

## ***Interactive comment on “Observed drought and wetness trends in Europe: an update” by I. Bordi et al.***

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The opinion of the referees about this paper is generally very positive. I enjoyed me too reading it and therefore I encourage the authors to submit a revised paper to HESS, by discussing and possibly addressing the remarks of the referees.

I agree with the reviewers that an example of analysis of real data would provide a significant added value to the paper. I also agree with Dr. Koutsoyiannis that an assessment of the long term persistence properties (Hurst-Kolmogorov) of the considered records would also provide a meaningful additional contribution.

I think that these additional developments are not strictly necessary, but they would

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indeed be very significant. I would suggest at least to include a discussion of the above issues in the revised version of the paper.

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