



WUITIPS

WUITIPS – Project Overview

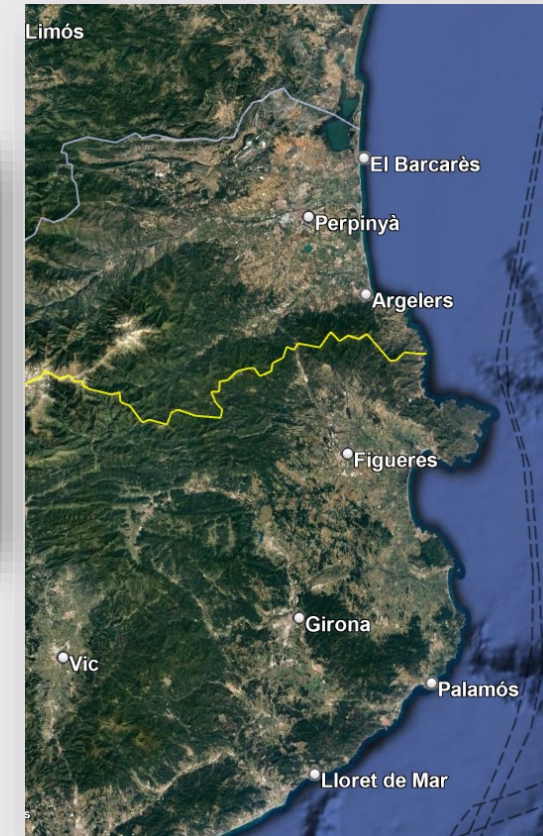
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BASIC INFORMATION

- Project full name: **Wildland-Urban-Interface fire Touristic Infrastructures Protection Solutions**
- Duration: 2 years (01/02/2023 – 31/01/2025)
- Consortium
 - **Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - UPC** (Coord.) – *Spain*
 - **Diputació de Girona (DDGI)** – *Spain*
 - **Efectis France (EFR)** – *France*
 - **Entente Pour La Forêt Méditerranéenne (EPLFM)** – *France*
 - **Lunds Universitet (ULUND)** - *Sweden*

- Area of interest
 - **SP - FR border**



BASIC INFORMATION

- Project ID: 101101169
- **Total project eligible cost: 708,389,22€**
- **EC financial contribution: 602,128,58 € (funding rate 85%)**
- Call: *Prevention and Preparedness Projects on Civil Protection and Marine Pollution - (UCPM-2022-PP)*
- Topic: *Cross-border risks*
- Type of Action: *Internal*
- Priority: *Risk Assessments / Early Warning Systems / Risk Awareness / Marine Pollution*
- Outcomes (as indicated in the Call):
 - **“Cross-border risk assessments for identified cross-border risks are developed”**
 - **“A network of competent authorities at national and sub-national level for specific risks is established”**

BACKGROUND AND NEEDS

- **Extreme wildfires** are an **increasing problem** across the world and particularly in Europe, involving a serious civil protection challenge
- Wildfires pose a **growing threat to tourist destinations** at the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), particularly in the Mediterranean Europe
 - Tourists are generally unaware of fire risk
 - Tourism-oriented facilities do not systematically contemplate their preparation for a forest fire impact
 - This is particularly evident in **trans-boundary touristic regions**
- **No harmonised approach and actions** for fire risk assessment of touristic areas is shared between neighbouring Member States:
 - No harmonized understanding of the vulnerability of touristic areas
 - Nor common and coherent messages and recommendations of good practices for prevention and protection.



Top: Agullana, 2012. Source: DDGI
Bottom: Le Lavandou, 2017. Source: Claud Paris AP

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

- **WUITIPS** aims to **explore, identify and characterize vulnerabilities and performance of risk mitigation measures in tourist facilities as well as the associated population**, in emergencies due to forest fires in cross-border situations across EU. With this knowledge captured, WUITIPS will...

1) Develop **standard methodologies for wildfire vulnerability analysis** of assets and people in touristic infrastructures

2) Elaborate an **EU harmonized guideline** for fire prevention and protection planning in touristic infrastructures

3) Provide end-users with **examples of application** of products in pilot sites

4) Create a **living lab of knowledge transfer** with a complete ecosystem of stakeholders and end-users across EU

FORESEEN ACTIVITIES

- Feb '23: Kick-off Meeting at UPC, Barcelona.
- Mar'23: Kick-off Meeting at DG-ECHO, Brussels.
- **May 11th, '23: Workshop 1 “Towards and harmonized framework for cross-border fire management in touristic infrastructures”.**
 - **Stake-holders from other cross-border vulnerable areas:**
 - Huelva-Algarve (Spain-Portugal)
 - Alpes Maritimes-Imperia (France-Italy)
 - Adriatic Croatia (Croatia-Slovenia)
 - Piera and Chalkidiki (Greece-Macedonia/Bulgaria)
- Oct'23: Study tour and technical meeting – Girona area
- Jan-Mar'24: Data gathering and site visits Girona /South of France
- **Oct'24: Demonstration event– Girona**
- **Jan'25: Demonstration event – Aix-en-Provence**
- **Jan'25: Workshop 2 “Minimizing cross-border fire risk in EU touristic areas”**



Thank you!

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