

### **MEDWILDFIRELAB**

"GLOBAL CHANGE IMPACTS ON WILDLAND FIRE BEHAVIOUR AND USES IN MEDITERRANEAN FOREST ECOSYSTEMS, TOWARDS A « WALL LESS » MEDITERRANEAN WILDLAND FIRE LABORATORY"

**FORESTERRA ERA-NET** 

Kick-off Meeting, 23rd-27th October, Castelo de Vide, Portugal.



#### **MedWildFireLab**

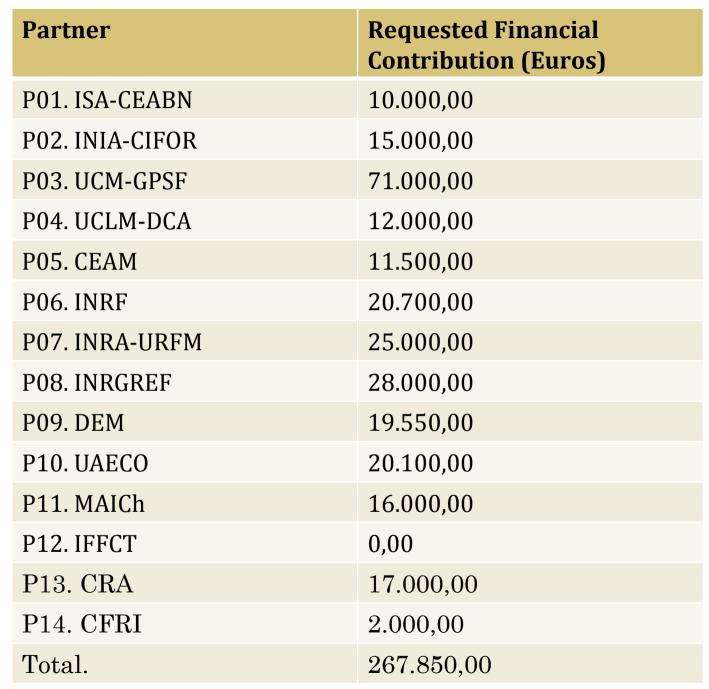
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#### Three major aims:

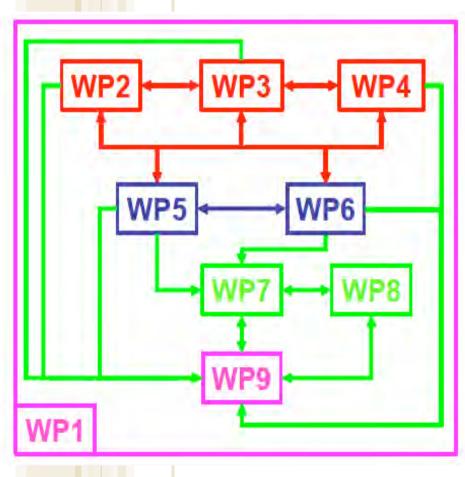
- To enhance the cooperation and exchange of knowledge between scientists and students, between engineers, technicians and workers among Mediterranean fire research and technological development teams
- To ensure the transfer from basic to applied research in this domain for the Mediterranean environment in the context of global change: change of land use and climate change.
- To develop a Euro-Mediterranean Research Area in the wildland fire domain coherent with the European Union's objectives, the European Parliament's and Union for the Mediterranean's recommendations.

#### Five main goals:

- To improve the efficiency of research through exchange of knowledge
- To select common concepts and vocabulary
- To foster data sharing and mutual opening of existing infrastructures (experimental sites, research facilities, databases...)
- To elaborate adapted methods for research and technological development
- To integrate the specific spatial scales and diverse roles of the Mediterranean wildland areas, mainly those concerned by wildland fires
- To achieve these aims and goals, the partners constitute a multidisciplinary consortium at Mediterranean scale.



#### General structure



WP1: Coordination

WP2. Physical and Chemical Sciences

WP3. Biological Sciences

WP4. Social and Human Sciences

WP5. Technological Activities (Wildland Urban Interface & Prescribed Burning)

WP6. Wildland Fire Fighting Training

WP7. Promotion actions

WP8. Towards a wall-less Mediterranean Wildland Fire Laboratory

WP9. Communication and Dissemination



# WP1: Coordination, Management and Governance of the project

Coordination team: ISA-CEABN (Coordinator), UCM-GPSF (Deputy coordinator (administrative secretariat), and a secretariat, in order to:

- (i) ensure the implementation of the project activities in due time
- (ii) promote efficient relationships among the consortium





