Informal Working Group “Forest Fire Prevention experts” (WGFFP)
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Questionnaire (according to the Mandate)

1. **How to use and develop the European Forest Fire Information System established by the JRC in the most efficient way for forest fire prevention activities?**

   1.1 The knowledge on fire causes is the main basis to design a prevention policy. EFFIS has very poor information on fire causes, because the “common core” does not discriminate enough in this field. How is the level of knowledge on forest fire causes in your country or in your sector? Please, send the available reports on fire causes you have.

   1.2 The appraisal of the silvicultural condition of the forest is also needed to evaluate combustibility in the woodlands. How this condition can be appraised? Do you like to suggest some methods?

2. **Should all EU co-financed forest fire prevention measures be based on a classification of risk zones for forest fires, as it was the case within Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92, and how this classification has to be updated and developed?**

   2.1 Is there in your country or in your sector a classification of risk zones to allocate prevention resources? How legislation or company rules discriminate between risk zones?

   How can we link a classification of risk zones to fire causes severity and silvicultural condition of the woodlands?

3. **What could be the added value of the EU concerning the obligation in the Member States of setting up and implementing forest fire protection plans as a basis for a coherent and integrated forest fire prevention policy?**

   3.1 Which is your recent experience on the support obtained from the EC Regulations (RDR, R.2158/92, etc) to the forest protection plans?

   3.2 Do you know if there are protection plans in your country or in your sector? Which agency is implementing them? Are there some indicators to evaluate them?

   3.3 Which are your views on the next Regulation? Do you think an specific Regulation on Forest Fire Prevention is needed or maybe some dedicated articles in the future RDR would be a tool enough efficient for this purpose?
4. Are there any type of additional measures and initiatives to be foreseen in a future specific EU action dealing with forest fire prevention and, if so, which ones?

4.1 Which kind of horizontal measures to be implemented altogether by several countries would be interesting to promote preventive attitudes in the European people?

4.2 Is training in prevention techniques in your country or in your sector enough balanced with resources devoted to fire fighting training?

4.3 How severe is fire risk in the wildland/urban interface in your country and how it can influence the traditional policies of forest fire management?

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