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# European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations

# Initiative for Global maNagement of bIg fires through Simulation - IGNIS

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Big wildfire will increase in all parts of Europe due to climate change. Therefore, national resources to handle such fires will become more and more insufficient, and obstacles still remain as fire corps are managed differently in each country. By using a cost-effective and accessible simulation tool with a virtual environment close to real-life conditions, IGNIS will contribute to develop better preparedness of fire corps through a better coordination and creation of new procedures between countries participating in joint interventions related to big fires suppression. The project will test and assess in 4 countries (France, Portugal, Italy and the UK) a virtual environment training platform to develop fire officers' competences related to the mastering and practice of command chain processes in local and international suppression operations on big forest fires, and initiate a new European consortium, the IGNIS Fire Simulation Resources Centre, aimed at gathering in a medium term perspective European countries around simulation for preparedness, in compliance with EUCPM objectives and rules.

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