

5 March – 8 March 2016

Weather Outlook for the border of Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



Current situation

A band of heavy rain crossed the region on Thursday night. 10-20mm of rain fell in a short period of time which is around 30% of what normally falls in the month of March. This has led to media reports on Friday morning of deteriorating ground conditions with fields becoming muddy and waterlogged around Eidomeni.

This weekend

Drier conditions are expected through this weekend, although temperatures overnight are expected to be slightly cooler than that experienced this week so far. Prolonged exposure to low temperatures by those sleeping in non-winterised shelter or remain outside overnight may lead to an increased number of people with specific needs presenting respiratory illnesses. Research has shown negative health effects start at relatively modest low temperatures, especially below 4-8°C.

Next week

Unsettled conditions are expected to return on Monday with another band of rain moving across the region, most likely later in the afternoon and into Tuesday. This rain could again turn heavy at times with rainfall of 25-50mm likely. Higher amounts of rain are possible if the band of rain becomes slow-moving across the area. Although transportation is unlikely to be significantly affected, this rainfall is likely to lead to a further deterioration in ground conditions in unpaved surfaces. However, cloudy conditions will mean overnight temperatures will be higher than the weekend.

Thereafter, an unsettled weather pattern is expected through the rest of next week, with further rain likely. Additionally, slightly lower temperatures similar to the coming weekend are expected.