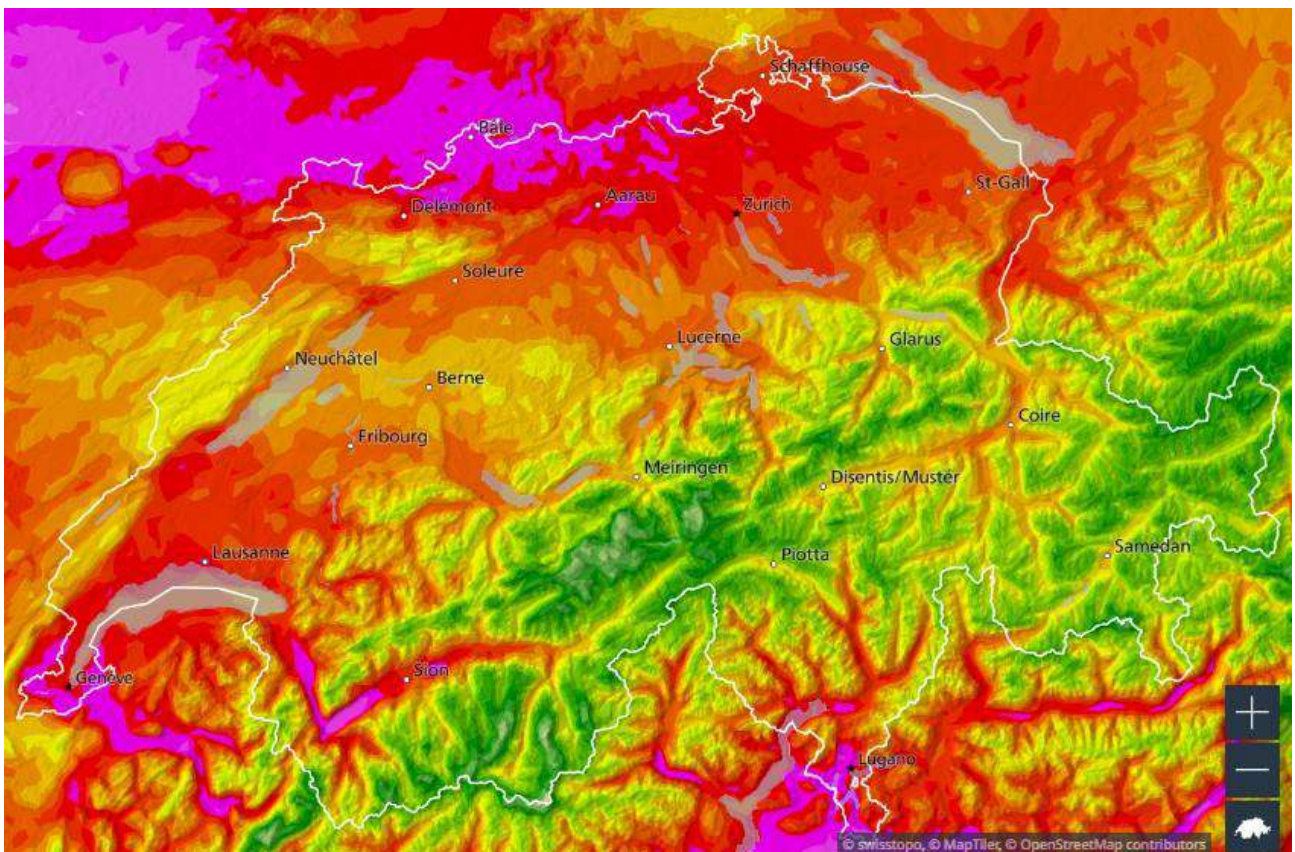


The Heat of 2027 Is Prepared Today, Not Next July

After the hottest summer ever measured, 2027 looks set to be worse still. Anticipating is no longer optional.

The summer of 2026 was the hottest ever recorded in Switzerland. And according to the major climate agencies, 2027 could be worse still, driven by an exceptional El Niño. Next summer, the difference will play out between those who anticipated — and the rest.

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Summer 2026: Switzerland experienced at least four heatwaves and broke its all-time temperature record. Forecasts point to an even hotter 2027.