### WP2. Contribution of Physical and Chemical Sciences

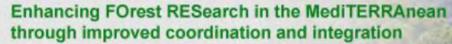
Task 2.1. Global change impacts on wildland fire ignition process

Task 2.2. Global change impacts on wildland fire behaviour

Task 2.3. Evaluation of wildland fire behaviour models or systems of models









#### WP3. Contribution of Biological

Sciences

Task 3.1: State of the art

Task 3.2. Characteristics of dead wildland fuel

Task 3.3. Characteristics of living wildland vegetation – potential fuel

Task 3.4. Restoration of burned areas





### WP4. Contribution of Social and Human Sciences

Task 4.1. State of the art

Task 4.2. Socioeconomic causes and factors of wildland fires

Task 4.3. Influence of the recent territorial dynamics in fire regimes





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WP5. Technological Activities

Task 5.1. Up-dated state of the art

Task 5.2. Promote
methodologies for the
management of the
Wildland-Urban
Interfaces

Task 5.3. Prescribed burning, a tool for forest management





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# WP6. Wildland Fire Fighting Training

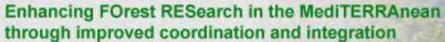
Task 6.1. State of the art:

Task 6.2. Wildland firefighters training for the future in Mediterranean basin

Task 6.3. Initiation and scientific support of training for the future







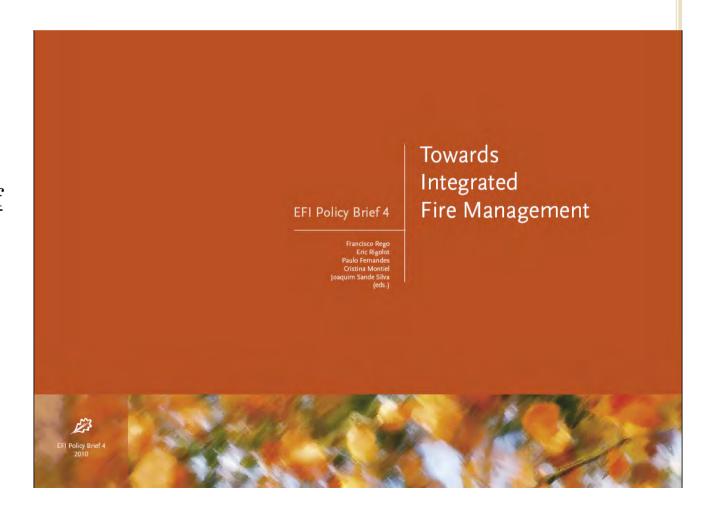


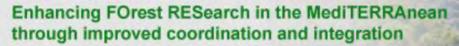


# WP7. Promotion actions towards National, European and Mediterranean Institutions

Task 7.1. Elaboration and dissemination of Policy briefs

Task 7.2. Dissemination of the Policy briefs by the coordination staff and the Steering Committee









### WP8.Towards a wall-less Mediterranean Wildland Fire Laboratory

Task 8.1. Conditions
and agreements
contents for creating a
long term cooperation
structure

Task 8.2. Launching of the eponym TJRU: the wall-less Mediterranean Wildland Fire Laboratory

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The approach taken in the Fire Paradox project was based on the paradox that fire can be "a bad master but a good servant", thus requiring the consideration of the negative impacts of current wildfare regimes (undestanding fire initiation and propagation) and the beneficial impacts of managed fires in vegetation management and as a planned mitigation practice (prescribed burning together with some traditional fire uses) and for combating wildfares (suppression fire). These were the four integration pillars of the project.

This Research Report reflects the structure of the project, corresponding to its integration pillars – initiation, propagation, prescribed burning and suppression fires – and including a closing chapter which synthesizes and combines the main project outcomes. The book provides science based knowledge that can assist policy makers to develop the necessary common strategies' to elaborate and implement integrated fire management policies. It makes extrasive use of the science and technology findings from the Fire Paradox project, focusing on policies and best management practices, as well as providing guidelines for the future.

The Fire Paradox project (2006–2010) was funded by the European Commission Research and Development 6th Framework Program. The project included 30 partners from eleven European countries and six partners from Africa, South America and Asia, with close support from an International Advisory Committee formed by nine specialists from the USA, Canada and Australia. Fire problems and solutions are found all over the world, and we see the knowledge exchange and benefits of Fire Paradox will extend far beyond Europe.

