

## Case Study 1

# Potential risk of loss of tourism destination attractiveness due to climate change.

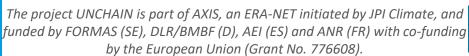
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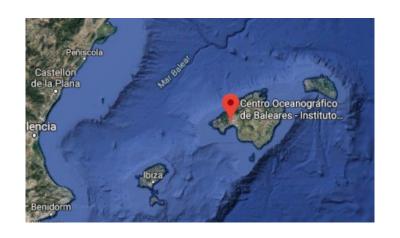








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- This case addresses a topic of <u>paramount interest</u> for local authorities and private companies.
- Regarding the implications for the policy, the methodology proposed will allow to assess the <u>sensitivity</u> to different indicators which will help to define the *paths for adaptation* and will provide a measure for the <u>robustness</u> of the risk estimate
- The main scientific contribution is the implementation of the uncertainty framework in the Impact Chain methodology.



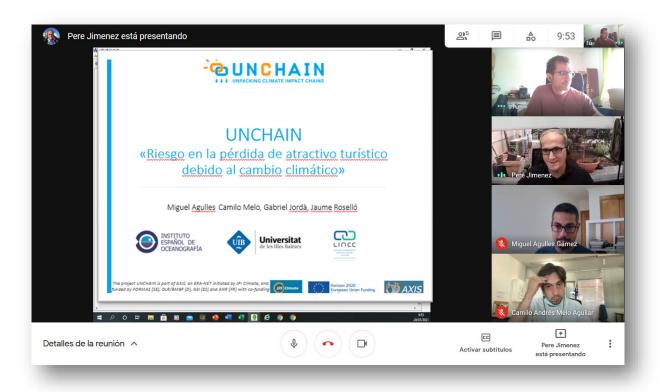




#### **PHASE I: Impact Chain Design**

Face 2 Face Interviews with hand-picked stakeholders (12)

Design of the interviews with the help of Åsa Gerger Swartling and Karin André (SEI)





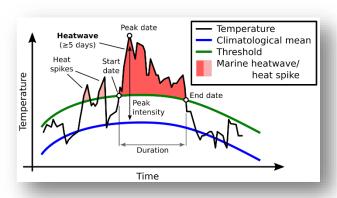


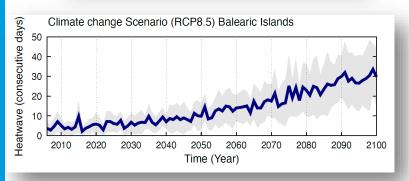


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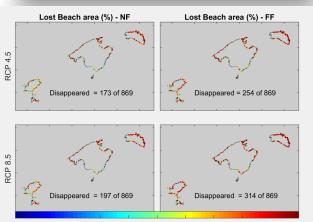
Two main **threats** have been identified: *Increase of temperatures* (loss of comfort) *Sea level Rise* (beach loss )

Water scarcity, extreme events and forest fires have been discarded

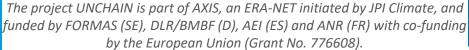








Beach area loss (%) under extreme conditions. Mid century (left panels) and for the end of the century (right panels)









### RISK OF LOSS OF TOURIST ATTRACTIVENESS DUE TO HEAT WAVES

#### **B\_EXPOSURE**

B1\_Age of the tourist

B2\_Origin (Greek, English, German, Norwegian..)

B3\_Purchasing power

B4\_Tourist profile (family, young / retired couples, sports)

B5\_Comfort level in the hotel (competition with the environment)

A1 Temperature increase Thermal confort Index RISK

A HAZARD

\* Phase III

#### C VULNERABILITY

C1\_Health system / security level

C2\_Air conditioning measures (AC, vaporizer at terraces, awnings, green areas)

\* C3\_Strengh of competitors

C4\_Weather forecast system (encourage tourists to come)

\* C5\_ Long term planning.
Coordination between sectors.

C6\_Offer of alternative activities

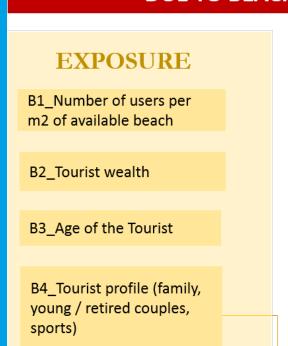
C7\_Overcrowding (tourists/residents)