There is news better heard in autumn than in the middle of a heatwave. Here is one such piece: the summer we have just lived through, already exceptional, may be only a foretaste of the one to come.

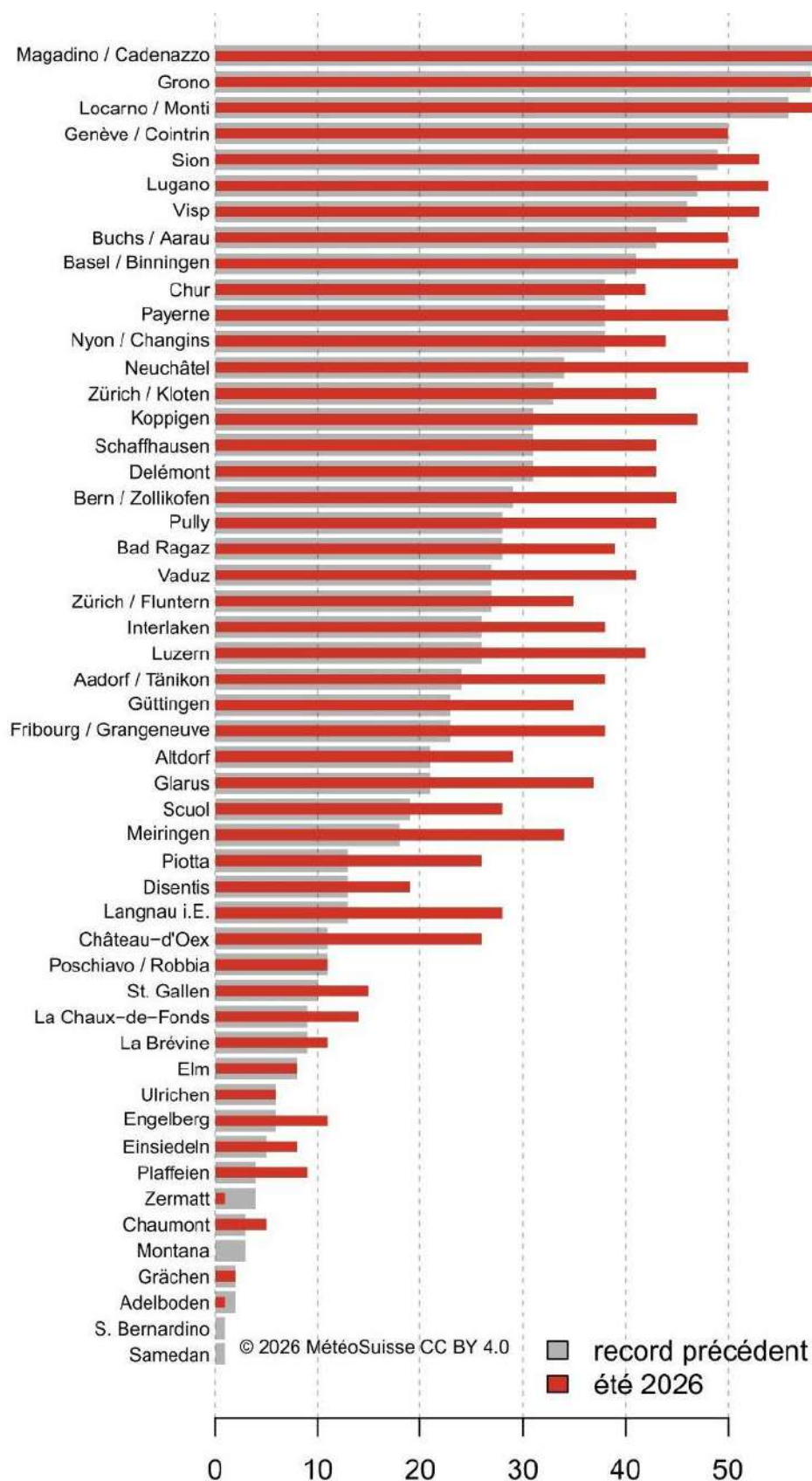
We are barely out of a 2026 summer that shattered records — and the most serious climate forecasts already point to an even hotter 2027. For an owner, a manager or a building operator, this twofold observation carries a very concrete message: next summer's thermal comfort will not be decided in July. It is decided **now**, at the moment of planning budgets and works.

