



Global Session

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Technical Report

**Council of Europe – European and Mediterranean
Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA)**

**Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
(OSCE)**

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The Council of Europe: EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement

Members: 25 States

- Acting through 26 *Euro-Mediterranean Specialized Centers*
- GFMC responsible for Landscape Fire Management



Objectives

- To reinforce and to promote co-operation between Member States in a multi-disciplinary context to ensure better prevention, protection against risks and better preparation in the event of major natural or technological disasters

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Ministerial Council Decision 2014 / 6:

- Tasked the OSCE executive structures within their available resources and mandates, to strengthen the exchange of knowledge and experience, building upon the OSCE's good practices in disaster risk reduction gained particularly in the field of **fire management**

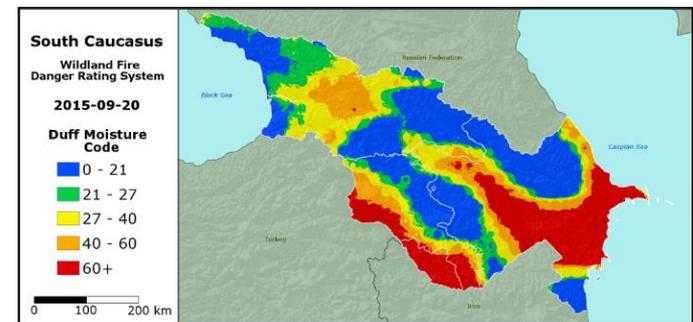
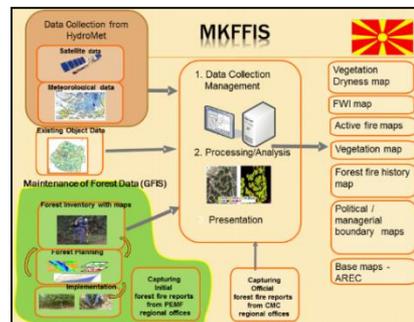
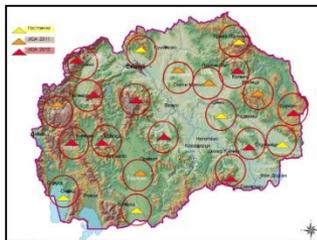


Joint OSCE & EUR-OPA support to Participating States (I)

- National fire (management) assessments
- Facilitation of national inter-agency dialogue and coordination in fire management
- Initiation and facilitation of developing National Fire Management Policies
- National and regional training / capacity building

Joint EUR-OPA & OSCE support to Participating States (II)

- Development of Regional and National Fire Early Warning Systems
- Facilitation of regional consultations for enhancing preparedness & interoperability in cross-boundary cooperation in fire management



Activities 2017-2019

Ukraine

Objectives:

- Enhancing the national interagency and international cross-boundary dialogue and inter-operability in fire management in Ukraine and neighboring countries of Eastern Europe
- Review of legal framework concerning agricultural burning as the main cause of wildfires affecting the landscapes, soil fertility and as source of atmospheric pollution



Results

- Series of National Round Table on Fire Management ***Fires in the Natural and Cultural Landscapes of Ukraine: Towards the Development of a National Fire Management Policy*** (2017-2019 at the Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center – REEFMC)
- A number of detailed recommendations / actions proposed are focusing on proposals for changing legislation concerning agricultural burning
- Preparation of legislative initiatives for Ukrainian Parliament (*Verkhovna Rada*) on improving national situation with agricultural burning in Ukraine based on results of the National Round Table on the matter held in October 2017 in Kyiv.



Activities 2019 (I)

Strengthening Regional Governance in Fire Management

- Example of joint work with the OSCE in the frame of the project “Improving Radiological and Environmental Awareness in Territories Affected by the Chernobyl Accident in Belarus and Ukraine with a Focus on Wildfire Management”
- Table-top exercise in Gomel, Belarus (May 2018)



Activities 2019 (I)

Strengthening Regional Governance in Fire Management

- Preparation of Guidelines and Terminology and Fire Management in Radioactively Contaminated Terrain



- Publication of public awareness materials



Activities 2019 (III)

Strengthening Regional Governance in Fire Management

- Formal opening of the **Regional Eurasia Fire Monitoring Center** at the Federal Research Center «Krasnoyarsk Science Center SB RAS» (27 August 2019)
- **Региональный центр мониторинга пожаров Евразии** (Федеральный научный центр «Красноярский научный центр Сибирского отделения Российской академии наук»)



Activities 2018 (III)



Establishment of the Eurasian Team of Specialists in Landscape Fire Management

➤ Decision of the Joint Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents and Directors of the Specialized Centers (Paris, November 2017)

Mandate

➤ Provision of scientific-technical expert advice and guidance of governments and specialized agencies of Europe, with emphasis on the regions of Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia, in developing national fire management policies and derived implementation strategies and action plans

Activities 2018 (III)

Establishment of the Eurasian Team of Specialists in Landscape Fire Management

- Kick-off / launching meeting at GFMC on 12 October 2018
- Core Team: Leaders of Regional Fire Management Resource Centers and Networks in SE Europe / Caucasus Eastern Europe and Central Asia





FIRE-IN

**Fire and
REscue
Innovation
Network**



**Thematic Working
Group Landscape
Fire Crisis Mitigation
(TWG - C)**

Newsletter 1 – December 2017

FIRE-IN has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme under grant agreement N° 740 575



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Main Objective

Improve the National
and European Fire &
Rescue Capability
Development
Process



Activities

main lines:

- (i) Identification and harmonisation of operational capability gaps
- (ii) Scouting of promising solutions
- (iii) Definition of a Fire & Rescue Strategic Research and Standardisation Agenda

5 Thematic Working Groups + involvement of Associated Experts



A. Search and Rescue (SAR) and Emergency Medical Response
CFS,
SAFE, ENSOSP, CNVVF, CAFO



B. Structural Fires
CNVVF
ENSOSP, CAFO, SGSP, MSB



C. Landscape Fires
GFMC
CFS, PCF, MSB, KEMEA



D. Natural Disasters
THW
MSB, CNVVF, CFS, KEMEA



E. CBRNE
CAFO
ENSOSP, SGSP, KEMEA, CNVVF



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Associated Experts (AE) community

(international community including key thematic practitioner experts from public, private, NGOs bodies, and representative of thematic working groups from existing networks)

1000 experts expected





Thanks for Your Attention



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