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PRIORITY 1: INNOVATION AND THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY							
Employment, human capital and education	PEOPLE	INNOVATION FOR SOCIETAL CHANGE	Government of Andalusia. Ministry for the Equality and Social Welfare	miquel.presencio@juntadeandalucia.es	Miguel Presencio Fernández	1: Regional Initiative Project	This mini-programme's overall objective is to improve policy responses to demographic and societal change, such as ageing population, new family structures, immigration and emergence of new and vulnerable social groups. The project involves 7 regions from 7 different EU member states.
Employment, human capital and education	Gender4Growth	Gender4Growth	Region Ile-de-France	vincent.callies@iledefrance.fr	vincent Callies	1: Regional Initiative Project	The project seeks to exchange experience on 2 major issues: growth and gender equity. The project objective is to update partner's economic policies with enough consideration to gender issues. Sub-goals will be to identify the appropriate economic policies that integrate full contribution of gender, make adequate supports available on them, initiate their transfer to partners, and develop enough targeted communication so as to provide higher level decision-making influence that will ease adoption of adequate measures. The partnership consists of 8 partners coming from 7 countries.
Employment, human capital and education	IES	Implementing Employment Service	Regional Labour Agency of Sardinia	ispissu@regione.sardegna.it	Luca Spissu	1: Regional Initiative Project	The IES project's main goal is to improve the efficacy of implementing Employment Policies at regional level, supporting the accomplishment of the Employment Local Strategies and increasing the quality of the Employment Policies in Europe. This challenge will be tackled by a total of 10 partners from 6 European countries and Switzerland, who will contribute to improve the quality and the implementation of their own regional policies.
Employment, human capital and education	ESF6 CIA	Capitalising Innovative Approaches towards Demographic Change	Aufbauwerk Region Leipzig GmbH	rueckert@aufbauwerk-leipzig.com	Silvana Rückert	2: Capitalisation Project	Best practices on tackling demographic change – notably a falling birth rate and increasing life span – are the subject of this project, capitalising on experiences gained under the Innovative Actions programme (article 6 – demographic change). The eleven partners, representing eight countries, will benefit from the various experiences of each partner. This project will benefit from Fast Track assistance from the EC.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	Creative Growth	Creative Growth	Ostsm Regional Development Council	office@ostsam.se	Anna Jacobson	1: Regional Initiative Project	The aim of the Creative Growth project is to contribute to European competitiveness and accelerate regional economic growth through the development of the creative sector as a new business sector. By mainstreaming new knowledge and good practices into the policy making process, the project will influence policy development on regional and local level. The partnership consists of 11 partners from 9 EU countries.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	CASTLE	CASTLE - Cooperation Among SMEs Toward Logistic Excellence	Institute for Transport and Logistics Foundation	rrosini@regione.emilia-romagna.it	Rino Rosini	1: Regional Initiative Project	The project's overall objective is to improve local and regional policies in logistics for SMEs through the exchange of experience and the transfer of these experiences into the strategies of the participating regions. The 10 partners come from 8 European countries.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	NEEBOR	Networking for Enterprises in the Eastern External Border Regions	Észak-Alföld Regional Development Agency	ebalazsy@eszakalfold.hu	Eszter Balázs	1: Regional Initiative Project	The project has grown out from the Network of Eastern External Border Regions linking former non-EU countries from Central and Eastern Europe that share common challenges and seek joint solutions. The partnership of the project includes the regional authorities/bodies in 10 regions from 8 European countries and is oriented to Priority 1 of the programme - Innovation and knowledge economy. What binds the partners is the confidence that cross border business cooperation with non-European neighbouring countries, as well and better structures of access to knowledge and access to finance for SMEs in peripheral areas are the core elements of successful SME development and innovation policies. The partners will address these issues through exchange of experience in the development of key strategies for SME innovation, preparation of joint methodologies and policy recommendation aimed at deepening the relations among the external border regions and upgrading their networking capacity.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	CITIES	Creative Industries in Traditional Intercultural Spaces	Klaipeda City Municipality Administration	elona@klaipeda.lt	Elona Jurkeviciene	1: Regional Initiative Project	The CITIES project tackles the improvement of regional and local policies concerned with the promotion and support of creative and cultural industries. The overall benchmarking analysis of the creative and cultural industries in 9 countries, the 12 partners will identify successful approaches and methods.

