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**Proactive Human Response to Wildfires Outbreak: Measure and Prepare for it**



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ACRONYM	<b>PRoMPt</b>
TITLE OF THE PROJECT	<b>Proactive Human Response to Wildfires Outbreak: Measure and Prepare for it</b>
TYPE OF INTERVENTION	<b>Regional Initiative Project</b>
PRIORITY	<b>2. Environment and Risk Prevention</b>
SUB-THEME	<b>Natural and Technological Risks</b> (including climate change)
DURATION	<b>October 2008 - September 2011</b> (36 months)
TOTAL BUDGET	<b>1.517.423,30 €</b>



## Outcomes

To this prospect, a booklet entitled «Wildfires' Survival Guide for all» will be published facing questions, such as, correct, focused (or personalised) and on time information and preparation of the population to face the outbreak of a fire. Well-structured educational programs and periods of exercise for effective evacuation of areas with the view to avoiding as much as possible human and animal losses as well as strategic exercises of reaction in emergencies aiming at the fast re-establishment of affected regions will be developed. A handbook entitled "Wildfires' Response: Best Cases Study Collection" and the conclusions from the "Benchmarking on Readiness and Effectiveness Indicators" will take the form of official policy documents to become the common base for the future adoption and application of such practices. Moreover, the above results could also be proved useful in other similar regions of EU and be used as a "reference" document for the improvement of the agreed policies on the aforementioned issues inside EU. To the benefit of the validation of the handbook "Wildfires' Response: Best Cases Study Collection" as well as the simulations and planning of emergencies that will be shaped, exercises in selected areas inside the forest areas parts of the partners' grounds will be organised.

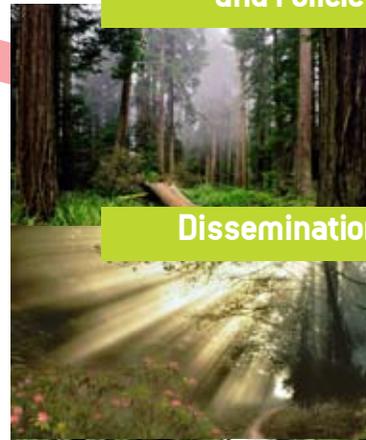


## Objectives

The main objective of the project is the improvement of the regional policies for confrontation of wildfires in very sensitive areas, such as forests, through a scheme for exchange of experiences and good practices. From the viewpoint of environmental protection and prevention of danger, regional policies constitute a theme of utmost importance for the integration of the Gothenburg's Strategy, hence local and regional authorities in EU need to further work towards a tighter and more effective collaboration in such issues. This project, based on previous related activities coping with the management of danger, intends to go a step further and deal with the exchange of experiences and good practices on methods, action plans or even tools, by examining the danger and the management of crisis after the outbreak of a devastating fire. Consequently, the entire work is going to be analyzed from the viewpoint of readiness to act promptly and effectively, in order to avoid as much as possible enormous human, animal and agricultural losses, as well as forest areas destructions.

## Improvement and Adaption on Local Strategies and Policies

Exercises and simulations at selected sites for validation of the contingency plans for each area and improvement of practices. Soft interventions in existing infrastructures and supplies that will assist the citizens and relevant authorities in crisis situation. Training sessions targeted at different actors outside the partnership but operating within the civil protection system in the territory. Better informed stakeholders. Better prepared civilians. Better prepared and qualified professionals. New improved readiness indicators derived from the benchmarking process.



## Dissemination

A successful procedure for the wide dissemination of the projects' results will be followed. To this end, the organisation of the final conference of the project in the historical area of Ancient Olympia, which suffered deeply from devastating fires some years ago, will act as a Pan European Meeting for policies of improvement on the proactive human reaction after the outbreak of devastating fires. A DVD with comprehensible content, info-corners in focal points of partners' areas and the creation of an informative website, which will act as a basic source of knowledge with regard to the sensitization and the response in emergencies for the population, will guarantee the sustainability of the results.