



Regional Session C: Europe, Southeast Europe, Mediterranean North Africa and Caucasus

Sevilla, 15 May 2007 (Tuesday), 16:00-19:00

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AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Fire strategies / issues of general interest for the audience

- The rural development as a tool for prevention (R. Serra, ASAJA/COPA)
- Forest protection vs. Firefighting (C. Pinaudeau, USSE)
- Civil Protection: Information on recent policy developments (E. Schulte, EC)
- LIFE+ call on fire awareness raising and training for forest fire management agents (E. Schulte, EC)

3. The European Forest Fires Information System (EFFIS)

- EFFIS presentation. Risk zones and Meteorological risk, Forest Fire database: Current status and improvements (P. Barbosa, A. Camia, JRC)
- Possibilities of spreading EFFIS to the whole Europe, the Mediterranean Basin and the Caucasus (J. San Miguel, JRC)

- Break -

4. Development of bilateral and multilateral agreements on cooperation in wildland fire management

- Initiatives of bilateral cooperation in the Iberian Peninsula (P. Mateus, M. Galante, MA/DGRF, M. J. Rodríguez de Sancho, R. Vélez, MMA/DGB)
- Multilateral cooperation in Southeast Europe and Caucasus (N. Nikolov)
- Training programs in fire management (M. Porrero, EIMFOR)
- Special situations: Forest fires caused by the Lebanon war (Z. Avni, H. Zoref)
- The Peak district fires operation group (S. Prendergast, UK)
- Standardisation in fire management, a key for cooperation (R. Vélez, MMA/DGB)

5. Proposals for a Global (Regional) Strategy of Cooperation in Fire Management

- Discussion

N.B. If necessary, the Session can be prolonged until 20:00h