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Entrepreneurship and SMEs	EuroPROC	EU Regional Cooperation for SMEs access to Public Procurement	Consortium for the Trade Promotion of Catalonia (COPCA)	cooperacio@copca.com	Maria Orobítg	1: Regional Initiative Project	The overall objective of the EuroPROC project is to increase the competitiveness of EU regions and SMEs when participating in EU tendering systems. Key points will be to fill the existing gap among the different EU regions involved, contributing to the catching up process in Central and Eastern Europe. This will be done through a balanced partnership of 11 partners coming from 10 EU member states.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	SEE	Sharing Experience Europe - policy innovation design	Design Wales - UWIC	graulik@designwales.org.uk	Gisele Raulik Murphy	1: Regional Initiative Project	The SEE project will share information on policies that have been successful in using design to boost innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability or economic development. The project has a partnership of 11 organisations, which targets SMEs and their lack of resources for implementing design practice and innovation into their business.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	PASE	Public policies And Social Enterprises	Marche Region	mauro.terzoni@regione.marche.it	Mauro Terzoni	1: Regional Initiative Project	The overall objective of the project is to enforce the effectiveness of the regional public policies in promoting and supporting social entrepreneurship as an asset for local economic development and territorial competitiveness. In this project interregional cooperation is promoted among 9 partners coming from 7 different EU member states.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	CLUSNET	Clusters & Cities Network	Greater Lyon	pjustesen@grandlyon.org	Per Justesen	1: Regional Initiative Project	The objective of the project is to improve the effectiveness of cluster support policies in larger European city-regions. Through the analysis of cluster policies in large European city-regions the partnership of 12 bodies will produce policy recommendations targeting each partner city on how to strengthen their cluster support policies. The project will also facilitate the creation of links between clusters from partner's cities in order to improve criteria of critical mass and cluster competitiveness.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	CREATIVE METROPOLES	Public Policies and Instruments in Support of Creative Industries	Riga City Council	diana.civle@riga.lv	Diāna Čivle, Head of the Department of Culture	1: Regional Initiative Project	By exchanging experience and good practices, the CREATIVE METROPOLES project aims to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of public support to unlock and support the economic potential of the creative economy. The project will address the following policy fields: structure of public support for creative industries; business capacity and internationalisation of creative industries, space and creative city districts; funding for creative businesses; and demand for creative industry products and services. The partnership of the project is constituted by municipalities and development agencies of 11 metropolitan cities of Europe.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	MITKE	Managing the Industrial Territory in the Knowledge Era	SPRILUR S.A	moregi@spri.es tolabari@spri.es	Mikel Oregi, Juan Domingo Olabarri	1: Regional Initiative Project	MITKE focuses on providing a platform and mechanisms for collection, exchange and transfer of experiences and views among the partner regions in order to find and test better solutions and tools for intervention and thus contribute to an improved management of Business Areas and Industrial Parks (BAIPs) across Europe. MITKE pays special attention to matching less experienced regions with the ones with more experience as it reflected in the consortium.
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	ICHNOS PLUS	Innovation and CHange: Network of One-stop Shops for Business - PLUS	ANCITEL SARDINIA	info@ancitel.sardegna.it	Pier Paolo Falco	2: Capitalisation Project	ICHNOS PLUS aims to roll-out the models of one-stop shops for businesses developed under the INTERREG IIIC project (ICHNOS) to mainstream regional programmes. Through this, they aim to improve entrepreneurship policies by simplifying red tape for business start-ups. The seven partners, from seven different countries, are dedicated to implementing the models developed in their own region.
