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## **EFFMIS: AN INTERREG IV PROJECT DEVOTED TO THE FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT**

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# EFFMIS

Name:	European Forest Fire Monitoring using Information Systems
Acronym:	EFFMIS
Programme:	INTERREG IVC (3rd call for proposals)
Type of Intervention:	Capitalization project
Priority:	2 - Environment and risk prevention
Sub-theme:	Natural and technological risks (including climate change)
Approval date:	28 June 2010
Official start date:	1 November 2010
Duration:	24 months
Total Budget:	1,772,030.00
ERDF contribution:	1,453,135.50



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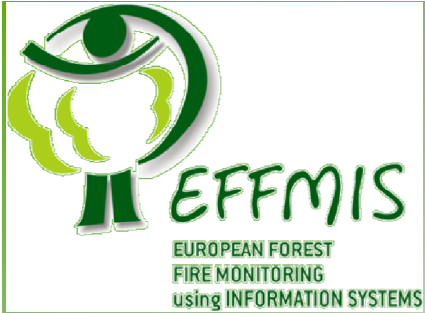
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## EFFMIS Project

### •Project Synthesis

**EFFMIS is an INTERREG IVC Capitalisation project running from 1st November 2010 until 30 October 2012.**

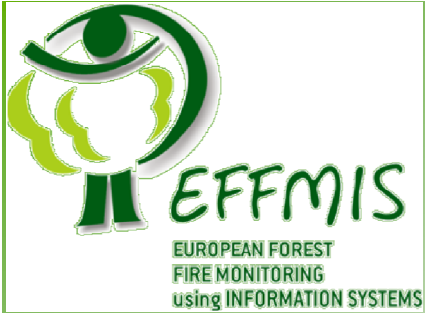
**The project aims to pool Good Practices (GPs) on exploitation of the usage of information systems in order to early detect, efficiently manage and handle forest fires and assess the damage caused and ways for regeneration.**

**EFFMIS focuses on the exchange of GPs among the regions and will seek to develop regional action plans for how each region can position itself better in using information systems to protect its natural resources against fire.**



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## EFFMIS Project

### Aims

1. Early detection and visualization of fire propagation;
2. Forecasting of danger zones based on "fire environment" analysis;
3. Risk assessment during panic evacuation;
4. Optimal spatial distribution of service vehicles;
5. Fire suppression services routing;
6. Rule-based knowledge representation and scenario management;
7. Post-fire impact assessment.

### objectives

1. The protection of the environment and prevention of the danger of fire;
2. The forest monitoring and early detection systems to increase each region's readiness to respond in the most prompt and efficient manner;
3. Improve the effectiveness of regional development policies in the field of fire forest detection and management, specifically in improving the capacity of the responsible authority;
4. The identification of each region's specific needs;
5. The exchange of experiences and good practices about the regional policies, methods and systems that are used for the early detection and comparison of wildfires in sensitive areas, such as forests.



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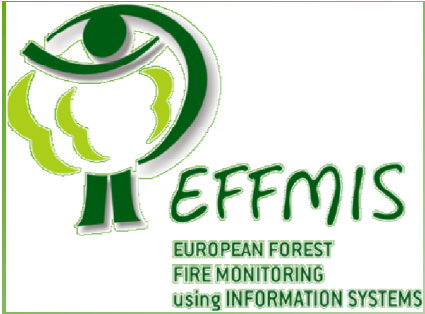
## Good Practices (GPs) evaluation matrix

