

Interactive comment on “The European 2015 drought from a hydrological perspective” by G. Laaha et al.

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General:

The paper is well written; it is highly descriptive and provides relevant facts on impacts of droughts in different countries for the year 2015. However for the reader it would have been easier to if the different aspects of droughts would have been summarized in a table for the different countries. One aspect however is missing when talking about droughts for a year. It is very important to provide information about the meteorological conditions of the previous year, especially if you look at the status of the aquifers.

Conclusions:

A European network experts on water scarcity and droughts produced a report in 2007 on drought management plans as part of the Common Implementation Strategy of the Water Framework Directive, which was endorsed by the member States in November

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2007. The report sets out recommendations in preparing drought management plans. Examples are shown for some Member States. The authors could have explored in the first place the status of the implementation in the Member States instead of referring to the example given by GWP and WMO.

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