAVES IN LISBON

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## Identificação das Ilhas de Calor e Mapas Climático Urbanos

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# From Urban Geometry to Urban Climate-relevant Indices

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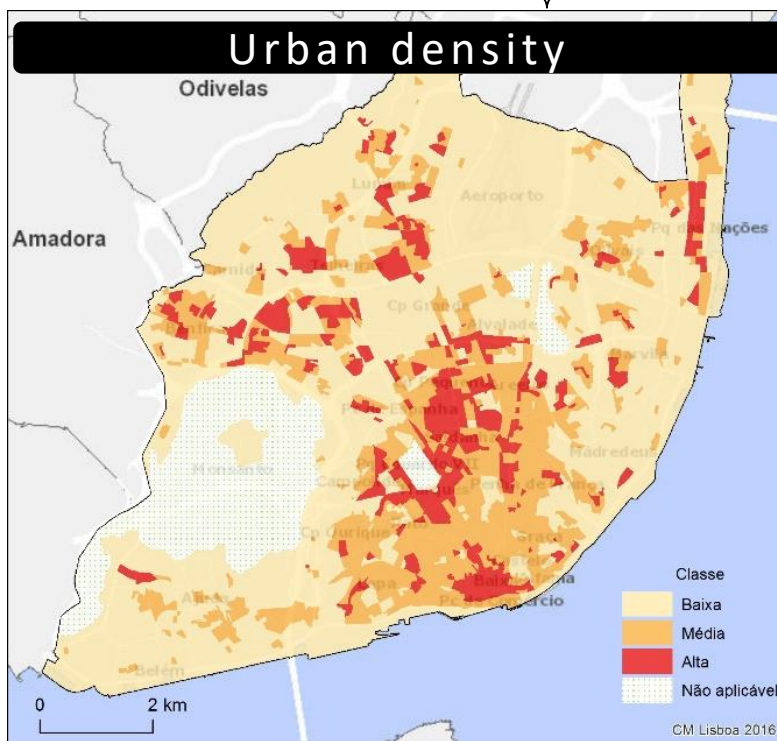
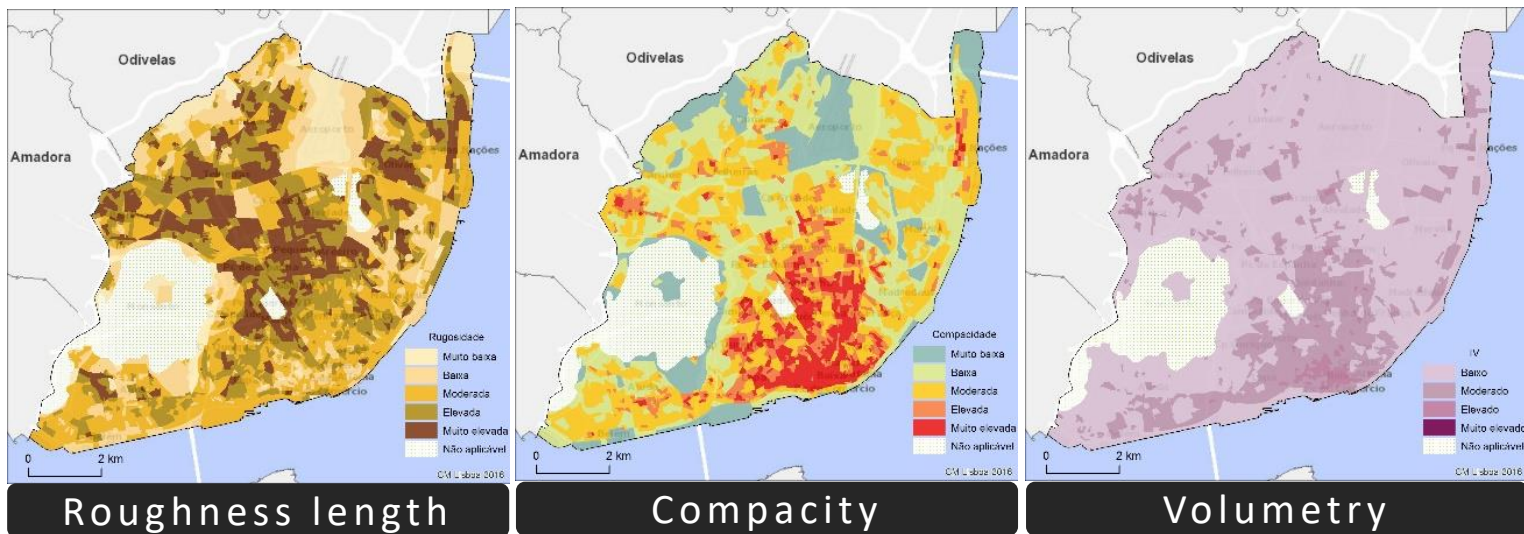
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Building Footprints