No.	Service (name - short description)	Good Practices																										
		GREECE		SPAIN				ITALY		POLAND			SLOVENIA				BULGARIA		UK		LITHUA	PORTUGAL						
		GP1 - INFOFI	GP2 - SAFER	GP3 - ES1	GP4 - ES2	GP5 - ES3 - INFOC	GP6 - ES4	GP7 - ES5	GP8 - ES6	GP9 - IT1 - SFIDE	GP10 - IT2 - CICLOP	GP11 - PL1 - NFFIS	GP12 - PL2 - FF RiskFo	GP13 - PL3 - WildFD	GP14 - SI1 - KVOS	GP15 - SI2 - SPATI MFFD	GP16 - SI3 - eGIS_U	GP17 - SI4 - FWI KARST	GP18 - SI5 - FOREC FB KARST	GP19 - SI6 - GRADI FF HAZAR	GP20 - BG1 - FFIS	GP21 - BG2 - LSS & FRA IS	GP22 - UK1 - 3D modelli	GP23 - UK2	GP24 - LT1 - Firewat	GP25 - PT1	GP26 - PT2	GP27 - PT3
<b>I. Monitoring &amp; Detection</b>																												
I.1	Real-time monitoring of meteorological information (locally collected data)	x	x		x						x	x				x					x			x	x			
I.2	Real-time automated visual monitoring (video cameras on location, satellite images, etc)	x	x						x	x				x							x				x			
I.3	Real-time sensor network data acquisition and monitoring		x	x	x				x												x			x				
I.4	Fire Detection and Alarm Indication	x	x						x	x			x	x		x								x	x			
I.5	Fire detection based on geostationary satellite								x																			
I.6	Area monitoring on demand for fire detection								x																			
I.7	Pan European observation system capability								x																			
<b>II. Information &amp; Resources Mapping</b>																												
II.1	Development and management of thematic maps (geographic and other information for the support of all fire prevention and confrontation actions)	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
II.2	Detailed land use mapping based on field visits	x																									x	
II.3	Cartographic base used for land management, planning and investment for fire prevention	x																									x	x
<b>III. Modelling &amp; Simulation</b>																												
III.1	Development of GIS platform (combination of High Resolution satellite images and Digital Elevation Models)	x	x		x				x	x							x				x	x						x
III.2	Model-based creation (daily/weekly/annual) of fire analysis/risk prediction maps - Early warning system	x		x	x		x		x	x	x	x				x	x	x			x	x			x	x	x	
III.3	Development of case specific fuel model based on locally collected material	x	x						x	x										x								x
III.4	Provision of Fire Spread simulation modeling tool	x	x		x					x																		x
III.5	Optimization of fire-watch station placement	x							x	x																		x
III.6	Training and educational aid																								x	x		
<b>IV. Fire Incident Management</b>																												
IV.1	Creation of operation Centre for incident management	x	x	x					x	x																		
IV.2	Call center integration		x										x															x
IV.3	Development of Web application for information diffusion with different levels of access	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x								x	x			x	x			x
IV.4	End-user collaboration tools for crisis management - GIS-based collaboration environment		x										x							x	x	x	x					
IV.5	Real-time mission planning (situation analysis, dispatcher, scenarios handling, etc.)		x	x	x	x		x				x												x	x			x
IV.6	Evacuation risk assessment		x		x																							
IV.7	Management, tracking and optimal distribution of fire fleet units & resources (vehicles and pedestrian units)	x	x	x	x		x		x	x			x							x								x
IV.8	Calculation of optimal routes and access time - Emergency Routing	x	x										x													x		x
<b>V. History Recording &amp; Metadata Processing</b>																												
V.1	Recording of Fire History	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x									x	x			x	x			x
V.2	Production of Metadata & management, file extraction for post processing (EC Directive INSPIRE compatibility)	x	x	x						x	x	x	x							x								
V.3	Assessment of Damages after fire incident (flora & fauna, inhabited areas, forest land, etc.)	x				x			x	x	x		x							x	x							x
V.4	Estimate of the burned biomass			x					x																			

About 30 Good Practices (GPs) have been selected



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## Distribution of Good Practices

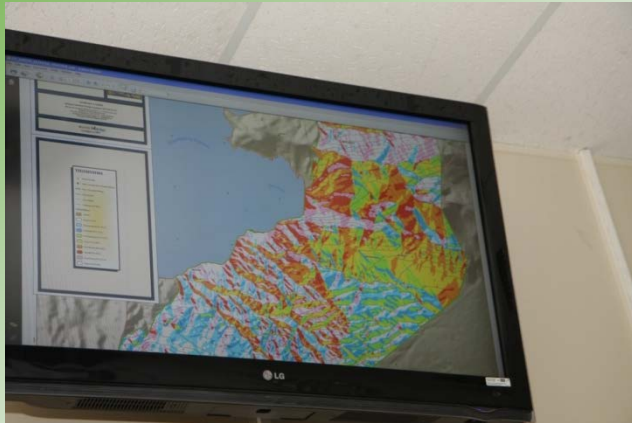
Prevision/ prevention	Detection/ Monitoring	Damage assessment/ post- event investigation	IT for Support
<b>10 GPs</b>	<b>Visible cameras 4 GPs</b>	<b>1 GP</b>	<b>10 GPs</b>
	<b>Thermal cameras 1 GP</b>		
	<b>Satellite images 1 GP</b>		





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## From Greece



Advanced technologies used (GR1):

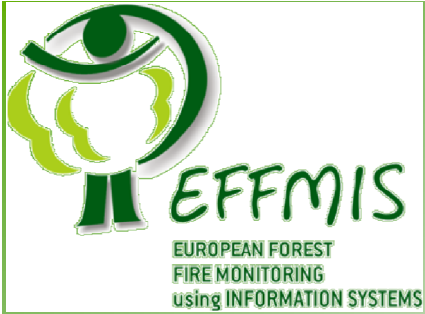
- satellite images
- orthophotomaps
- geographic information system applications
- fire simulation models
- meteorological data and digital network for supervision of fire forests connected to the Geographic System



	GP characteristics
<b>INFOFIRE</b>	Detection by smoke image) – fire alarm indication. System calibration with time to improve performances
<b>SAFER</b>	Supporting data from meteorological sensors, cameras, fire spread simulation







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## From Spain

	GP characteristics
ES1 - NOMO	GPS tracking data for vehicles and other resources.
ES2	Weather station for real-time information, identification of greater risk areas, extinction resources management.
ES3 - INFOCAL	Web-based application for real-time and stastic information diffusion among the engineers, fire brigades, helicopter, pilot, command centre.
ES4	Model for daily fire prediction map.
ES5	Brush-out subventions maps for decision making about prevention. Information System for correct subvention.
ES6	Post-e



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## From Spain

	GP characteristics
<b>ES1 - NOMO</b>	GPS tracking data for vehicles and other resources.



**EMERCARTO Project**  
Control of 301 vehicles and teams' position every minute.  
Alarm button.

**NOMO Project**  
Positive experience with 50 GPS locator equipment to measure wildfire surfaces.  
NOMO sends perimeter- polygon straight to the Province Operation Room.