Innovation, research and technology development	ERIK ACTION	ERIK ACTION - Upgrading the innovation capacity of existing firms	Regional Government of Tuscany	simone.sorbi@regione.toscana.it	Simone Sorbi	2: Capitalisation Project	Improving the effectiveness of regional innovation support services is the objective of this Italian-led project, leading to an upgrade in the innovation capacity of businesses. Building on four years of networking experience within the ERIK network (DG REGIO's Innovative Actions programme), the project partners aim to transfer the good practices already identified in the Erik database into regional mainstream programmes. The eleven partners in this project represent 10 countries, all of whom have identified innovation as a key priority in regional development. The project will therefore produce 11 regional action plans to ensure the successful transfer of these practices into regional policy. This project will benefit from Fast Track assistance from the EC.
Innovation, research and technology development	MINI EUROPE	Mainstreaming INnovative Instruments for SME development in Europe	Province of Flevoland	bob.pels@flevoland.nl joan.algra@flevoland.nl	Bob Pels & Joan Algra	1: Regional Initiative Project	The project aims to exchange and develop regional policies in SME development, focussing on the main themes of promoting entrepreneurship and providing infrastructure for innovation to SMEs. In particular it will address the issues of increasing involvement of under-represented groups in entrepreneurship and developing regional financial infrastructures to support regional entrepreneurs. The MINI EUROPE partnership combines the experience of 8 regions.
Innovation, research and technology development	CLIQ	Creating Local Innovation through a Quadruple Helix	City of Jyväskylä	laura.ahonen@jkl.fi	Laura Ahonen	1: Regional Initiative Project	CLIQ focuses on the role of local authorities in medium sized cities in driving innovation, highlighting the importance of local quadruple helix partnerships to bring together universities, business, civil society and local authorities. The CLIQ partnership includes 17 partners from 11 EU countries.

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Innovation, research and technology development	I4W	Innovation for Welfare	CIDEM - Centre for Innovation and Business Development	msanza@cidem.gencat.net	Mariona Sanz	1: Regional Initiative Project	The objective of the I4W project is to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies that stimulate technology-driven innovation in the field of health and safety. The project involves partners representing 6 regions across Europe, who want to forge new coalitions between business, knowledge institutes and public welfare organisations to stimulate the uptake of these innovations.
Innovation, research and technology development	RAPIDE	REGIONAL ACTION PLANS for INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE	South West of England Regional Development Agency	maria.ioannou@southwestrda.org.uk	Maria Ioannou	2: Capitalisation Project	This project deals with the role of the public sector in stimulating innovation in regions, in particular helping mainly small businesses bring innovative products to market more quickly. By focusing on the good practices already identified in partner regions, gathered under the various national and European development programmes, the partners aim to develop robust, workable Action plans that each Region will implement. Thirteen partners from eleven Member States will thus stimulate innovation in regions, increase economic growth and therefore contribute directly to the EU agenda for Innovation and Knowledge economy. This project will benefit from Fast Track assistance from the EC.
Innovation, research and technology development	NANO4M	Nanotechnology for Market	Regional Development Agency of Asturias	paz@idepa.es	Paz Palacio	1: Regional Initiative Project	NANO4M aims at improving strategies and building networks to design nanotechnology for market. In this project 11 partners from 4 countries tackle the challenges identified in relation to the functioning of the regional innovation systems. The partners wish to improve the regions' innovation infrastructure, strengthen interregional collaboration, improve the efficiency of regional innovation policies as well as to shorten the gap between R&D and market testing innovation processes.
the Information Society	B3 Regions	Regions for Better Broadband connection	Piedmont Region	roberto.moriond@regione.piemonte.it	Roberto Moriondo	2: Capitalisation Project	This project tackles a key theme for the development of the knowledge economy: implementing broadband connections in remote or disadvantaged areas. Based on the analysis that only about 60% of businesses and households in the remote and rural areas of the EU15 had access to broadband in 2005, compared with over 90% of urban areas, the project aims to transfer existing good practices in this domain to regions involved. Based on a partnership of 17 bodies representing eight countries, this project will contribute to the economic modernisation and increased competitiveness of Europe. This project will benefit from Fast Track assistance from the EC.