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Wind Direction

urban climate algorithms  
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Two main applications:

- In urban planning
- Urban Heat Island predictors

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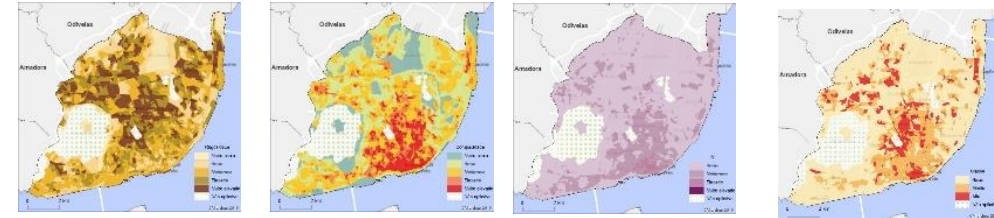
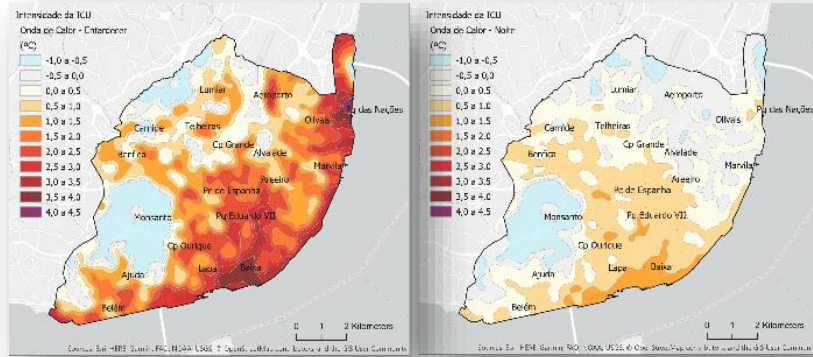


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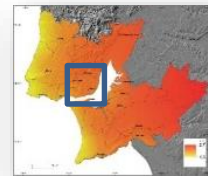
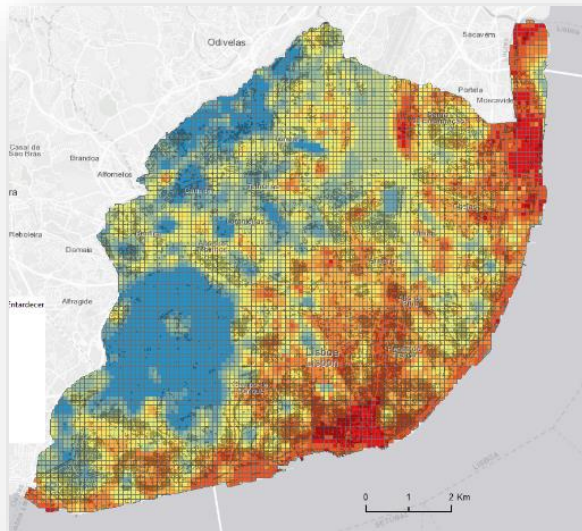
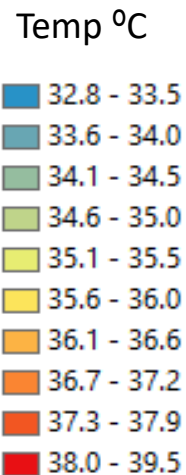
# Urban Heat Island mesoscale assessment maps: Predicting UHI spatial patterns during Heat Waves