# From Spain

GP characteristics	
ES2	<b>Weather station for real-time information, identification of greater risk areas, extinction resources management.</b>



Conventional image

Surveillance tower(1), 24h/day working. 13 cameras are available  
 Captured images (2 y 4) are sent using radio system (3) to the command center.



Thermal image





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# From Spain



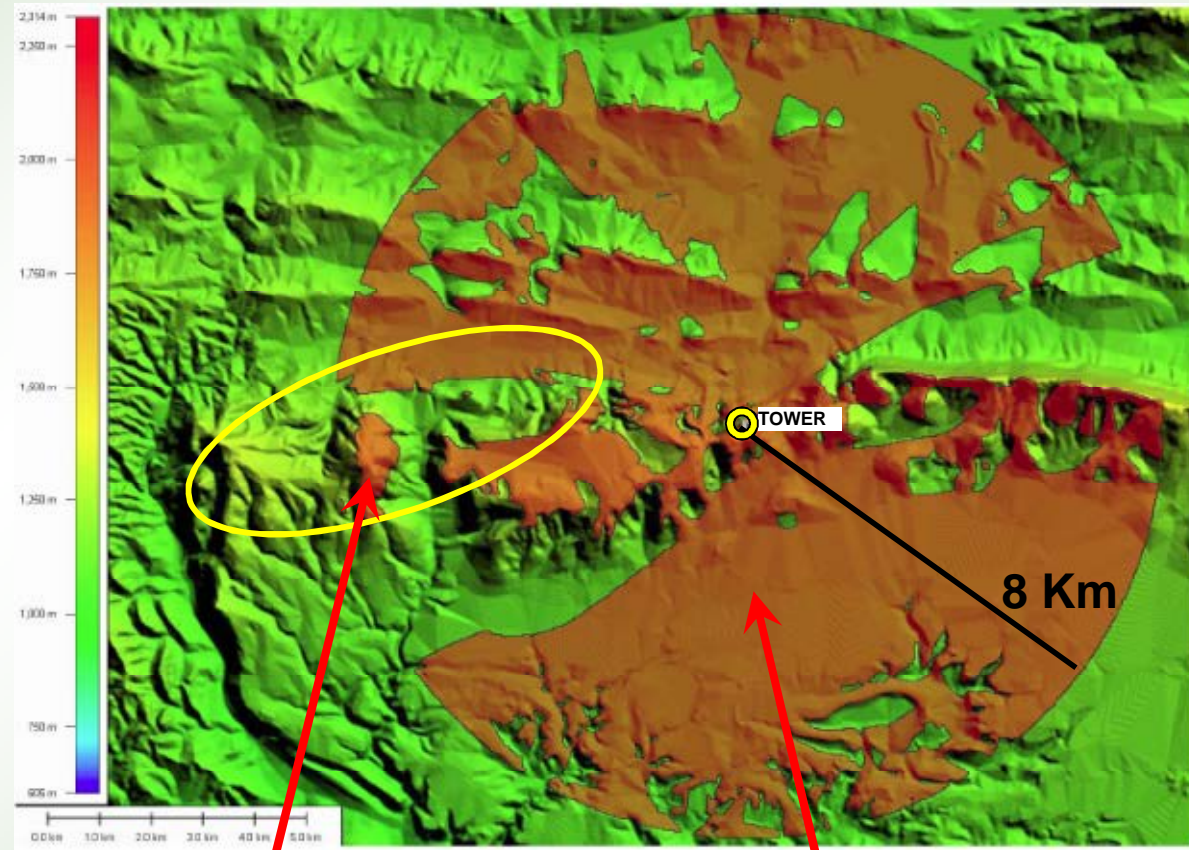
Video-wall at the Command Center, with information from 13 cameras

### HANDICAP:

The system needs real visibility to detect hot spots. Smoke can be undetected.

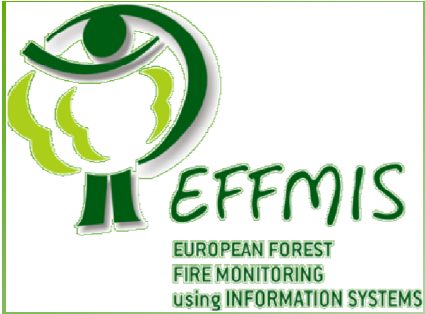


GP characteristics	
ES2	Weather station for real-time information, identification of greater risk areas, extinction resources management.