2026: the Summer That Matched, Then Beat, the 2003 Record

This is no impression. The summer we have just come through will go down in history. According to MeteoSwiss, the months of June to August 2026 are set to be **the hottest ever recorded in Switzerland since measurements began**, dethroning the scorching summer of 2003 that had held the record until now.

The facts speak for themselves. Switzerland experienced **at least four heatwaves** — including a first one as early as the end of May, before summer had even officially begun, and a late-June wave of historic magnitude. Unprecedentedly, it was in **June already** that many stations broke their records for maximum daily temperature, whereas 2003 had peaked in August. In Visp, nearly **50 days above 30 degrees** were counted. In Bern, thirteen consecutive tropical days set a record since 1864. Twenty-seven stations across the country broke their night-time temperature record — those nights when the body, deprived of coolness, can no longer recover.

The most telling sign may lie elsewhere: never had the Swiss searched the word “air conditioner” online as much, with interest more than doubling compared with previous heatwaves. When airing out in the evening no longer suffices, everyone rushes to the emergency solution — and installers' order books overflow.



Nombre de journées tropicales

Records for tropical days, the hottest nights ever measured, marked drought: the summer of 2026 will stand as the hottest in the history of Swiss records. (Data source: MeteoSwiss)

2027: the Climate Agencies Forecast Worse Still

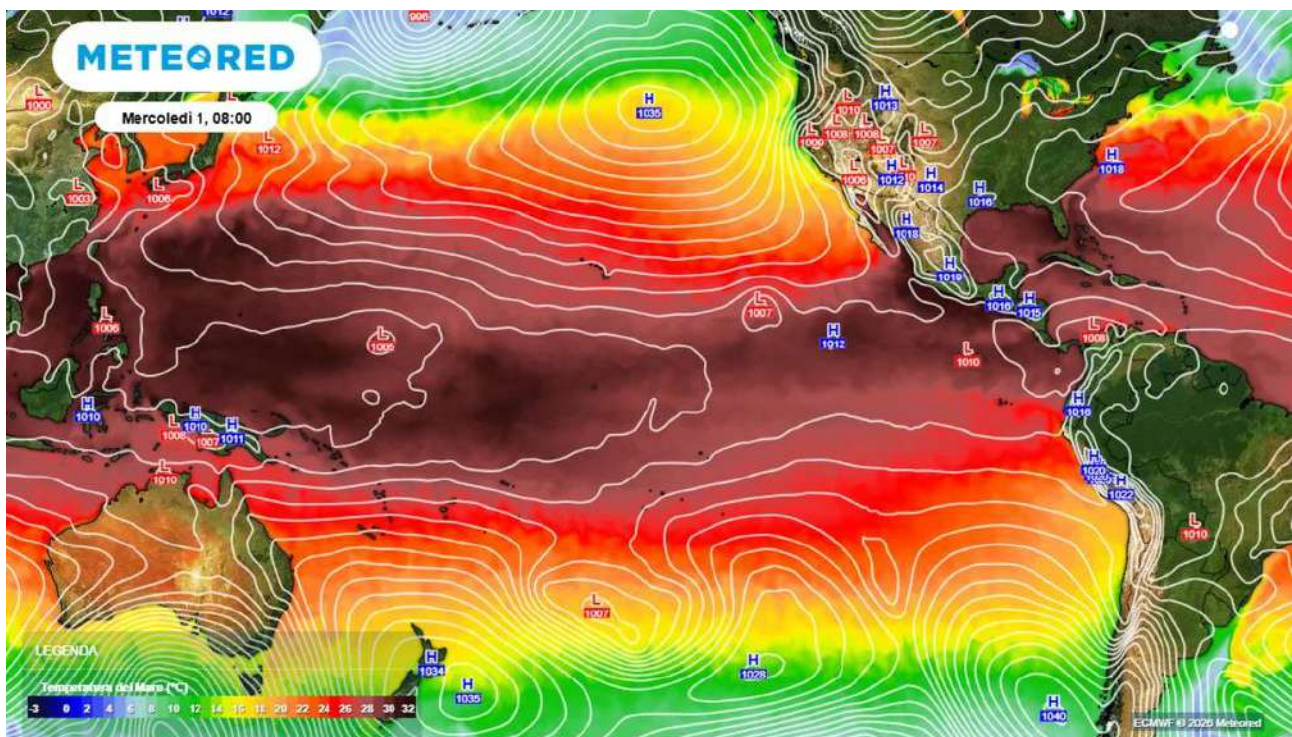
One might hope that 2026 will remain an exception. The forecasts say otherwise — and they converge.