\* C8\_Dependence on source markets

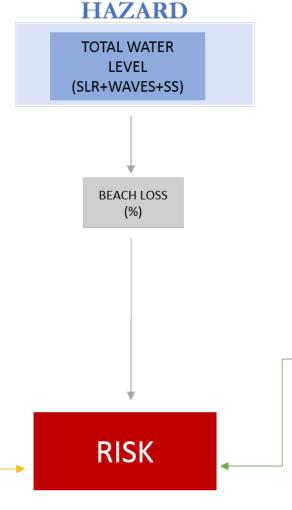
C9\_Quality of beach services

C10\_Quality of information for tourists

#### RISK OF LOSS OF TOURIST ATRACTIVENESS **DUE TO BEACH REDUCTION**



B5\_Comfort level in the hotel (competition with the environment)



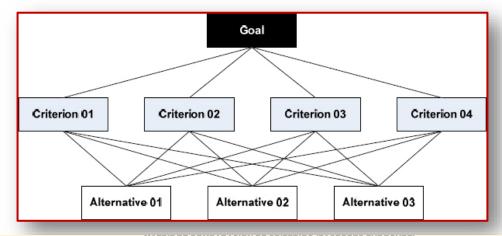
VULNERABILITY C1\_Health system / security level C2 Beach cleaning and maintenance C3\_Beach nourishment C4\_Strengh of competitors \* C5\_ Weather forecast system (to reduce coastal impacts) C6\_Long term planning. Coordination between sectors. C7\_Deseasonalization C8 Offer of alternative activities C9 Dependence on source markets C10\_Quality of beach services C10\_Quality of information for

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Phase III

#### **PHASE II: Weight and Normalization estimates**

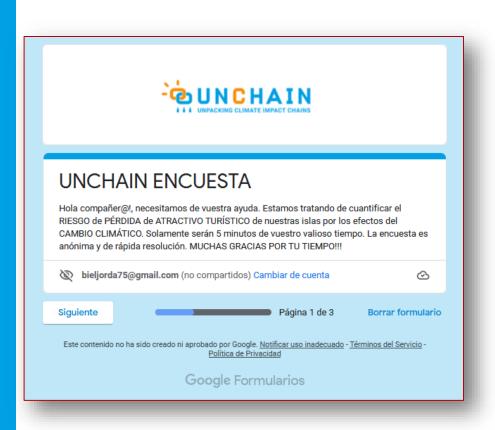
Analytical Hierarchical Process (AHP) has been set up to assign relative weights for the indicators of the same class and between indicators aggregations.

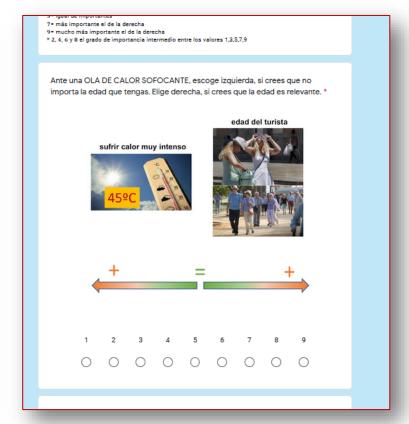


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#### **PHASE II: Weight and Normalization estimates**