Shadow area

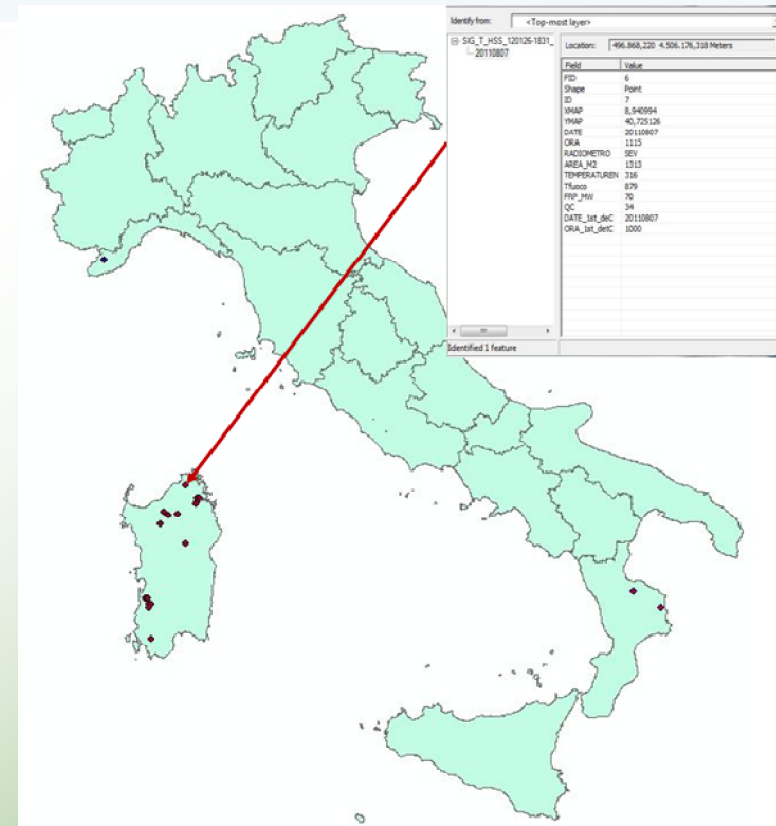
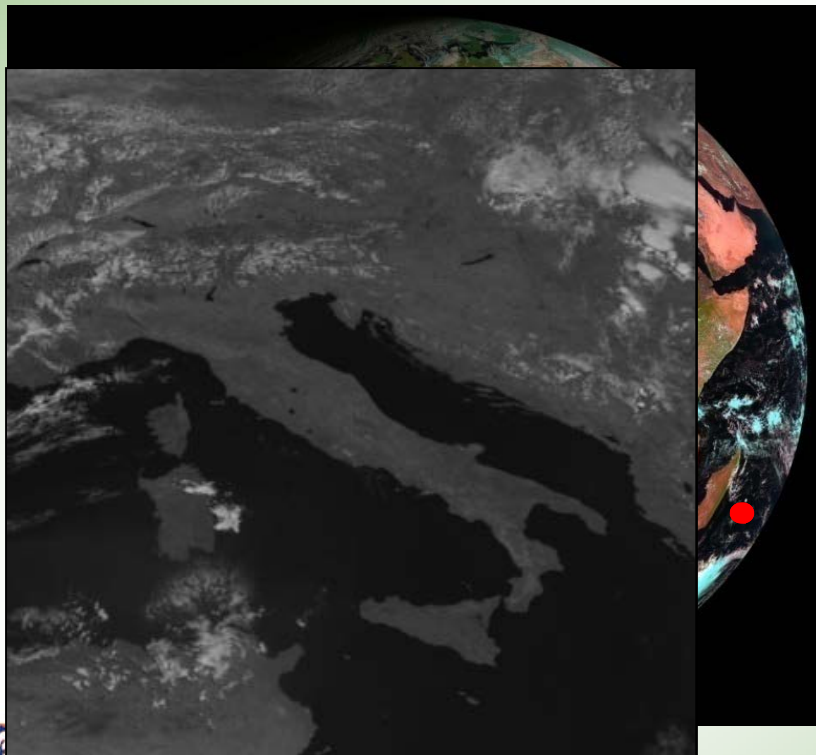
Real coverage area



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## From Italy

	GP characteristics
<b>IT1 - SFIDE</b>	Fire detection and monitoring system based on geostationary satellite (SEVIRI sensor)
<b>IT2 - CICLOPE</b>	Automatic real-time monitoring system based on visible cameras.





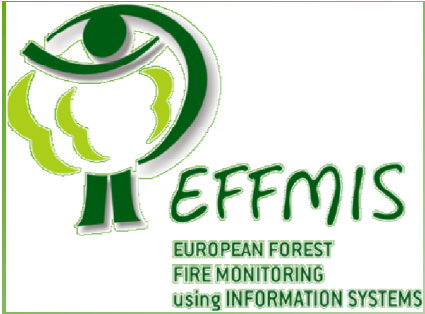
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## From Poland

	GP characteristics
<b>PL1 - NFFIS</b>	<b>National Forest Fire Information System. A software for annual updating of the number of forest fires, burned areas, other detailed info.</b>
<b>PL2 - WildFDS</b>	<b>Wild fire detection system based on cameras on tower.</b>
<b>PL3 – FF RiskforeSys</b>	<b>Meteorological information collection (temp., wind, humidity, precipitation, etc.) for fire risk forecast</b>



