

### General comments

The authors chose to delete the section about the potential predictability drivers of dry and hot summers in Europe. Even if this reduces somewhat the scope and impacts of the study, it does improve the quality of the manuscript.

The comments have been adequately addressed by the authors. I only regret that the authors do not evaluate the contribution of the ensemble spread in the highest values of SNR, with respect to that of the deviation from the mean.

Overall I think the manuscript can now be published, if possible after addressing the minor comments indicated below.

Minor points:

Caption figure 5 : a word is missing "Skill metrics **are** provided separately"

Figure 5: A visualization of the 6 domains on a map would be appreciated. Either by adding a dedicated map, or by overlaying the 6 boundary rectangles on top of a map from figure 4.

Figures 5 et 6 : It would be worth assessing the statistical significance of the correlations in each focus region. This significance is important in your manuscript since you subsample your 24-year period into a reduced sample of years.

The year for the "Batté et al." reference is 2021, not 2017 (It was my mistake in the first round of review)