

Interactive comment on “Seasonality in the alpine water logistic system on a regional basis” by D. Vanham et al.

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The opinions of the Referees about the paper are generally in agreement. In fact, both the Reviewers found the paper potentially interesting for HESS. However, they believe the paper is not yet ready for publication, as the presentation is not fully clear.

I too believe the subject of the paper is interesting for HESS, although I agree that the scientific contribution provided by this analysis is not clear. My feeling is that the identification of the beginning and end of the winter season is important for an operational point of view. I believe the authors need to clearly show for what reason the identification of the winter season is actually important for water resources management and what is the operational drawback of an incorrect identification. I believe it is

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required to properly emphasise the practical interest of the study, as the identification of the calendar extension of the winter season, as it is presented within this paper, is not scientifically relevant in itself.

I would like to invite the authors to address all the comments of the Referees and to explain in their rebuttal document how each of them was dealt with. I think it is important that all the remarks of the Referees are addressed. I am confident that the authors have the same conviction, as I could perceive by their replies to the Reviewers.

I would like to thank the Referees for their constructive comments.

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