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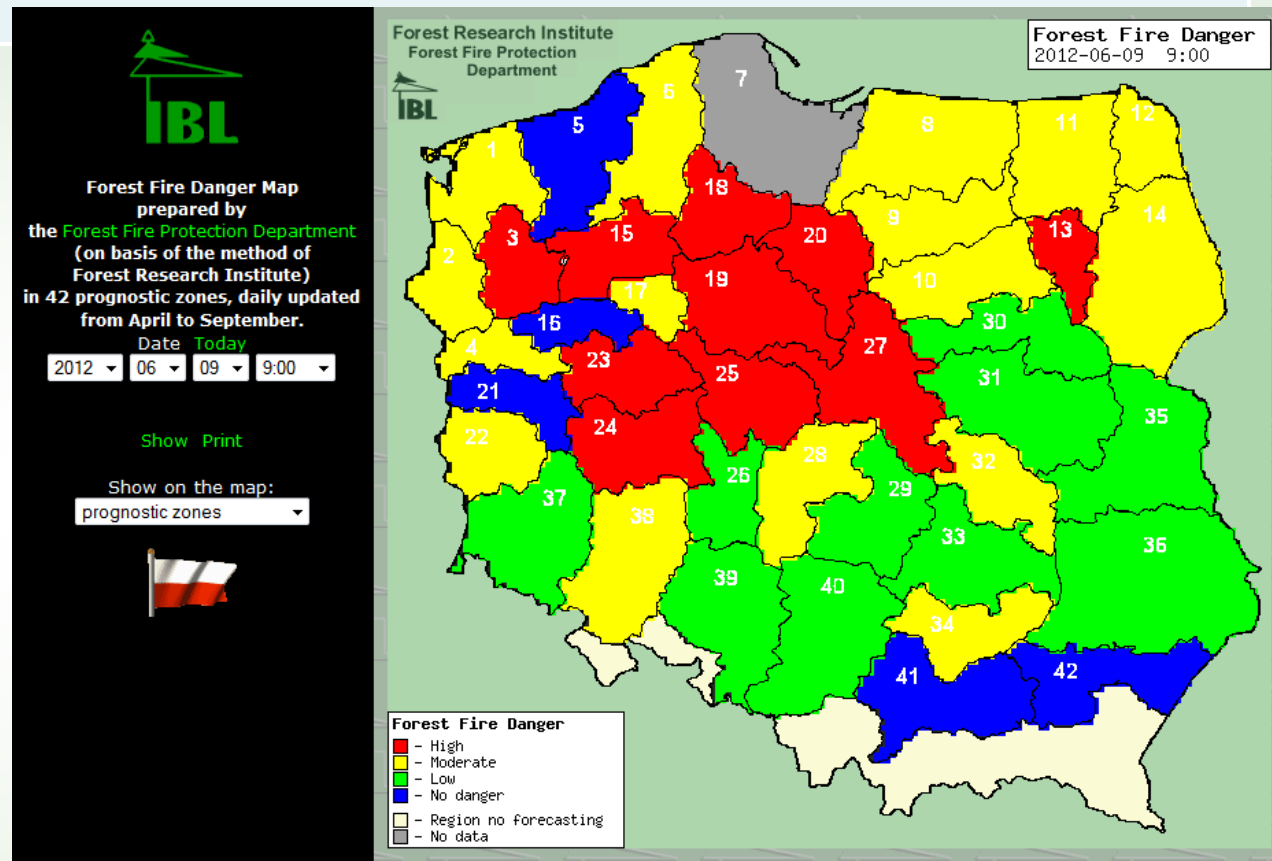
### GP characteristics

#### PL3 – FF RiskforeSys

Meteorological information collection (temp., wind, humidity, precipitation, etc.) for fire risk forecast

Data collection: daily at 9:00 and 13:00 measurements of the following parameters: combustible material humidity (the index material is a sample of the upper layer of pine litter taken from pine stand aged 40-60, growing on the fresh forest site), air relative humidity (measurement at the height of 0.5 m in a specific measuring point), diurnal precipitation, wind speed, temperature at different ground levels.

The maps of forest fire risk forecast are accessible on the internet site: <http://bazapozarow.ibles.pl/zagrozenie>.





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## From Slovenia

	GP characteristics
<b>SL1 - KARST</b>	<b>Video observation system. Under operator control</b>
<b>SL2</b>	<b>Spatial model of forest fire danger. Daily map of fire danger based on empirical model.</b>
<b>SL3 – eGIS_UJME</b>	<b>Collection of meteo data for fire prediction</b>
<b>SL4 - FWI</b>	<b>Development of Fire Weather Index.</b>
<b>SL5</b>	<b>Forecasting fire behaviour. Development of fire spreading maps.</b>
<b>SL6</b>	<b>Methodology for defining the grade of forest fire hazard</b>





