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2. ABSTRACT

The Spoke VS1-Water is developing a number of outreach products / services for technological transfer of the knowledge developed within the research project. Such products will be demonstrated through the Digital Twin. This report includes sections related to monitoring and data management for outreach product NatDHMS - National Drought Hydrological Monitoring System, an advanced monitoring tool for the assessment of water resources. This tool will be demonstrated through case studies covering different scales within Italy, ranging from the entire country to specific hydrologic basins. Specific actions are aimed at:

- providing advanced monitoring tools delivering a comprehensive assessment of drought conditions and water resources at the entire Italian scale;
- generating a pipeline capable to leverage information from different sources (i.e., ground data, reanalysis and remotely sensed data) in near-real time, integrating it into a framework for producing hydro-meteorological variables and drought indexes on multiple spatial scales (gridded or aggregated);
- creating a high-resolution estimate of daily evapotranspiration over complex terrain by means of the Sentinel constellation products;
- monitoring and classifying crops using satellite image time series with a specific focus on winter crops and summer crops;
- providing a dataset of drought events over Europe with related attributes;
- identify and test indicators for the quantification of crop water stress based on satellite products;
- providing advanced monitoring tools to track the local-scale network connectivity dynamics in a forest headwater catchment.