

Dear Dr. Stahl,

Please find attached the revised version of our manuscript “**The European 2015 drought from a climatological perspective**” by M. Ionita et al.

In this version of the manuscript we have taken into account the requests made by the editor, more specifically:

1. We have change the abstract and made it more compact and easier to follow.
2. We have also tried to use proper names for variables. This is mainly valid for Tmax, which is now Tx.
3. The Discussion and Conclusions part has been separated in two distinct parts: 6. Discussion and 7. Conclusions and recommendations.

In the Conclusions part we highlight the main findings and try to emphasize (recommend) the need for a better communication and joint analysis between the different communities (climate and hydrology).

4. We added a small sub-section with the methods employed in our study (Composite maps and ranking maps).

4. We have reduced the number of figures, in the main document, to 12 and the rest are in the supplementary files.

All authors have agreed with resubmission of this revised manuscript, and no part of the paper is published or under review at another journal.

Sincerely,

Monica Ionita