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# URBANIZATION



# URBAN HEAT ISLAND







## URBAN THERMAL ENVIRONMENT

#### **URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT**

Urban areas are warmer than their rural surroundings.

#### **IMPACT ON URBAN POPULATION**

Influences the wellbeing and safety of a large number of people.

#### **HEATWAVES**

UHIs prolong and intensify heatwave events.

### DATA NEEDED



#### HIGH SPATIOTEMPORAL URBAN TEMPERATURE DATASETS

To assess the urban thermal environment we need an urban temperature dataset that can capture the diurnal evolution of a city's hotspots.

Ideally: a spatial resolution of 100 m and a temporal of < 1-2 h are required.

**LACK OF DATA** Currently, no operational service to provide such datasets exists.



# MSG2-SEVIRI RSS



#### Geostationary Satellite 4 VNIR and 8 IR Spectral Bands 3-5 km Spatial Resolution 5 min Temporal Resolution



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## LAND SURFACE TEMPERATURE

Land surface temperature is the radiometric temperature of the surface and an important factor for the determination of several biophysical parameters and processes.



# AIR TEMPERATURE (2m height)

Air temperature is a key parameter for monitoring urban heat islands, assessing heat related risks, and estimating building energy consumption.



## HUMIDEX

UKLOOLG.

HUMIDEX is applied in warm periods and describes the temperature felt by an individual exposed to heat and humidity

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## COOLING DEGREES

Δροσιά

Χαλκίδα

Λουκισσια

CD is a measurement designed to reflect the demand for energy needed to cool a building.

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### ATHENS SEPTEMBER 2015 HEATWAVE

#### September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 | 12:00 UTC



#### September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 | 12:00 UTC





# System Presentation

http://snf-652558.vm.okeanos.grnet.gr/treasure/portal/