## Urban Heat island Intensity ( $\Delta T_{U-r}$ ) – present (weather types)



Map of Urban Density, as a predictor for the Urban Heat Island spatial pattern

IPCC worst case scenario (RCP 8.5) + UHI ( $\Delta T_{U-r}$ ) + Heat Wave (Temp °C) | 2070 - 2100



IPCC - RCP 8.5 – Regional projections

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An urban climate-based empirical model to predict present and future patterns of the Urban Thermal Signal

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Few Urban heat island (UHI) empirical studies include weather-related variability.
- UHI results from the interaction between urban compactness, topography and weather
- Temporal-resolved model can predict the urban thermal signal (UTS) during heatwaves.
- Urban planning and climate change scenarios show which areas are most critical.
- The model is an efficient tool that can be replicated for urban planning adaptation.

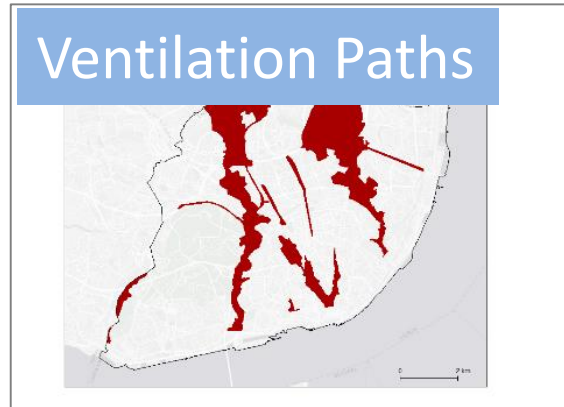
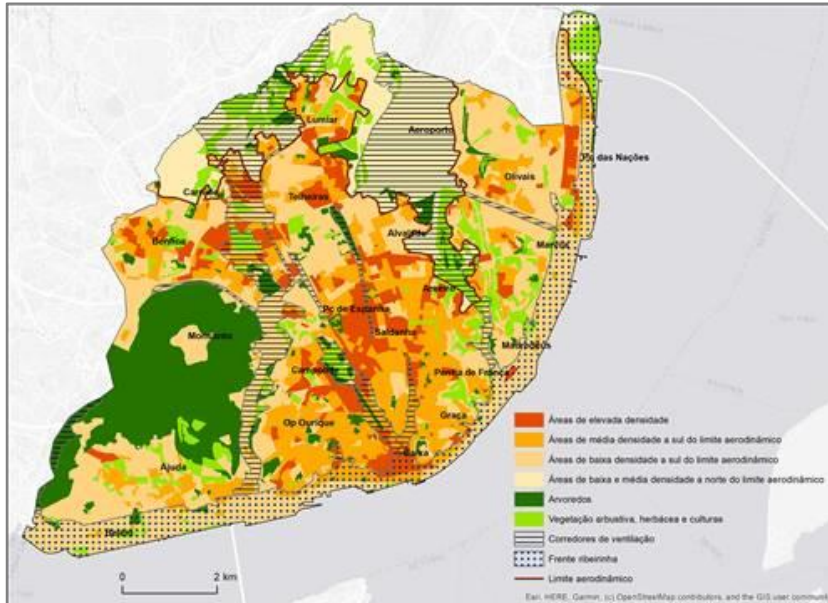
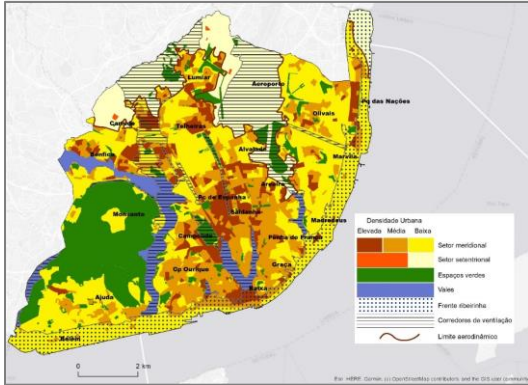
GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

Graphical abstract showing four maps of Lisbon illustrating the Urban Thermal Signal (UTS) during heatwaves. The maps show the spatial distribution of UTS across the city, with higher UTS generally occurring in the urban core.

