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Title: RESILIENT LANDSCAPES, SAFE COMMUNITIES: Innovative Practices for Integrated Fire Management in the Mediterranean.

Proponent

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Content and format: Case presentations & round table

Time	Content	Speaker	Expected result
Innovative Integrated Fire Management (IFM) approaches in the Mediterranean			
- 10 minutes presentation each case (30 minutes) - 15 minutes for interaction	1st case: Strategic forest management programme for forest fire prevention in Barcelona province (Spain)	**ES**: Ana Morgado Souto morgadosa@diba.cat	1. Extract lessons from innovative IFM from across the Mediterranean regions. 2. Promote networking and knowledge sharing, involving key stakeholders from science and practice
	2nd case: Innovative Action for Forest Fire Prevention in Kythira Island, Greece, through Mobilization and Cooperation of the Population	**GR**: Gavriil Xanthopoulos gxnrtc@fria.gr --- on-line	
	3rd case: Racing to Integrated Fire Management through undertaking a series of resilience projects: a case study from Lebanon	**LB**: George Mitri george.mitri@balamand.edu.lb --- in-person, own-covered	
Position paper on wildfire prevention in the Mediterranean			

1:15 h	Survey results presentation	EFIMED representative	Identification of the main topics of interest to set the basis for the new position paper on wildfire prevention in the Mediterranean
	Round table 4 panelists from different countries**:	**PT**: Mário Monteiro mario.monteiro@agif.pt --- in-person	1. Agreement on the main topics (first index draft) of the new position paper on wildfire prevention in the Mediterranean 2. Definition of next steps for the work ahead
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* We have prepared a survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9HSJHFY) to distribute among EFIMED and Silva Mediterranea contacts. Case studies will be identified after the results analysis.

** Countries to be identified in the following weeks. We will consider a balanced representation of western and eastern Mediterranean countries.

Moderator: Elena Hernandez Paredes

Rapporteur: Eduard Mauri

References:

Profiles: please provide a short biopic (< 100 words) and a photo of all panelists of your session, including the chair/moderator, the rapporteur and all speakers.

Moderator:

Elena Hernández Paredes



Forestry engineer. Service manager at the Wildfire Management Service of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain since 2009. Responsible for international affairs and relationships along with national prevention, preparedness and suppression strategies and actions. Coordination of Silva Mediterranea working group on forest fires (FAO). Participation in the European Commission expert groups on forest fires (DG ENV-JRC; DG ECHO), the Global Wildland Fire Network, its Wildland Fire Advisory Group and the

Fire Aviation Working Group (UNISDR). Member of the International Liaison Committee (ILC) for the International Wildfire Conferences (WILDFIRE).

Rapporteur:

Eduard Mauri



Eduard Mauri is junior researcher at the European Forest Institute's Mediterranean Facility since 2018. He holds a degree in Forest Management and M.Sc.A. in Forest Sciences from Laval University (Quebec City, Canada). For more than ten years he has developed applied research and knowledge transfer projects in silviculture and sustainable forest management in Canada, Spain and France. He is the main author of the *Handbook of good practices in post-wildfire management*, published by the University of Girona (Spain). He also develops activities supporting innovation in forest circular bioeconomy at the Bioregions Facility of the European Forest Institute.

Speakers (1st part):



Ana Morgado Souto is the Head of the Forest Restoration and Improvement Section of the Technical Office for Municipal Forest Fire Prevention and Agrarian Development (OTPMIFDA) of Barcelona Provincial Council, Spain. She coordinates the drafting of strategic forest management projects for fire prevention and initiatives for the revitalization of agroforestry spaces through collaboration with municipalities and the promotion of forest associations. She is a forestry engineer from the University of Lleida, Spain. She started working on fire extinction and nowadays her work is focused on prevention.



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George Mitri is Professor of Environmental Sciences and director of the Land and Natural Resources Program at the Institute of the Environment, University of Balamand, Lebanon. He has more than 20 years of international and national research experiences in forest and wildfire risk management, Earth Observation and Geo-Information Analysis, drought and land degradation assessment, and impact of climate change on terrestrial ecosystems. Dr. Mitri coordinated a national project for preparing Lebanon's national strategy for forest fire management. He conceptualized and developed a first of its kind fire danger forecast system in Lebanon. Currently, he is member of the European Commission Expert Group on Forest Fires and member of the task force on Economic Drivers of Global Wildland Fire Activity.

Panelists (2nd part):

Mario Monteiro (National Commission for the Integrated Management of Rural Fires, Portugal)



Monsieur **Mohamed Abes**, Ingénieur des forêts depuis 1987, spécialiste en Aménagement forestiers, ayant dirigé plusieurs études d'aménagement en Algérie, et occupé plusieurs postes de responsabilités au niveau local, et actuellement Directeur de la Gestion du Patrimoine Forestier et Alfatier au niveau de la Direction Générale des Forêts, Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural Algérie, directeur national du projet de coopération **« Réhabilitation et développement durable intégré des paysages de la production forestière de chêne liège en Algérie »**, point focal Silva-Mediterranea, et responsable **du volet 1 « définition et mise en place d'une stratégie de valorisation du patrimoine et des produit forestiers »** du Jumelage institutionnel (P3A) **« Appui au renforcement des capacités de la DGF dans la mise en œuvre de la stratégie forestière », avec le Consortium européen Franco-italien et suédois.**

Mr. **Mohamed Abes**, Forest Engineer since 1987, specialist in forest management, having directed several management studies in Algeria, and held several positions of responsibility at the local level, and currently Director of the Management of Forest and Alfa Heritage at the General Directorate of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Algeria, National director of the cooperation project **"Rehabilitation and integrated sustainable development of the cork oak forest production landscapes in Algeria"**, Silva-Mediterranea focal point, and responsible for component **1 "definition and implementation of a strategy**

for the valorization of the forest heritage and products" of the Institutional Twinning (P3A) **"Support to the reinforcement of the capacities of the DGF in the implementation of the forestry strategy"**, with the European (Franco-Italian and Swedish) Consortium.

Azer Jamakovic (General Secretary of Association of Forestry Engineers and Technicians of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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Practical arrangements

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