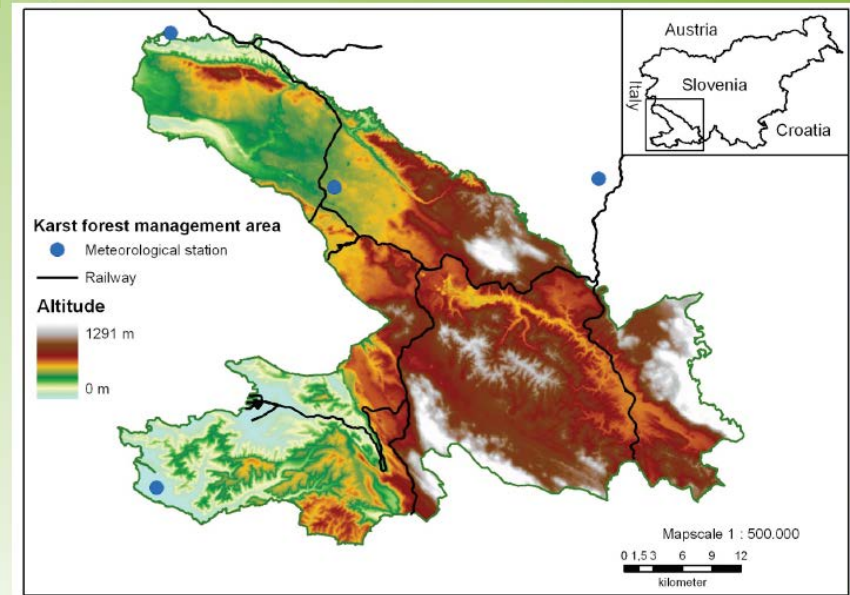
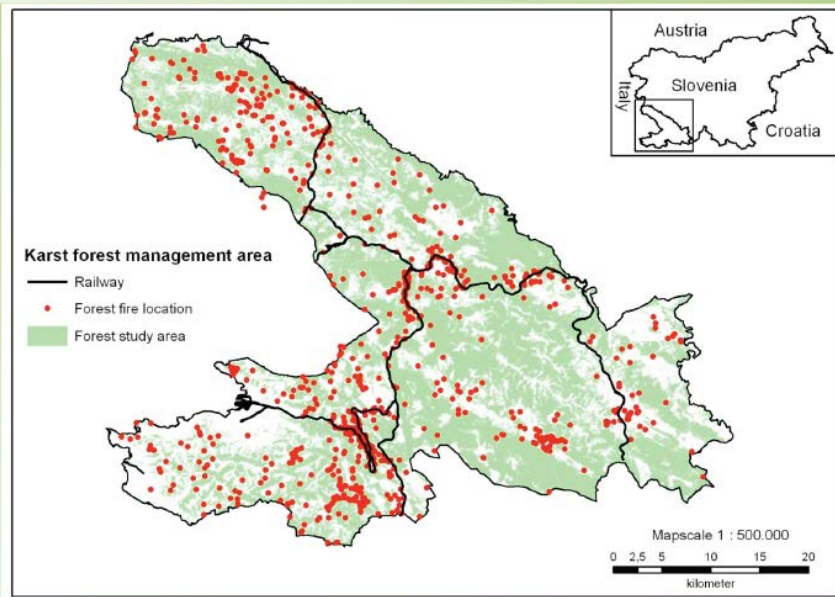


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# From Slovenia

Fuel classification system	Number of fuel types	Country of application
NFDRS fuel types	20	USA
NFFL fuel types	13	USA
FCCS	216	USA
McArthur fuel types	3	Australia
FBP fuel types	16	Canada
Prometheus fuel types	7	Europe - Mediterranean countries
Standard fire behaviour fuel models	40	USA

	GP characteristics
<b>SL2</b>	<b>Spatial model of forest fire danger. Daily map of fire danger based on empirical model.</b>
<b>SL4 - FWI</b>	<b>Development of Fire Weather Index.</b>
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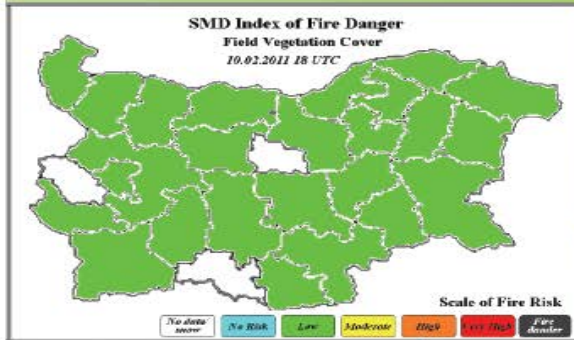




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## From Bulgaria

### Fire Information System, NIMH 2011



Data from EUMETSAT, Satellite: MET08,  
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10 February 2011

Land Surface Status

Maps of Soil Moisture Deficit Index for Fire Danger

Satellite Information

Maps of Canadian Fire Weather Index Analysis and Forecasts

Weather Forecasts for today/tomorrow

Weather Forecasts for 7 days



GP characteristics

BG1

Forest Fire information System

BG2

Information system for the land surface status and fire risk assessment.



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## From UK



	Funzione
UK1 – 3D Modelling	Simulation of fire spread and application of serious games as a training aid to fire services
UK2	Mobile application development lab. Sensor network for collecting data on current temperature, humidity, wind speed. Early warning system