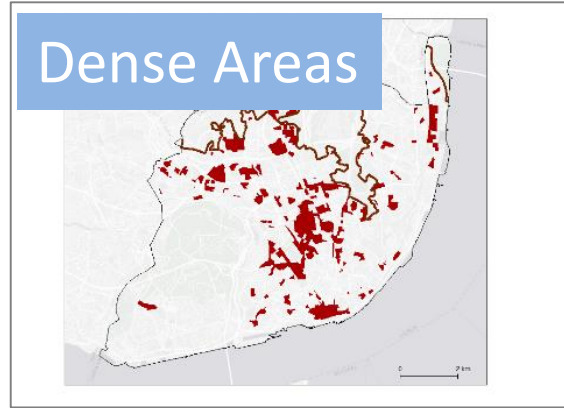


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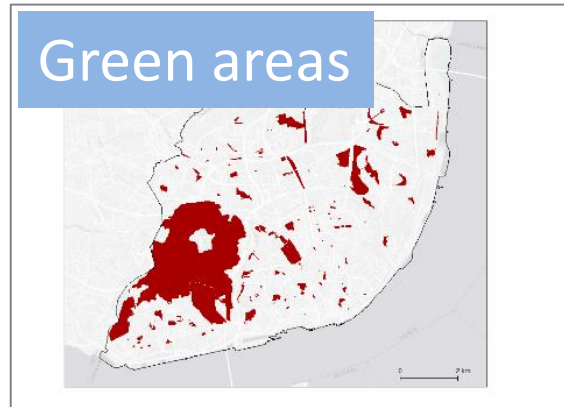
9 Climatopes | **9 areas** with climatic guidelines not necessarily the same | about **34 measures**  
3 examples



- » To maintain N/S Ventilation Paths (VP)
- » To maintain small VP interconnections
- » To reduce  $Z_0$  (roughness length) < 0.7 m



- » To prevent high density ( $H/W < 1$ ) in dense built areas.
- » To prevent long alignments of buildings perpendicular to the predominant wind (N), in new neighbourhoods.
- » New materials with appropriate thermal conductivity and high albedo.
- » Green and white roofs, white previous surfaces, etc.



- » To increase spaces that contributes to human bioclimatic conditions
- » Cooling urban spaces (shading and evapotranspiration)
- » To promote biodiversity
- » To promote connections between green spaces and ventilation paths.



# Recent advances in urban climate and applications

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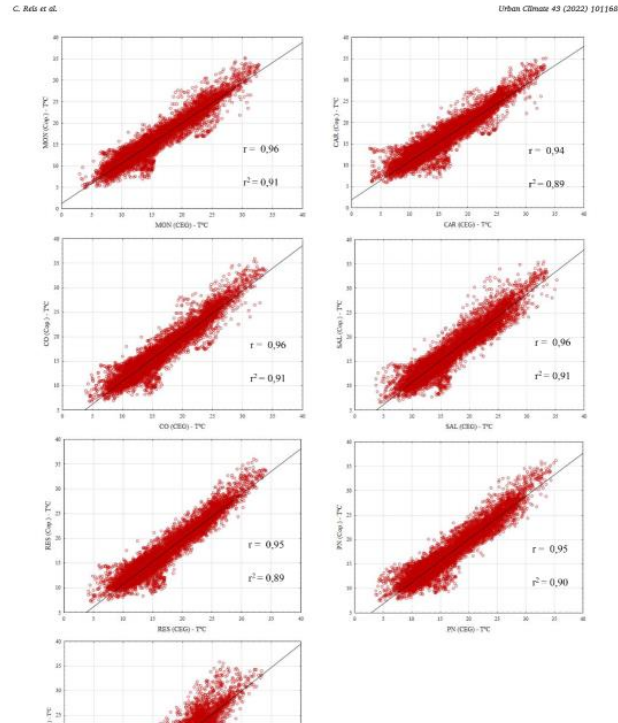
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Assessing urban heat island effects through local weather types in Lisbon's Metropolitan Area using big data from the Copernicus service

