

Networking for the European Forest Risk Facility initiative (NET RISK WORK)

Call for proposals 2016 for projects on preparedness and prevention
projects in civil protection and marine pollution under the European
Union Civil Protection

Prevention Projects. Priority 4. Internal Budget item

Project title: **Networking for the European Forest Risk Facility initiative**

Project Acronym: **NET RISK WORK**

The project will be implemented in the following countries: **Spain, France, Germany, Italy**

Beneficiary and partners:

Coordinator: **Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia- CTFC (Spain)**

(BE1) **European Forest Institute - Central European Regional Office - EFICENT (Germany)**

(BE 2) **Forest Research Institute of Baden-Württemberg – FVA (Germany)**

(BE 3) **The Civil Protection General Directorate of Autonomous Region of Sardinia- DGPC RAS (Italy)**

(BE 4) **Entente pour la forêt Méditerranéenne – EPLFM (France)**

(BE 5) **Fire Ecology and Management Foundation Pau Costa Alcubierre – PCF (Spain)**

Collaborators: **Forestry Commission - Forest Services & Forest Research (United Kingdom)**

Total project eligible cost: **811.489 €**

EC financial contribution: **608.616 € (= 75 % of total eligible costs)**

Starting date: **01/01/2017**

Ending date: **30/11/2018**

Duration in month: **23**

Rationale

Under several climate change scenarios several regions seems undergo increased risk of different natural disasters with higher severity events, new areas affected or new risks interactions (i.e., the wildfires burning the forest cover and increasing flood or avalanche risk).



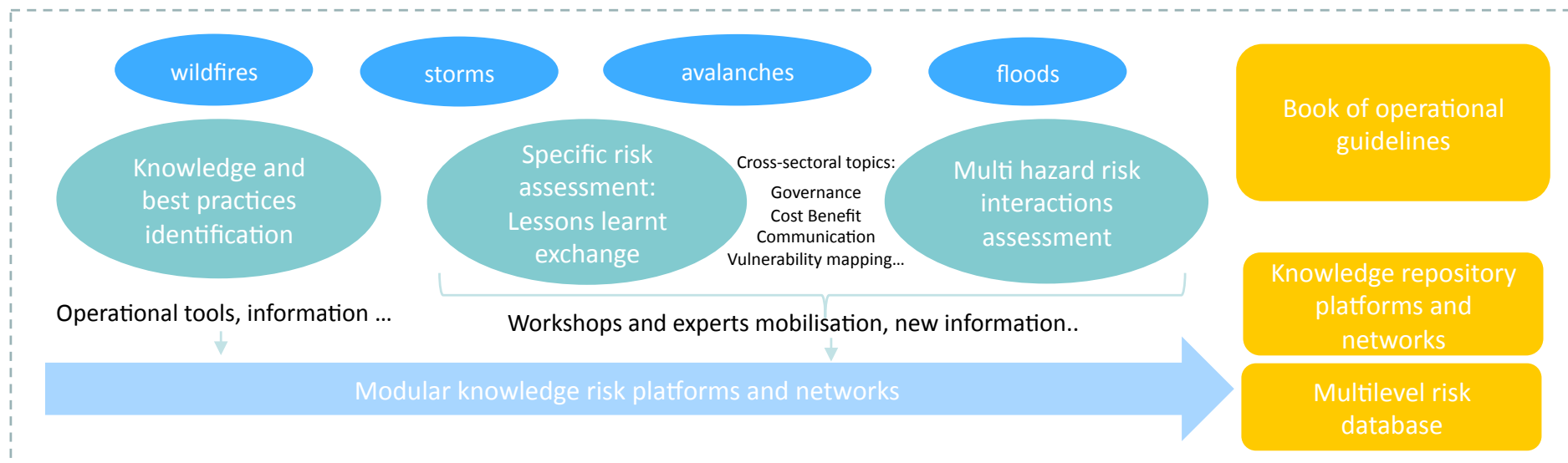
Actions encouraging the sharing of knowledge and good practices among natural hazards and local/regional expertise should improve the disaster risk reduction strategies, preparing the national civil protection systems to cope with the impact of climate change

Objective

NET RISK WORK wants to provide a platform of knowledge and best experience exchange dealing with four main hazards; **wildfire, storms, avalanches** and **floods**.