the Information Society	DC	DIGITAL CITIES: A network for rapid and sustainable ICT regional adoption	Municipality of Trikala	oraptis@e-trikala.gr	Odiseas Raptis	1: Regional Initiative Project	The main objective of the Digital Cities (DC) project is to tackle the very low rate of ICT (Information Communication Technologies) penetration at local level by providing the organizational structures, strategies/policies and tools (called altogether DC model) for enabling the rapid and sustainable adoption of ICT at local level and the development of digital cities in a broad European level. The general objectives of the DC project include the development and evaluation of the DC Model and the establishment of an open, sustainable cooperation/coordination Network for sharing knowledge, exchanging best practices/experiences and developing synergies among local authorities. The final outcome of the project is aimed to be a new organizational structure that will manage and evolve the project results, making them widely available through information services and providing consultation and training programs, all through a feasible and viable business model.
the Information Society	EVITA	Exchange, Valorisation and Transfer of regional best policy measures for SME support on IT and e-business Adoption.	Greek Research and Technology Network (GRNET)	hatzakis@grnet.gr	Hatzakis Ilias	1: Regional Initiative Project	EVITA builds on a number of recognized good practices developed under different regional and interregional development programs, in order to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies in the area of the access of SMEs, to knowledge, e-business practices and the global economy, in regions with low ICT and e-business take-up. The partnership involves 10 partners from 8 EU countries.
the Information Society	PIKE	Promoting Innovation and the Knowledge Economy	ERNACT EEIG	rocio.rubio@ernact.net	Rocio Rubio Centeno	2: Capitalisation Project	Building on the experiences shared under the INTERREG IIIC-funded project BRISE, this project seeks to stimulate the successful uptake of Information Society policies at regional level, particularly in the area of broadband and internet access, and eGovernment practices. This project will benefit from Fast Track assistance from the EC.

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PRIORITY 2: ENVIRONMENT AND RISK PREVENTION							
Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage (including air quality)	COMMONS	Common Land for sustainable management	Corsica Region Environment Office	patrimoine@oec.fr	Charles Antoine Pasqualini	1: Regional Initiative Project	The project intends to reassess the value of the uncultivated common lands - forest based common lands to distinguish from rural common lands – as an instrument for preserving natural resources and valorise natural products in order to both preserve the natural heritage and to reduce depopulation. The partnership is composed of 10 partners who will exchange their experiences in order to improve local policies.
Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage (including air quality)	CITEAIR II	Common Information to European Air	Airparif	karine.leger@airparif.asso.fr	Karine Leger	1: Regional Initiative Project	This project builds on the CITEAIR project which was funded under the INTERREG IIIC programme. The main achievement of this project was the development, testing and application of good practices to collect and deliver information on air quality in a comparable and easy understandable way to inform the public and facilitate exchange of experience between air quality managers. The aim of CITEAIR II is "To jointly identify, test and transfer a set of good practices through the exchange of experiences and to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies in the area of air quality protection, sustainable transport and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions". The extended partnership includes 11 partners.
Cultural heritage and landscape	CeRamiCa	Ceramics and CRafts Industries' Increased Cooperation	Municipality of Hódmezővásárhely	csaki.imre@hodmezovasarhely.hu	Mr Imre Csáki	1: Regional Initiative Project	CeRamiCa is the result of a long cooperation between the Hungarian Municipality of Hódmezővásárhely and eleven other cities from 6 EU countries, having a common cultural heritage background and facing the same difficulties. The cooperation is based on the eagerness to preserve and promote the ceramic and small crafts sector in Europe through exchange of positive experience. The objectives of CeRamiCa define it as a Priority 2 action, clearly addressing the issue of promoting cultural assets as potential for the economic development of partner regions. The project partners will be involved in activities leading to the elaboration of local and regional development strategy recommendations and instruments to support and boost the ceramics and small crafts sector in the partner regions. The transfer of best practices will provide a unique opportunity to learn from each others' experiences, acquire new methodologies, processes or techniques which can help in the development of new products, opening up to new markets, identifying effective marketing and training tools and, potentially, creating
Cultural heritage and landscape	PRESERVE	Peer Reviews for Sustainable Eco-Regions via Europe	Assembly of European Regions	secretariat@aer.eu	Céline Dawans	1: Regional Initiative Project	The aim of the project is to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies, specifically focusing upon cultural heritage and landscape policies as endogenous factors of economic development. The French lead partnership gathers 14 regional and local representatives from 11 different countries in order to exchange experience and discuss the difficulties the partners faced when implementing cultural heritage and landscape policies.