**ONE-ON-ONE TRAINING.** Train a specific role during an incident.

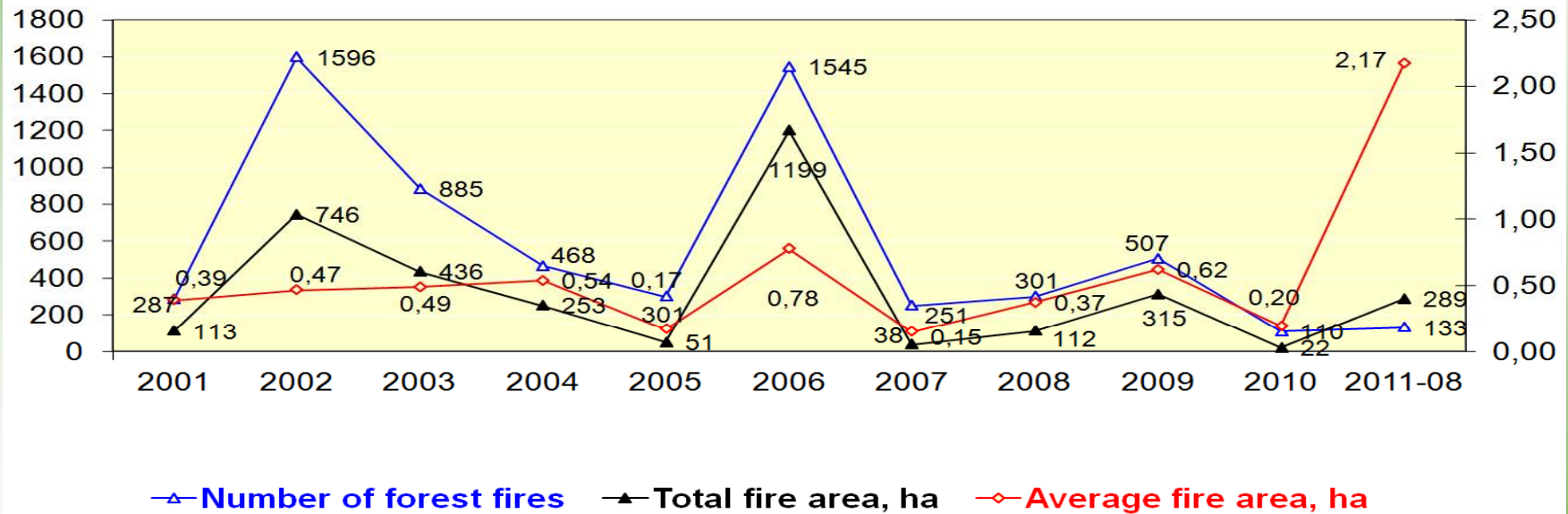
**CLASSROOM TRAINING.** An instructor and multiple trainees participate. One trainee is assigned the leadership role and takes the controls during the scenario.

**MULTI-USER TRAINING.** This training method allows multiple users to participate in joint training exercises simultaneously.

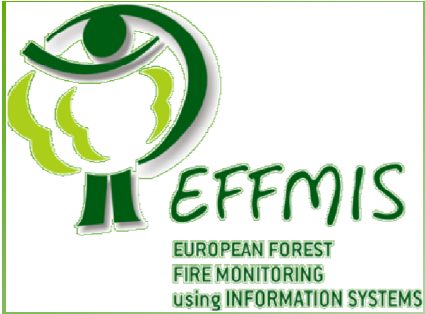
## From Lithuania

	<b>GP characteristics</b>
<b>LT1 – Firewatch</b>	<b>Meteorological sensors and cameras for automatic surveillance system.</b>

### Forest fires in Lithuania in 2001-2011



The average fire area in 2011 had increased dramatically because of 1 forest fire in Šilutė state forest enterprise in 06/06/2011 (nearby Traksėdžiai peat bog 268 ha of forest land was burnt, mainly peat land).



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## From Lithuania

### GP characteristics

#### LT1 – Firewatch

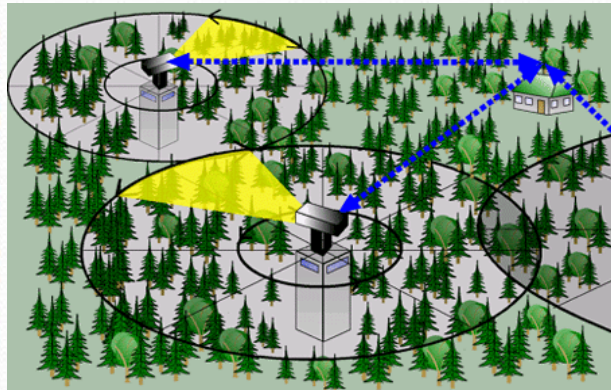
Meteorological sensors and cameras for automatic surveillance system.

## Installation of forest fires detection systems Firewatch final installation within 2013

➤ In 2008 Directorate General of State Forests has organized the preparation of the study concerning forest fire detection system model in Lithuania.

➤ On the basis of this study, technical work group analyzed the situation and recommended to implement over ground automatic forest fire detection systems in Lithuania's forests.

➤ Technical work group and experts in 2009 had created technical specification for the system after demonstration – experimentation of several over ground fire detection systems in Varėna state forest enterprise.



- 10 km distance – clouds of smoke 10\*10m should be detected in any weather conditions
- 15 km distance – maximum distance when the clouds of smoke 10\*10m should be detected in most usual Lithuanian conditions.
- 40km – the clouds of smoke can be detected in very good weather conditions.