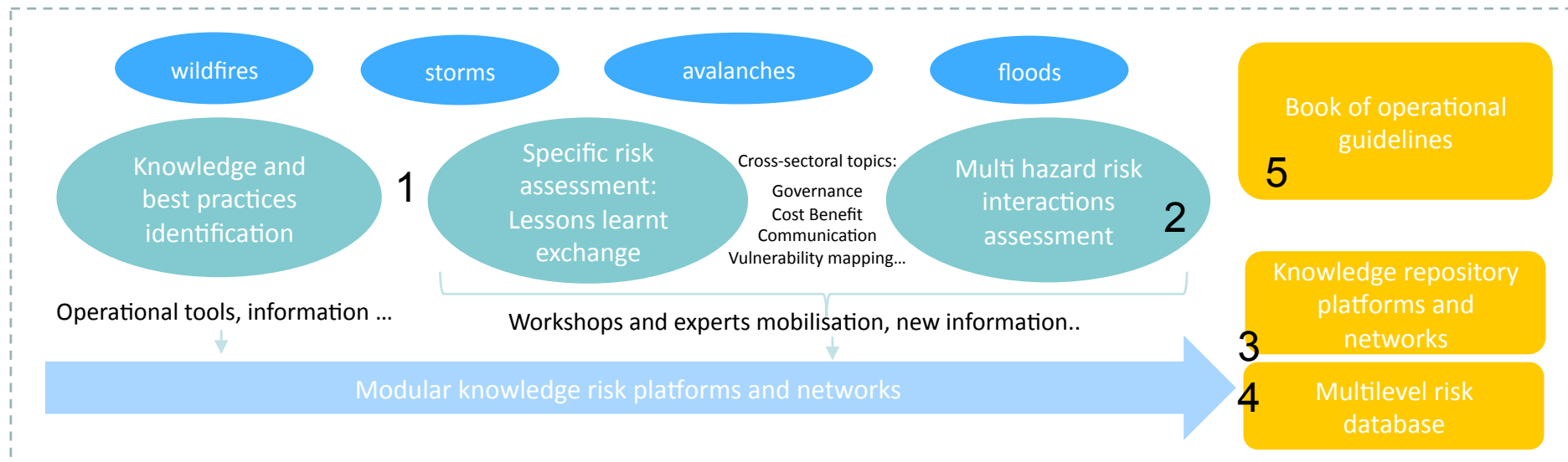
The project will perform a best practices **capitalization process** on risk planning and management capabilities, as well as a crosslink assessment on **how are these hazards interacting** all across Europe.

Operational guidelines for natural risk disaster reduction will be delivered meanwhile **regional/ thematic networks of expertise** will be consolidated at the end of the project.



Main results

- 1.- **State of the art and lessons learnt reports** with the outcomes of the capitalization of best practices and knowledge and the lessons learnt exchange process among risk reduction strategies assessing what has been learnt and what could be learnt from other risks experiences.
- 2.- **Report on the risks interactions assessment** drawing crosslinks from and to different risks agents into the changing climate context and delivering operational guidelines and tools for conducting a multi-risk management.
- 3.- Supporting the establishment of **risks' knowledge exchange repository platforms and networks**, in the frame of the Risk Facility initiative (www.friskgo.org) with a pan-European secretariat and regional nodes development.
- 4.- **Multilevel risk database** of experts, best practices and operational tools aligned with the Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre initiative in terms of knowledge base and science-policy interface on forest risks.
- 5.- **Book of operational guidelines**, summarizing the project result for land and risk managers and emergency and civil protection services.



Deliverables (17)

TA Project management and reporting to the EU Commission

- Project management plan (steering Committee, meetings, justification rules, etc.) (20/02/2017)
- Minutes of the coordination meetings (between 1/01/2017 - 30/11/2018)
- Progress reports (1/08/2017 – 1/04/2018 – 30/11/2018)

TB Risk assessment and management operational tools and best practices identification pre-assessment

- **Repository report on tools and best practices on risk planning and management on wildfire, storms, floods and avalanches (30/06/2017)**
- Minutes of the risk information pre-assessment meeting (30/06/2017)

TC Cross-cutting lessons learned and risk interaction assessment towards improving disaster management cycle

- **Specific risk assessment report; What we have learned and what we can learn from other risks? (30/06/2018)**
- **Interactions risk assessment report in a climate change context all across EU (30/06/2018)**
- Proceedings of the 1st and 2nd Risk knowledge exchange workshops (10/11/2017 and 10/04/2018)

TD Development of modular forest risk knowledge repository platforms and networks

- Report with **recommendations and experiences on facilitating cooperation on risk management** (3/10/2018)
- Report with the description of the **forest risks regional networks developed** (30/10/2018)
- **Prototype of multi level risk platform**, using social media, expert database and exchange and discussion forum (30/10/2018)

TE Project publicity

- NET RISK WORK Communication plan (28/02/2017)
- Compilation of dissemination outcomes (roll-ups, posters, press release, articles, presentations, etc.) (30/11/2018)
- NET RISK WORK Website (28/02/2018)
- Edition of the **Guidelines for improving risk management adapting to future impacts of climate change all across Europe. The case of fire, storms, floods and avalanche risks.** (30/11/2018)
- Layman's report (30/11/2018)

Major events

Action A1. Project organizational set-up

- Kick-Off meeting (February 8th – 9th 2017)

Action B2. Information pre-assessment preparation meeting

- Internal information pre-assessment meeting (May 10th – 12th 2017)

Action C3. Organization of learning and experience sharing Workshops on risk planning, governance and management towards resilient landscape and societies.

- 1st Workshop. Risk planning; towards resilient landscape (October 3th-6th , 2017)
- 2nd Workshop. Risk governance and management; towards resilient societies (March 3th-6th, 2018)

Follow-up

- Updating of the website regularly at least during 2 years after the end of the project.
- Improve and maintenance the performance and operatively of the risk knowledge platforms and the regional nodes, adding new risk experts and updating new relevant information.
- Follow up the collaboration started in the project throughout the expert meetings with key institutions and initiatives related with risk reduction strategies as the DRMKC, the Join Research Centre, DG ENV, DG AGRI and DG ECHO.
- Transfer, awareness and networking actions (with institutions, governments, and different key agents) and project result's dissemination.
- Interaction with the relevant administrations and authorities to facilitate that these administrations will be committed with the continuity and use of the project results.
- Project topic research and developing activities fully fit with the main permanent activities carried out by the staff from partners.

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