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Climate variables for cities in Europe from 2008 to 2017

Overview Download data Documentation

The dataset contains air temperature, specific humidity, relative humidity and wind speed for 100 European cities for the current climate. The data were generated using the urban climate model UrbClim, developed at WTD. This model was designed to simulate and study the urban heat island effect (UHI) and other urban climate variables at a spatial resolution of 100 meters. The unique capabilities of UrbClim allow to generate spatially explicit time-series of hourly variables from which a variety of indicators can be retrieved in postprocessing at the scale of a city neighbourhood. For this specific dataset, the ERA5 reanalysis large-scale weather conditions are down-scaled to agglomeration-scale. UrbClim then computes the impact of urban development on the most frequent weather parameters, such as temperature and humidity. The 100 European cities for the urban simulations were selected based on user requirements within the health community. Furthermore, a high spatial distribution was aimed with specific focus on Eastern European countries that often lack access to relevant information. The data was produced on behalf of the Copernicus Climate Change Service.

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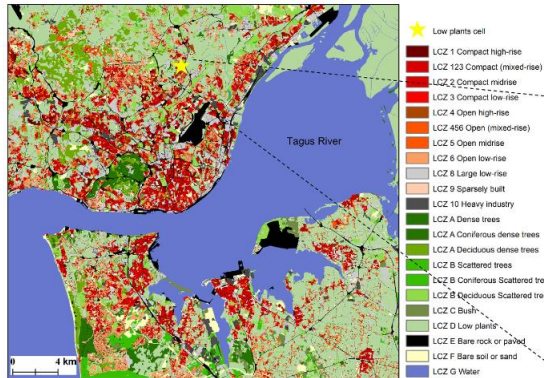
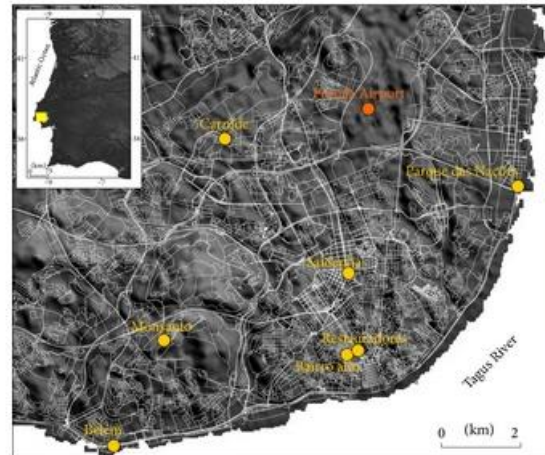