The phenomenon behind it now has a familiar name: **El Niño**, the natural variation that periodically warms the waters of the equatorial Pacific and, in turn, the entire global climate. And the episode now taking shape is anything but ordinary. According to NOAA, the US oceanic and atmospheric observation agency, there is a **69% probability that it will exceed, by the end of 2026, every El Niño recorded since 1950** — the strongest ever known.

Its consequences will be felt above all the following year. Since El Niño's impact is mainly felt the year after it occurs, **this should make 2027 the hottest year ever recorded** worldwide. The mechanism is well understood: a lag of about three months separates the El Niño peak from the maximum response of global temperatures. This is what happened after 1998, 2016 and 2024 — each a record the year following the peak.

The orders of magnitude are dizzying. According to climatologists Zeke Hausfather and Andrew Dessler, El Niño would cause an average rise of **0.3 °C in 2027** worldwide — a level that, on the underlying trend alone, would otherwise not be reached until 2037. In other words: 2027 will be like **a glimpse of the future**. The World Meteorological Organization confirms this, pointing to the strongest El Niño in forty years and a “danger zone of extreme weather events.”

The conclusion is clear: after a record summer in 2026, **2027 looks set to be not a respite, but a worsening.**



El Niño is expected to strengthen as the boreal winter of 2026-2027 approaches, with a high probability of reaching strong, even very strong intensity. The peak transfer of heat from ocean to atmosphere generally occurs a few months after the maximum of ocean surface temperature anomalies. (Source: tameteo.com)

Why Anticipating Changes Everything

Faced with this, the temptation is to put it off — “we'll see in spring.” That is precisely the mistake to avoid, for three concrete reasons.

The application season is not summer. A thermo-reflective coating is applied under precise conditions of temperature and humidity. Autumn and spring are the ideal windows. Waiting for the first heat to act means discovering that the right moment has already passed — and enduring the summer rather than facing it equipped.

Order books fill up. We saw it this summer: as soon as the heatwave strikes, demand explodes and lead times lengthen, for us as for air-conditioning installers. Whoever plans calmly in autumn 2026 will be treated, tested and protected well before the 2027 wave arrives. Whoever waits until July will queue.

Budgets are decided now. For a public authority, a property management firm, a company or a foundation, next year's spending is planned in autumn. Entering envelope treatment into the 2027 budget today means ensuring that protection will be in place before summer — and not voted through in a panic during it.

What Anticipation Makes Possible — Properly

Anticipating is not just about saving time. It is about doing things by the book, with a method that urgency forbids:

A **serious thermal assessment** that identifies the building's real priorities — which surfaces to treat, in what order, for what gain. A **tailored plan** aligned with favourable weather windows and the life of the building (off-season for a hotel, during holidays for a school). And above all, the possibility of **establishing a baseline measurement before works**: to prove afterwards, figures in hand and under the international IPMVP protocol, the real extent of the gains achieved. This proof is only possible if one has measured beforehand — that is, if one has anticipated.

In summer, under pressure, one patches up. In autumn, with method, **one protects for the long term.**

A Window That Is Closing

Throughout this year, we have documented in these columns what heat does to our buildings: homes that become dangerous for the elderly, offices where productivity collapses, industrial halls turned into furnaces, decimated livestock farms, schools where teaching is no longer possible. The summer of 2026 turned these analyses into lived experience, for the whole country.

What is new is that **we already know, in autumn 2026, that the following summer will most likely be worse.** This information is a privilege: it offers several months to act calmly, before everyone worries about it at once.

Reflecting sunlight rather than absorbing it, retaining the heat produced in winter rather than letting it escape: these actions take a few days of work. But they cannot be improvised on the eve of a heatwave.

The record heat of 2027 is prepared today.



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The heat of 2027 is already forecast. Don't endure it — prepare for it. A thermal assessment this autumn, protection in place before summer.

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