Energy and sustainable transport	MORE4NRG	MORE4NRG	Province of Flevoland	henk.kuiper@flevoland.nl	Henk Kuiper	1: Regional Initiative Project	The objective of the project is to strengthen the delivery of regional strategies for renewable energy sources and energy efficiency by exchanging best practices on sustainable energy policies and jointly developing an integrated monitoring tool for measuring the effect of regional sustainable energy strategies. The partnership builds on the experience of 11 regions of the EU.
Energy and sustainable transport	FLIPPER	Flexible Transport Services and ICT platform for Eco-Mobility in urban and rural European areas	SRM – Networks and Mobility (Public Transport Authority Bologna)	dora.ramazzotti@srbologna.it	Dora Ramazzotti	1: Regional Initiative Project	The FLIPPER proposal addresses a key factor of eco-sustainable and competitive development and social cohesion of European areas and Regions, through the investigation, experience exchange, good practices transferring and profitable co-operation on FTS in relation to mobility in cities, rural areas and small towns. By capitalising on real results, experiences and good practices gained in previous EU site applications and EU Projects (IV-V-VI FP and Regional Cooperation) FLIPPER aims at establishing a Knowledge Transfer Network among different EU areas and Authorities in the domain of FTS. Moreover FLIPPER objective is to achieve capability-building environmental, sustainable and innovative solutions in the Public Transport domain by evaluating the viability and real impacts and by gathering the good practices identified at site level.

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Energy and sustainable transport	MMOVE	Mobility Management oVer Europe: Changing Mobility Patterns	Municipality of Reggio Emilia	raffaello.tupputi@municipio.re.it reggio.mondo02@municipio.re.it	RAFFAELLO TUPPUTI	1: Regional Initiative Project	MMOVE supports interregional exchange on sustainable mobility policies for medium sized European cities. The project involves 11 partners from 8 EU countries and aims to influence regional authority policy-making by providing mobility management solutions which will help small and medium sized cities make best use of their mobility infrastructure and services.
Energy and sustainable transport	SUGAR	Sustainable Urban Goods logistics Achieved by Regional and local policies	Emilia-Romagna Region	AgMobilitaetrasporti@regione.emilia-romagna.it	F. Saverio Di Ciommo	1: Regional Initiative Project	SUGAR focuses on addressing the problem of inefficient and ineffective management of urban freight distribution, a critical component of the overall urban transport system and a primary source of vehicle pollutant emissions. To accomplish this, SUGAR promotes the exchange, discussion and transfer of policy experience, knowledge and good practices in the field of urban freight management, with regards to policy and planning levers between and among advanced and less experienced sites. SUGAR bases its approach on the study of EU good practices for the development of tools to support policy making.
Energy and sustainable transport	CAPRICE	Capitel regions integrating collective transport for increased energy efficiency	Public Transport Authority of Berlin-Brandenburg	ross@vbbonline.de	Juergen Ross	1: Regional Initiative Project	The goal of CAPRICE is to exchange experiences and to identify and promote good practice in the field of organisation of a sustainable and energy efficient integrated public transport in Capital regions and other regions with dense population. The project comprises a network of actors from 5 European Capital regions who are responsible for public transport.
Energy and sustainable transport	PIMMS TRANSFER	TRansferring Actions IN Sustainable mobility For European Regions	London Borough of Bromley	Emma.Owen@bromley.gov.uk	Emma Owen	1: Regional Initiative Project	The project build on the "transfer methodology" developed under INTERREG IIIC which identified the Critical Success Factors behind best practice case studies in mobility management. PIMMS TRANSFER aims to stimulate modal shift towards more sustainable forms of transport by increasing the implementation of high quality mobility management techniques and policies in European regions and to extend, deepen and promote best practice in mobility management. The partnership is composed of 15 partners coming from 15 countries.