## AHP fed by the results of an on-line poll (to be launched this month, after the high season ends)

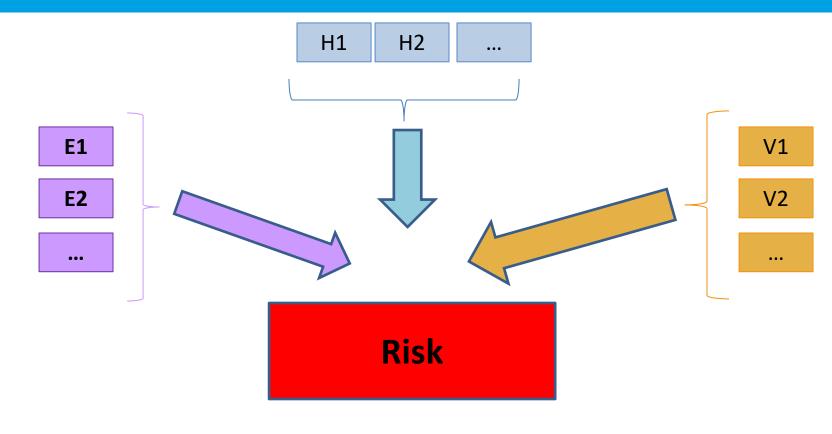












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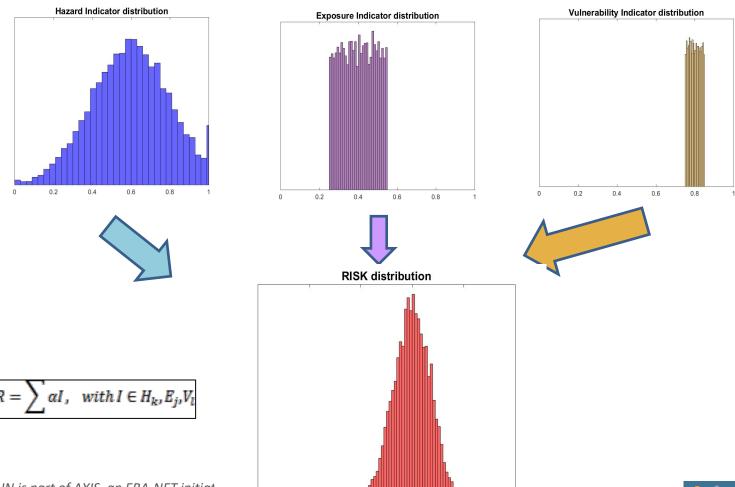
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#### Propagation of uncertainties through Monte Carlo approach



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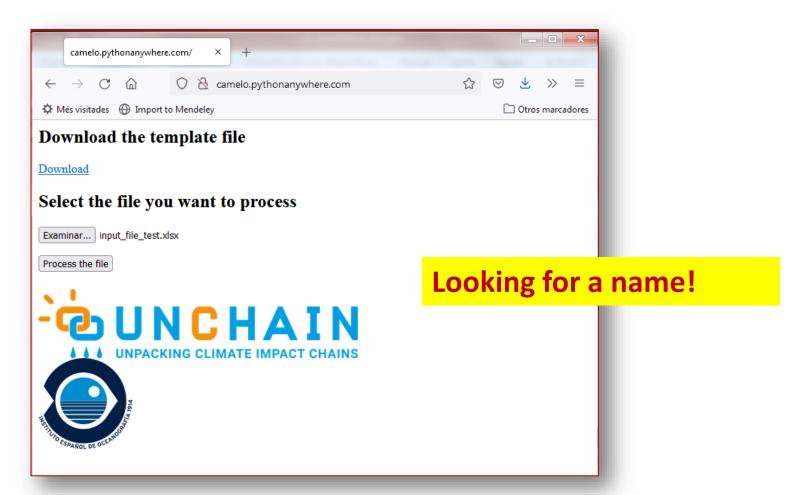
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Final risk estimate: On-line Tool
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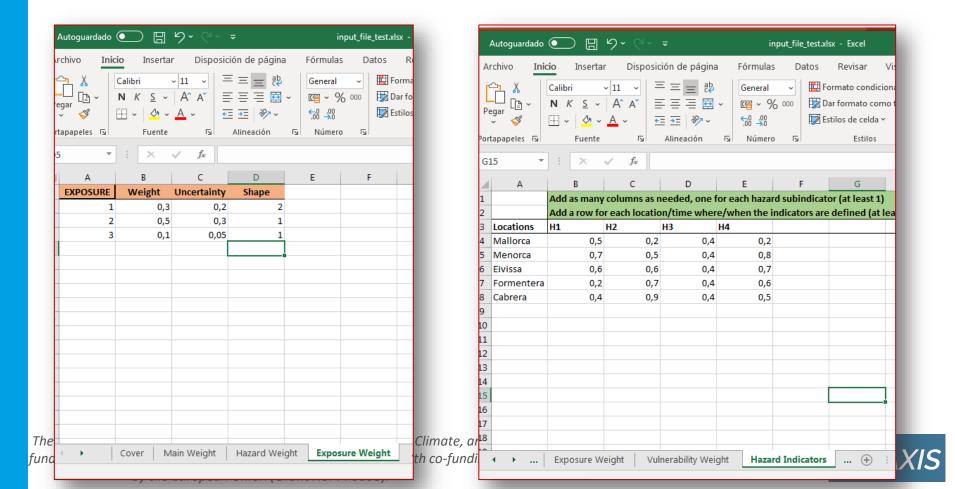