SFE / NP	Towers	SFE / NP	Towers
Alytaus	2	Šakių	3
Anykščių	3	Šalčininkų	4
Druskininkų	3	Šiaulių	3
Dubavos	2	Šilutės	4
Ignalinos	4	Švenčionių	4
Jonavos	3	Trakų	3
Jurbarko	3	Ukmergės	5
Kaišiadorių	4	Valkininkų	3
Kauno	3	Varėnos	3
Kazlų Rūdos	2	Veisiejų	3
Kretingos	3	Vilniaus	6
Kuršių nerijos NP	4	Zarasų	3
Nemenčinės	4	<b>Iš viso</b>	<b>84</b>



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## From Portugal

	GP characteristics
PT1	<b>Mapping of land for multiple use. Very detailed description of the land occupation</b>
PT2	<b>GIS webmap application. Development of Webmaps with different level of information for fire prevention (land use, water tanks, watchtower, forest roads, bulldozers, autobombas, risk cartography, buned areas, etc.)</b>
PT3	<b>Investment on prevention fire with GIS Planning (new forest roads and water tanks, preventive silviculture, cleaning forest, position vehicles to early detection). GIS based.</b>

**Our proposal - mapping of land occupation in multiple use**

**Intensive field work to collect detailed data on all polygons**

**Only "in loco" is possible to detailed the stratification of vegetation and fuel load**

**In addition to the direct collection of information, fieldwork has other indirect benefits (go a space that no one travels, contact with realities as unknown, "to feel the essence of the territory" ...)**



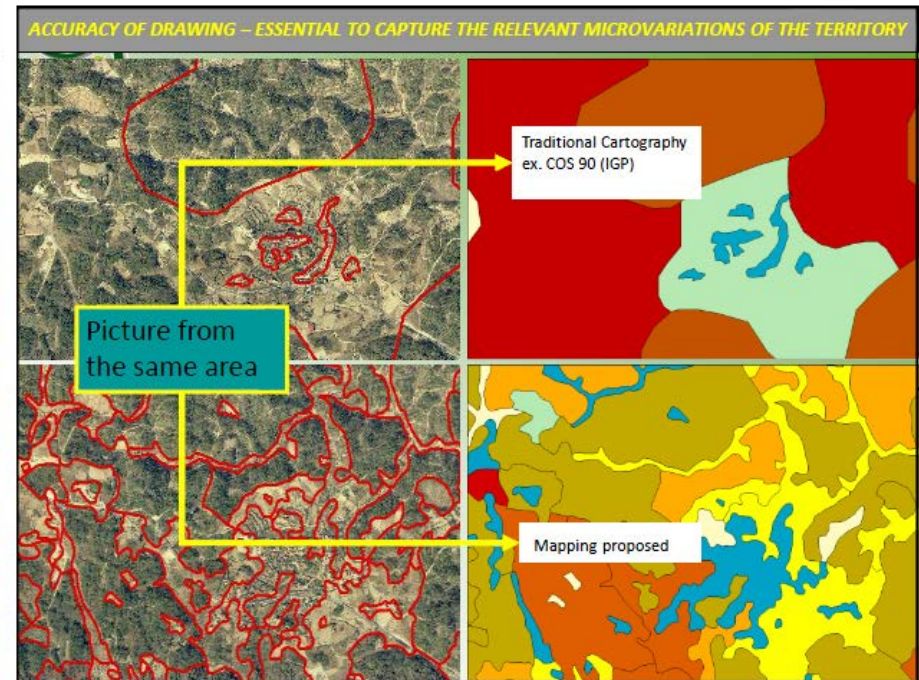
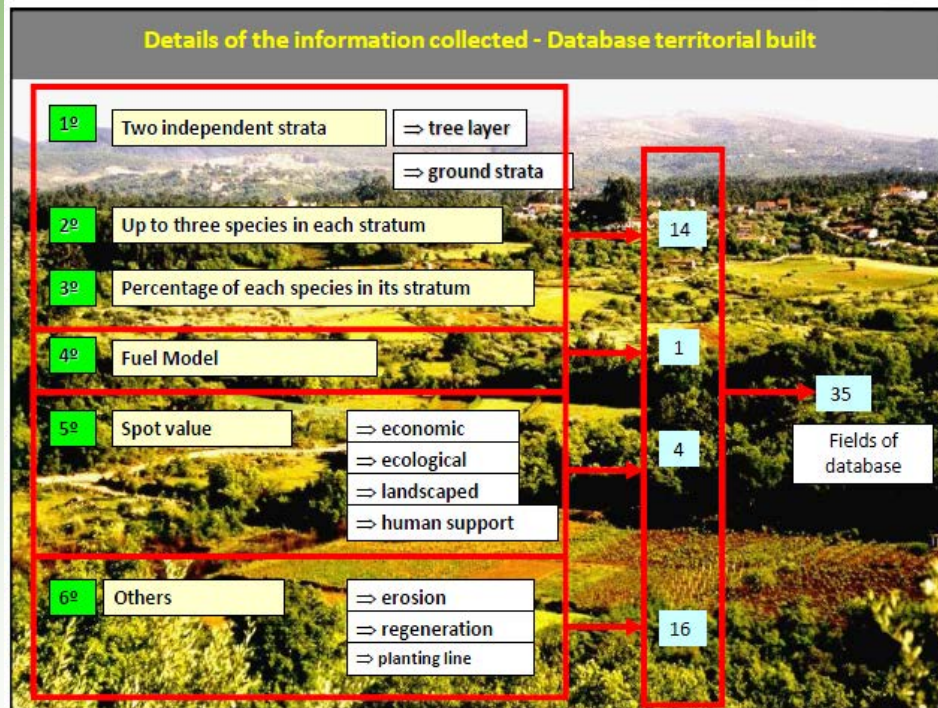
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# From Portugal

## GP characteristics

**PT1**

**Mapping of land for multiple use. Very detailed description of the land occupation**





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