

Forest fires Future Challenges?

FIRELIFE Forest Fire Prevention project



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Water – Fire

The short term relation

We need water for
forest fire suppression

For large fire
suppression we
don't have
enough water
and equipment



Watermanagement – Firemanagement



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The long term relation



- Water has a great influence on the potential forest stand types and plant communities.
- Usually the drought resistant plant communities have higher fire risk.
- High intensity forest and wildland fires cause change in surface cover, water balance and in surface roughness.
- Without post fire management activity occur high risk of erosion and deflation, possibility of landslip and local floods.



Wildlandfires and climate change

- Indirect effects in Europe
- Longer fire season (february – october)
- Change in land management: decreasing grazed areas, increasing non managed areas with successions process
- Increasing fuel load,
- Increasing number of fires (99 % human caused fires)
- Increase the fire intensity because of extrem fire environment (low fuel moisture, local dry winds, drought periods)
- Increase fire spread, increase flame lenght and flame hight
- Increasing burned area
- Inrease the number of large (>50 ha) forest fires







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SOLUTION

Paradigm change and integrated fire management

Long term activities

Fire as land management tool

Silviculture and land management

Early warning

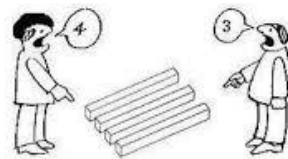
Fuel breaks

Short term activities

Multy agency cooperation

Common professional language and definitions

Communication and training






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Risk of implementation



A large forest fire is visible in the background, with thick, dark smoke rising into the sky and bright orange flames consuming the forest. The foreground is a dense, green forest.

***“Prevention is invisible.
Aeroplanes are sexy;
silviculture is not.”***

***(Lorenza Colletti, Corpo Forestale del Stato,
Italy)***



2006

- New Wildlandfire data gathering method (Twinning light project)

2007

- Development of fuel models and communication concept

2008

- New Forest fire prevention decree
Obligatory Forest fire prevention plans (3 levels) , joint data gathering system,
Forest fire prevention maps, RX in forest

2009

- New forest act, FWI based fire ban system

2010-11

- Sociology research in endangered counties

2012

- Common interagency training and education

2013

- Infrastructural investments (fire breaks, water ponds, silvicultural measures)

2014-

- FIRELIFE communication and training project

2015

- New regulation: RX in agricultural area

2016-

- Fuel breaks, watch towers, ICS





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Termétfelületi az osztály





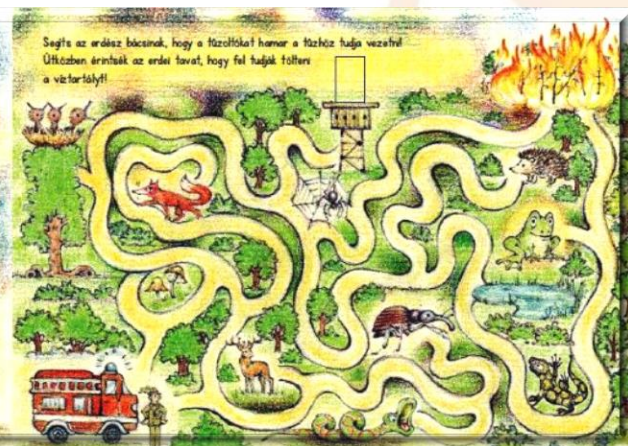
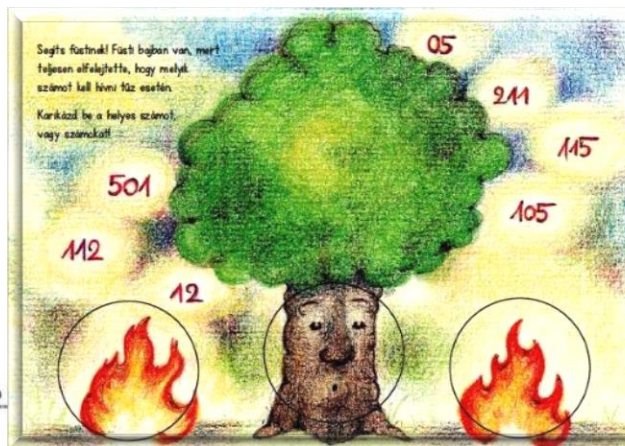
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Target group and stakeholder involvement

Connected distribution technics







**Fun in
learning**

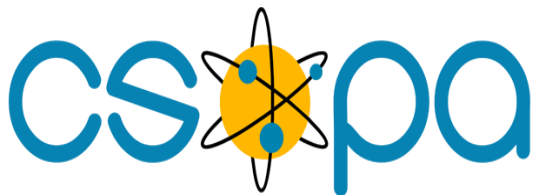


**Adventure
Education**





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Win Win
communication



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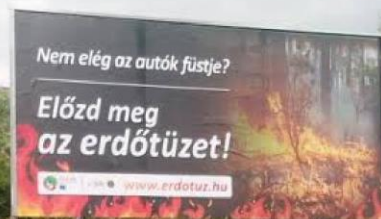


Direct communication
(the fast feedback)





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Cost sharing -
responsibility sharing



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Praxis oriented education



Group exercises
Field training



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