Fig. 4. LMA's updated LCZ (Oliveira et al., 2020b) and location



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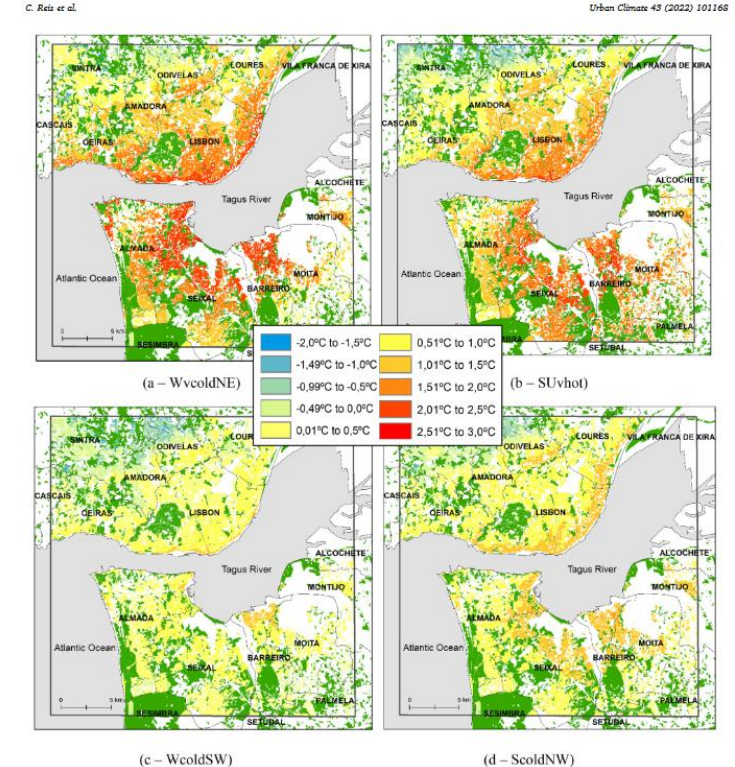
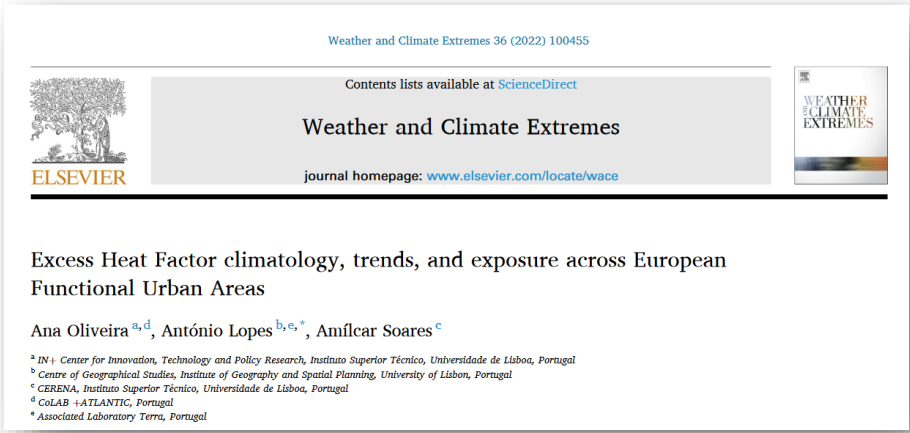


Fig. 8. LMA UHI, in urban areas (other types are excluded) on (a) very cold winter days with NE and E winds (WvcoldNE); (b) very hot, sunny, and humid summer days with moderate N winds (SUvhot); (c) Cold, cloudy, and rainy winter days with moderate SW and W winds and; (d) Cold, cloudy and dry spring days with weak precipitation and moderate and variable winds (especially from NW, SW, and W). Green spaces area represented in dark green. Non-urban areas are represented in white. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to



# Recent advances in urban climate and applications (and there is more to come)



## Excess Heat Factor climatology, trends, and exposure across European Functional Urban Areas

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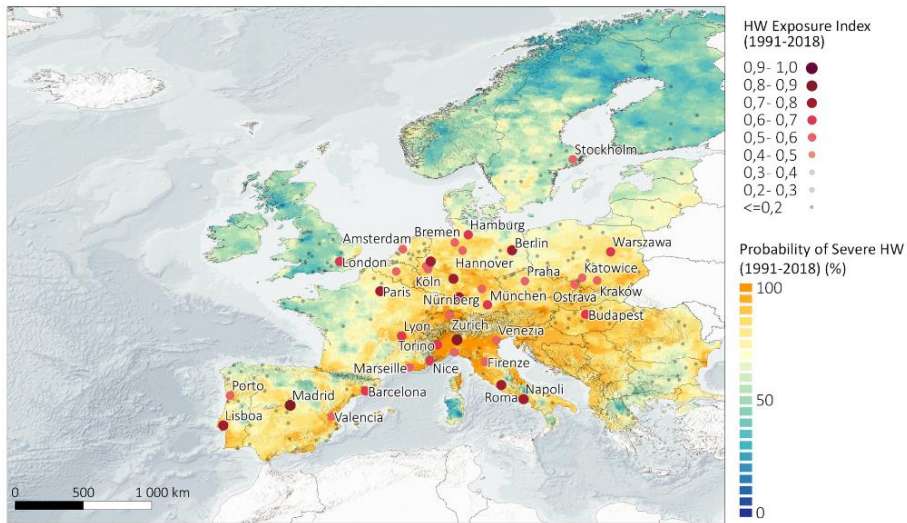


Fig. 6. Heatwave Exposure ( $HW_{EXPOSURE}$ ) levels for the European Functional Urban Areas (FUAs) over Severe Heatwave Probability ( $HW_{PROB}$ ) in the 1991–2018 period. Labeled FUAs have  $HW_{EXPOSURE}$  levels equal or greater than 0.5 (0–1 normalized scale).

