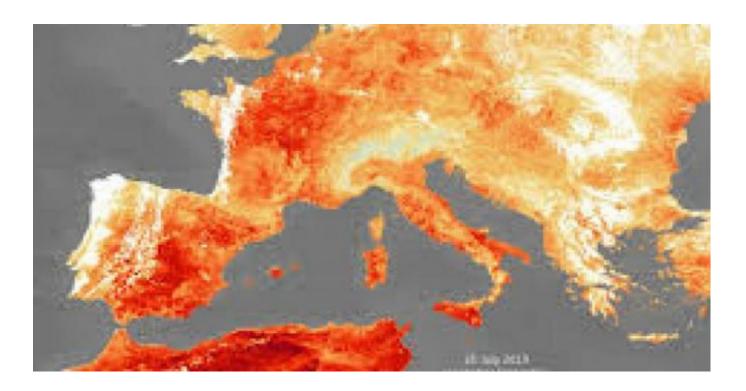


Report says Europe could face annual extreme heat waves due to climate change

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Madrid, December 5 (RHC)-- The European Union Environmental Agency is warning wide swaths of Europe could face annual extreme heat waves unless urgent action is taken to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions to avert the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

Hans Bruyninckx of the European Union Environmental Agency, which released its new report this week amid the U.N. Climate Change Summit in Madrid, Spain. Bruyninckx said: "Things are indeed urgent. We need to bend the trends in the next decade, it's a critical decade. We already see irreversible damage, climate change is happening, biodiversity is lost, species are disappearing, our oceans are changing fundamentally."

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