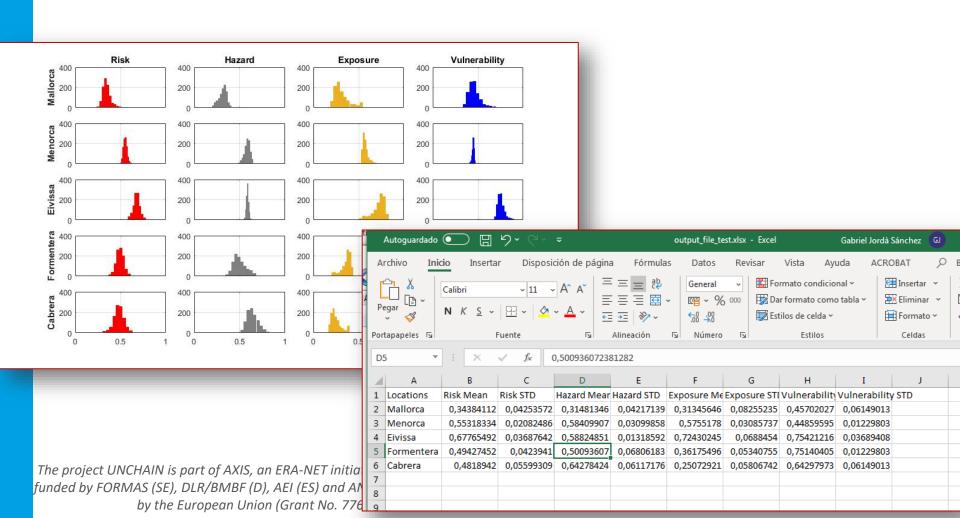
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Input file -> Excel file with weights, indicators, and estimated uncertainties for each component (if available)



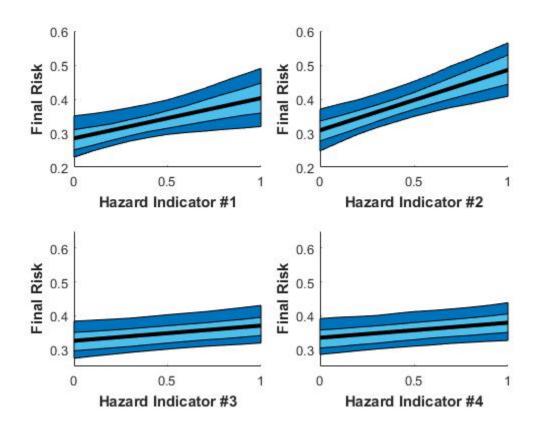
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Output file -> Excel file with aggregated indicators and risk + uncertainty



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Output file -> Sensitivity to changes in each indicator (in progress)









### **Conclusions**

#### **Main Outcomes**

- a new participatory process about a topic not addressed before in the region
- dealing with uncertainties in a systematic way
- development of an user friendly tool for the uncertainty propagation





#### **Conclusions**

#### **Research innovations:**

**(2) Co-production** - Integrating participatory methods into impact and adaptation modelling (participatory methods of co-design:

Prior meetings with top-level stakeholders, face2face, polls final workshop

**(3)Incorporating societal trends into scenario analysis** -What impact does socioeconomic scenarios have on risk estimates? How do impact and climate uncertainties compare?

We consider climate scenarios and set different scenarios for the indicators to assess sensitivity to their changes.

(4) Testing the Impact Chains approach

We introduce and test a probabilistic framework to naturally include uncertainties.







#### **Research Questions - IC Model**

How to combine a multitude of (sector-specific) information and still present them in a clear and concise manner?

How to identify potentially beneficial vs. potentially problematic interdependencies?

Not clear yet how to be done.

How to better integrate quantitative, semi-quantitative, qualitative and narrative approaches?

Transfer non-quantitative to discrete classes. The key point is the experts cross-validation of relative weights.







#### **Research Questions - IC Model**

How to make assessments and results comparable? Not clear yet how to be done.

How to address limitations in the availability of reliable data? (heterogeneity, spatial / temporal resolution, mismatch between resolution)

Establishing a mathematical framework that helps to quantify the interlinks between indicators and between indicators and the final risk. In this way, the elements that can't be quantified or that are missed, will appear as a residual variance that can be incorporated as an uncertainty..







#### **Research Questions - IC Model**

How to better address uncertainties and confidence levels for each step in the impact chain assessment?

Keep track of the uncertainties and to quantify them at each step of the procedure. This applies to quantitative estimates (e.g. uncertainty associated to sea level rise projections), to qualitative ones (e.g. discrepancies among experts about the potential impact on atractiveness due to beach reduction).

How to overcome the problems of deep uncertainty about future climatic and socio-economic conditions, as well as the lack of data – even of present conditions – when doing risk assessments?

We deal with the unknowns or missed information as a residual variance treated as uncertainty in the formalism.







#### Research Questions – User interface and stakeholder involvement

How to critically reflect on and be clear about stakeholder roles in the process as well as expected outcomes when doing impact chain analysis, and how to consider and compensate the potential bias of the participatory elements within the impact chain assessment?

How can knowledge co-production in climate change risk assessments better inform decision-making and adaptation action?

What are the critical factors concerning how knowledge co-production processes may lead to improvements in adaptation action?

We have no expertise to do research on this, but we need to address these issues to be sure the Case Study is robust enough.