Energy and sustainable transport	POWER	POWER	South East England Development Agency	kathvullaume@seeda.co.uk	Kathy Vuillaume	1: Regional Initiative Project	The POWER mini programme will explore ways to move towards a low carbon economy at regional level, in particular by re-formulating regional development strategies and policy instruments and identifying effective forms of sub-regional action which also contribute to regional competitiveness. The seven participating regions will work toward achieving long-term policy objectives of fossil free Europe, Kyoto Protocols, Energy targets by 2020, renewed Sustainable Development Strategy by developing appropriate road-maps, finding the best path together in response to these future challenges.
Natural and technological risks (including climate change)	FUTUREforest	FUTUREforest - Woodlands for Climate Change	Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Consumer Protection	MichaelEgidius.luthardt@mluv.brandenburg.de	Dr. Michael-Egidius Luthardt	1: Regional Initiative Project	The project aims to ensure that future European forests continue to deliver multiple benefits and to leave future generations forests that are well adapted and resilient to natural risks, including effects of climate change. The partnership consists of three regional public forestry authorities and four national public forestry authorities from seven EU Member States.
Natural and technological risks (including climate change)	GRaBS	Green and Blue Space Adaptation for Urban Areas and Eco Towns	Town and Country Planning Association	gideon.amos@tcpa.org.uk	Gideon Amos	1: Regional Initiative Project	The Green and Blue Space Adaptation for Urban Areas and Eco Towns (GRaBS) project aims to improve the regional decision and policy making process in relation to the planning and development of new and existing urban areas in nine EU member states in the content of climate change. GRaBS partnership gathers 14 partners coming from 8 countries.

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Natural and technological risks (including climate change)	REGIOCLIMA	Regional cooperation towards adaptation to climate change	Larnaca District Development Agency	anetel@cylanet.com.cy eloizou@anetel.com	Eleftherios Loizou	1: Regional Initiative Project	The REGIOCLIMA project aims at enhancing cooperation among selected EU regions to facilitate the elaboration of climate change adaptation strategies and to implement policy guidelines. The overall objective of the project is to assist societies to adapt to the new climate conditions both by minimising the risk of damage and exploiting the new opportunities arising from a changing climate. The partnership consists of 8 partners from 8 different countries.
Natural and technological risks (including climate change)	RSC	Regions for Sustainable Change	The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe	BWiszniowska@rec.org	Ms. Beata Wyszniowska; Regional Director for the new member states	1: Regional Initiative Project	The Regions for Sustainable Change (RSC) project is a partnership of 12 bodies from 8 countries helmed by the Regional Environment Center For Central and Eastern Europe (Hungary). Development of the potential of regional development programmes and stimulating mitigation and adaptation to climate change is the subject of the RSC action. Building upon the experience of the previous INTERREG III C programme the partners will direct their actions to integrating climate change issues into regional policies and practices in order to deliver sustainable socio-economic development for the partner regions. The RSC project will address this issue by analysing current regional practices, developing benchmarks, criteria, and indicators for regions, as well as preparing a methodological handbook instructing regions how to integrate climate change issues into regional development plans, how to move towards low carbon economy and use the environment as an economic driver. The action will also offer partners the chance to carry out pilot actions, such as the preparation of a carbon footprint of regional development pro
Natural and technological risks (including climate change)	PRoMPT	Proactive Human Response to Wildfires Breakout: Measure and Prepare for it	Region Western Greece	smichos@ptapde.gr	Stefanos Michos	1: Regional Initiative Project	The aim of the suggested project is to exchange experiences and good practices in order to improve regional policies for coping with fires right after their outbreak in very sensitive areas, like the forest ones. Since regional policies in terms of environmental protection and risk prevention constitute a vital issue towards the accomplishment of the Gothenburg Strategy, local and regional authorities in EU need to further work towards a more close and effective cooperation on such issues. This project, based on previously related activities focused on risk management, intends to move further and deal with exchange of experiences and good practices on methods, action plans or even tools, addressing the forest fires danger and crisis management right after the outbreak of a fire, and in particular, a wild one.