Towards Integrated Fire Management – Outcomes of the European Project Fire Paradox

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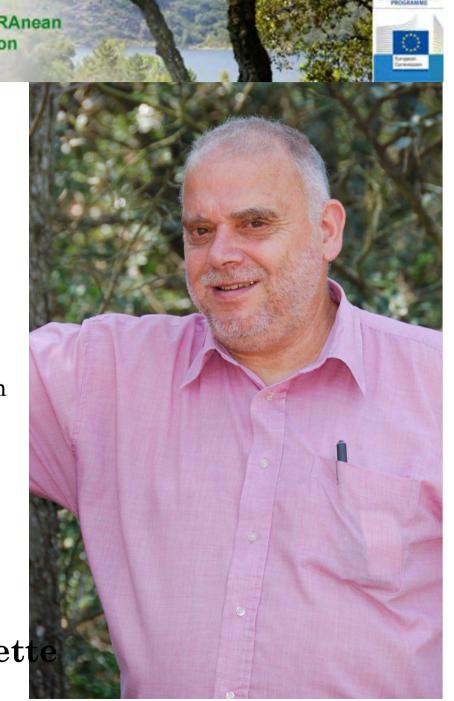
# WP9 Communication and MedWildFireLab Web site www.medwildfirelab.org

Task 9.1. MedWildFireLab e-Bulletin

Task 9.2. MedWildFireLab e-Library will be based on a previous e-Library developed under EUFIRELAB project and Fire Intuition (FIRE PARADOX)

Task 9.3 MedWildFireLab e-Observatory will contain 1500 references up-dated on EUFIRELAB web site (work by Jean-Charles Valette)

Task 9.4. Others functions
Thank you, Jean-Charles Valett





### **DELIVERABLES**

Nr.	Deliverables Table	Month
D1.1	Mid term activities and financial reports (during the month following the "mid term")	16
D1.2	Final activities and financial reports (during the two months following the end date)	31-32
D2.1	Global change impacts on wildland fire ignition process	20
D2.2	Global change impacts on wildland fire behaviour	20
D2.3	Evaluation of wildland fire behaviour models or systems of models	20
D3.1	State of the art of the contribution of biological sciences	08
D3.2	Good practices for describing and characterising dead wildland fuel and living wildland vegetation – potential fuel	20
D3.3	Good practices for restoring burned areas	20
D4.1	State of the art of the contribution of social sciences	08
D4.2	Good practices for investigating wildland fires socio-economical causes and factors	20
D4.3	Synthesis of the effect of the recent territorial dynamics in wildland fire regimes	20
D5.1	Up-dated state of the art of the management of wildland urban interfaces and the uses of prescribed burning	08
D5.2	Good practices for managing wildland urban interfaces	20
D5.3	Good practices for using prescribed burning as a management tool	20
D6.1	State of the art of the wildland fire fighters training	08
D6.2	Recommendations for adapting wildland fire training for the future	20
D6.3	The uses of existing infrastructures for the future wildland fire training	20
D7.1	Publication of the policy briefs	25
D8.1	Feasibility conditions for creating a Transnational Joint Research Unit	25



### **MILESTONES**

Nr.	Milestones Table	Month
M1.1	Inaugural meeting in Castelo de Vide (Portugal), November 2014	02
M1.2	First six monthly meeting in Athens, April 2015	07
M1.3	Second six monthly meeting in Antalya, October 2015	13
M1.4	"Mid-term" meeting in Marseille, April 2016	19
M1.5	Fourth six monthly meeting in Brussels, October 2016	25
M1.6	Final meeting in Madrid, March 2017	30
M5.1	Workshop on prescribed burning uses joint with the Inaugural meeting (M1.1)	02
M5.2	Workshop on wildland urban interfaces joint with the "mid term" meeting (M1.4)	19
M6.1	Workshop on wildland fire fighting training joint with M1.2 or M1.3 meeting	07
M7.1	Presentation of the policy briefs to the European authorities joint with M1.5 meeting	25
M7.2	Presentation of final version of the policy briefs to FORESTERRA	30
M8.1	Launching of the wall-less Mediterranean Widlland Fire Laboratory, joint with the Final meeting (M1.6)	30

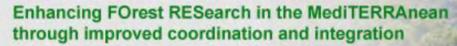


#### The long-term vision:

A long-term cooperation structure, as the proposed Transnational Joint Research Unit (TJRU) in the Wildland Fire Domain, is absolutely required to make full use of all the extraordinary progress in knowledge and the very substantial technical achievements made with public funds (national and EU) in the past decades.

This is a major goal of the consortium and the idea behind the wall-less Mediterranean Wildland Fire Laboratory.









#### The long-term vision:

We have the first kick-off meeting next October in Castelo de Vide (Portugal), a city inside the castle walls, as an inspiration to build the wall-less laboratory and reach the whole forested landscape!





