

XXV French prescribed burning teams meeting

Corsica, 14th to 16th of October 2014

In the frame of FIREfficient project, some Catalan firefighters and forest managers went to Corsica to participate to the XXV French prescribed burning teams meeting. This meeting, done every year, is quite similar to a platform to share sustainable knowledge and "lessons-learned".

This is a place to talk and discuss about well-done practices and solutions to solve similar problems in France, and in their nearest neighbors, about the fire risk management through prescribed burning actions and forest management plans in order to improve the forest fire landscape resilience.

This meeting is according to different challenges of the FIREfficient project, to capitalize the knowledge, tools and procedures, consolidate methodology, data sources and the comparability of the results of different areas. These different areas are in different landscapes of southern Europe, mainly in huge the prescribed burning areas, with their strategic managing points according to the fire spread pattern, and their forest fire prevention plans.

Thanks to the FIREfficient project we could send from Catalonia a mixed team from the Forestry Department and from de Fire Service. In this meeting we explained the FIREfficient project and the challenges that we are dealing, and we shared our expertise with our French colleagues in using the prescribed burning and fuel management in our strategic managing points, through our latest wildfire prevention plans. Moreover we share our operational experiences in the last 16 years prescribed fires.

Finally we explained them our example of methodology for incorporating large fire risk and wildfire prevention into forest management decision making.

Thanks to these exchanges of knowledge and experience we could improve our ability to develop the methodology in the Deliverable of the 3.2 action of the project, to develop experience-based training standards in wildfire risk for fire planners, and, moreover, get more knowledge of how are the French colleagues working and take into account their conclusions to improve the Guideline of 4.2 action.

All the documentation of this meeting is available in <http://www.cardere.fr/livre.php?name=30>