

Sharing expertise and training in Wildland Fire Management across Europe and elsewhere

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Resumen

One of the objectives of the EU-sponsored Fire Paradox Project is the creation and sharing of knowledge between professionals of Europe of different backgrounds. To contribute to give a true European dimension to this issue by an extensive use of the complementary skills and competencies of the existing networks that participate in the project are the aims of the project. This can be done by the use of European and other regional networks and projects that will enhance the transfer of the scientific results in order to contribute to establish policies of Integrated Wildland Fire Management at National and European levels. Also results from the previous European research projects and practical experience in various countries outlined the necessity to put in motion and in some cases to design new fire management policies adapted to the various European situations but action was not taken. Highlytrained professionals need constant refresher training. This can be implemented through web-based sharing of lessons learned in last season real cases. All fire professionals should be involved in their use as they are the ones that will be at the fire and will be able to take the data. Practical training through large fire scenarios is a part of training fire professionals, and also, while exchanges are done, to facilitate help during large fires. The overall objective is that professional training should be oriented to fire management and preparedness for wildfires by anticipating scenarios of behaviour of large fires. The Fire Paradox Project is closely cooperation with other projects sponsored by the EU such as the EUROFIRE project (Leonardo da Vinci Programme) and EU LIFE projects.

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