# Climate change consequences in Europe

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Flooding and fires

In June, rain records were smashed across Germany, Belgium and Austria, with devastating flooding. More than 150 people were killed, tens of thousands of homes were flooded and power supplies disrupted.

This rainfall was made nine times more likely by the climate crisis, research found afterwards. While visiting the flooded areas, German chancellor Angela Merkel said: "The German language barely has words for the devastation that has been wrought here".

A month later, hundreds of fires burned across the Mediterranean - from the Spanish region of Andalucía to the southern reaches of Turkey - as human-made climate change caused scorching heat waves.

The Greek prime minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis described it as his country's "greatest ecological disaster in decades". The heatwave prompted a joint declaration from Mediterranean countries to intensify their efforts to tackle the challenges posed by extreme weather.