## 7th position - Lisbon

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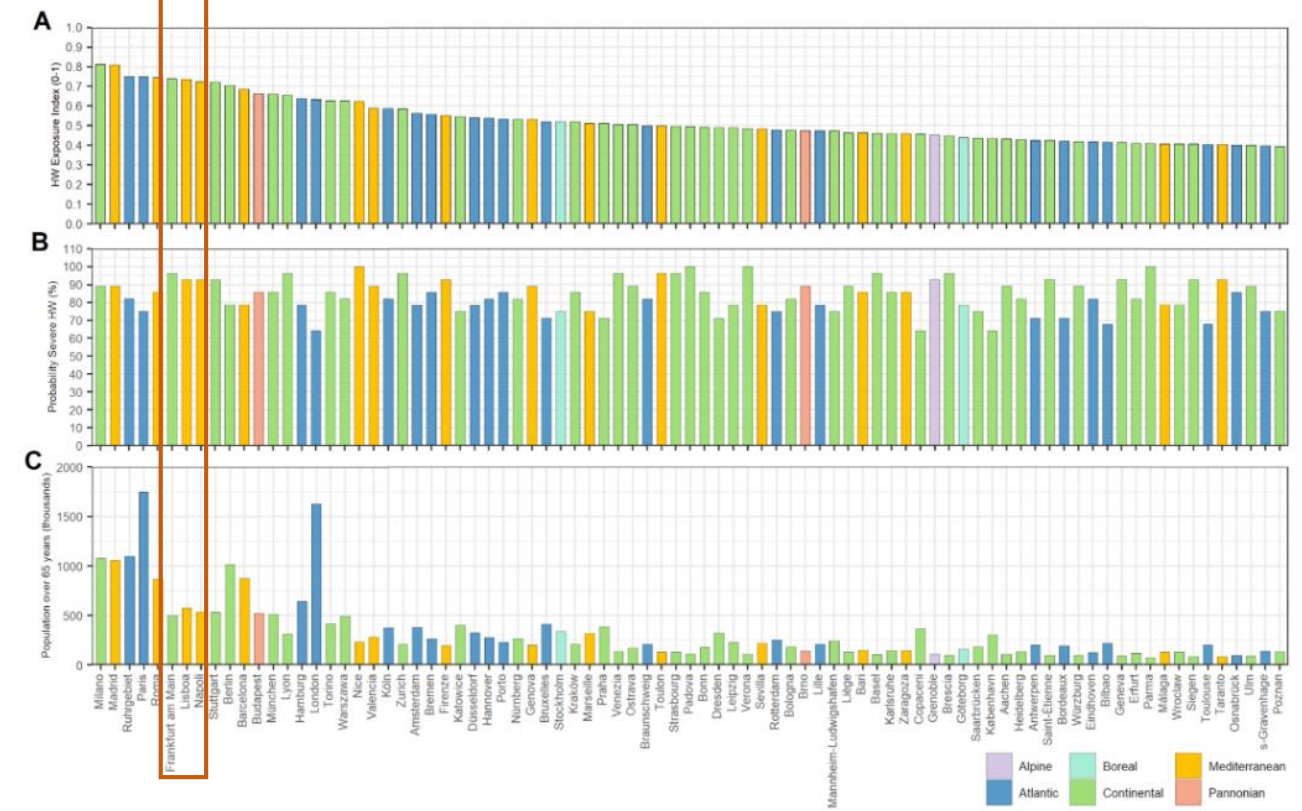


Fig. 7. Ranking results of the (a) Heatwave Exposure ( $HW_{EXPOSURE}$ ) levels for the European Functional Urban Areas (FUAs), together with (b) probability of Severe HW and (c) Number of people aged 65 or over (2008–2018 period).

Thank you for your attention

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