



Introduction to EuroFire

EuroFire is an international partnership, funded by EU Leonardo da Vinci, that has developed a competency based training system, for wildfire and prescribed fire management, based on a new learning outcomes approach.

The project was initiated in response to the recognition that there was a critical gap in knowledge, skills and training provision for wildfire and forest fire situations in some European countries. This places fire-fighters at risk due to a lack of understanding of forest fire behaviour and risk awareness. The **EuroFire** partnership has addressed this issue by producing new fire management training resources.

EuroFire brings together people with expertise and experience in fire management and training to develop a new EU wide, multi-lingual, on-line training resource. The project has formed a collaborative, trans-European partnership of research and training institutions, fire service employees, employers and rural and land based businesses.

At the heart of the new **EuroFire** system is a set of competency standards that describe the learning outcomes. The skills, knowledge and competencies, that people operating at wildfires or prescribed burning activities might need. The system includes examples of good practise from Europe and around the world.

The key target user groups for the **EuroFire** training materials are: fire-fighters, the rural and land-based sector, industry organisations and education and training institutions.

EuroFire Core Values

EUROFIRE	CORE VALUES	VALUES
	STANDARDS	Understandable system
		Informative
		Sound advice
		Addressing the real issues
	INFORMATIVE	Cooperation
		Standards
		Skills
		Competence
	COMPETENCE	Solid knowledge
		Appropriate
		Accessible
		Pragmatic
	CO-OPERATION	Clarity
		Direct
		Building on existing resource

The EuroFire Project

A 2-year package of funding was secured from EU Leonardo da Vinci to develop the EuroFire vocational training project.

Leonardo key criteria for the EuroFire project:

- To improve skills and competencies of people
- To improve the quality of, and access to continuing vocational training
- Developing relevant and innovative e-learning content
- The promotion of social dialogue in vocational training

Activities at a Glance

- Development of competency based training concept (April 2007)
- Launch at EuroFire & CTIF (International Association of Fire and Rescue Series) side meetings at the 4th International Wildland Fire Conference (May 2007)
- Joint meetings with the Fire Paradox Project (June – December 2007)
- Development of 6 key Level 2 fire management competency standards (November 2007)
- Consultation over standards with interested parties (October 2007 - March 2008)
- Translation of standards into French and German (April 2008 – October 2008)
- Final meeting with CTIF in Greece (October 2008)
- Production of standards, training modules and 67 illustrations (October – December 2008)
- Since 2010: Translation and application of EuroFire materials for the use in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil (Portuguese), Croatia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iran, Korea, Latin America (Spanish), Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.
- 2018: Language versions for the use in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand (in prep.)

EuroFire Steering Group (2006-2008)

The project partners are the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), CTIF (The International Association of Fire and Rescue Services), and Rural Development Initiatives Ltd RDI. The project has been managed by a combination of a Steering Group with representatives of the partner organisations and a Project Team to carry out the work:

Steering Group Member	Organisation
Professor Dr. Johann Georg Goldammer	Director, Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), Max Planck Institute for Chemistry
Mark Jones DCFO	Chairman, CTIF Forest Fires Commission & Essex Fire and Rescue Service
Paul Bowers	Essex Fire and Rescue Service
Claire Glaister	Director, Rural Development Initiatives
Michael Bruce	Director, Firebreak Services Ltd

EuroFire Project Partners (2006-2008)



Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) was established in 1998 on the basis of recommendation from the Government of Germany through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an Activity of the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR). GFMC is an internationally recognized centre of excellence in the field of wildland fire science, global wildland fire monitoring, technology transfer and international policy support. GFMC is responsible for the research, initial preparation, and drafting of the training materials and production of the EuroFire website

<http://gfmc.online/>



The International Association of Fire and Rescue Services (CTIF) was founded in 1900 in Paris to encourage and promote cooperation among firefighters and other experts in fire and rescue throughout the world. CTIF is the international fire and rescue competency and information network, representing five million fire fighters who protect a population of one billion every day. CTIF is playing a crucial part in the evaluation, review and dissemination of the new training material.

www.ctif.org



Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) is a not-for-profit company which offers a wide range of project management services to the rural sector. RDI has a particularly strong track record in running training and workforce development programmes. RDI are responsible for the development and publication of the EuroFire competency Standards and training materials.

<http://www.ruraldevelopment.org.uk/>