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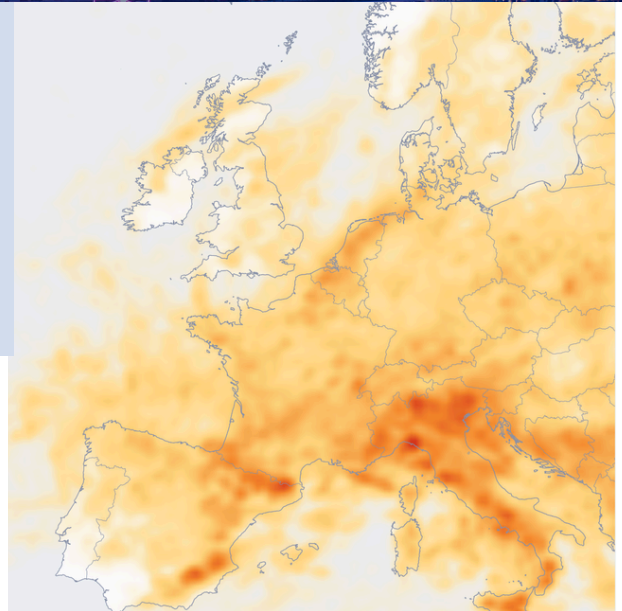
Lightning flash report

~890,000

cloud-to-ground lightning flashes recorded across Europe

1 June - 31 August 2026

The meteorological summer of 2026 was marked by several severe thunderstorm outbreaks across Europe.



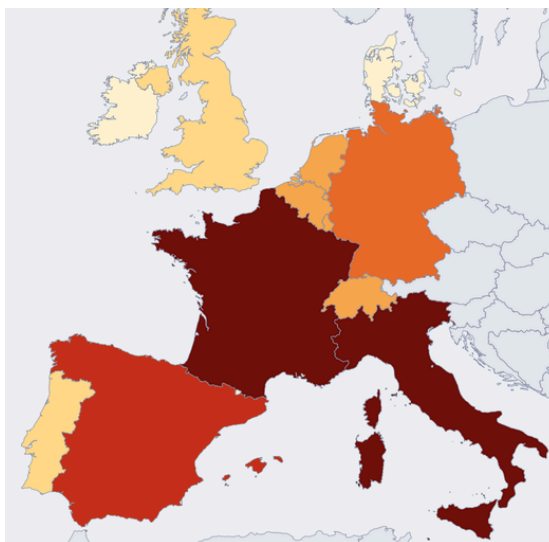
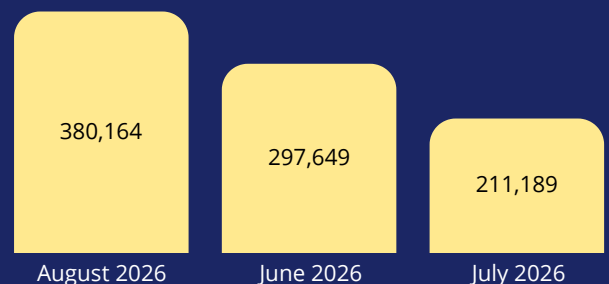
WESTERN EUROPE UNDER LIGHTNING

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6.69 million

total cloud-to-ground and intra-cloud lightning flashes detected

● Number of cloud-to-ground (CG) lightning flashes



20 August 2026

46,971

cloud-to-ground lightning flashes recorded across Europe

The most electrically active day of the period.

28 June 2026 38,892 27 June 2026 29,995



Italy	France	Spain	Germany	Switzerland
298,341	,243,649	165,173	,97,899	,22,158
N _{sg} * : 4,72	N _{sg} * : 2,08	N _{sg} * : 1,39	N _{sg} * : 1,29	N _{sg} * : 2,42

Ranking by lightning density: Italy, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Belgium, France

Top most lightning-struck countries in Europe

1 June - 31 August 2026

*N_{sg} Lightning density:

The best current representation of thunderstorm activity is lightning density, which is the number of cloud-to-ground (CG) lightning flashes per km² per year.



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