



European Forest Risk Node

First Approach to the Wildfire Risk Node

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Background practitioners' network



- In Europe, there are many existing communities of practitioners on natural disaster and risk management
- Forest fire risk → Communities of individuals
- Common needs, requirements and face similar problems.







Current challenges



SENDAI FRAMEWORK (i)

Priority 1. Understanding disaster risk

To **promote and improve dialogue and cooperation** among scientific and technological communities, other relevant stakeholders and policymakers in order to facilitate a science policy interface for effective decision-making in disaster risk management;

To **promote common efforts** in partnership with the scientific and technological community, academia and the private sector to establish, disseminate and share good practices internationally;

To **enhance the scientific and technical work** on disaster risk reduction and its mobilization through the coordination of existing networks and scientific research institutions at all levels and in all regions ...

Priority 3: Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience

To promote cooperation between academic, scientific and research entities and networks and the private sector to develop new products and services to help to reduce disaster risk, in particular those that would assist developing countries and their specific challenges

To promote the development and strengthening of disaster risk transfer and sharing mechanisms and instruments in close cooperation with partners in the international community, business, international financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders



Current challenges



SENDAI FRAMEWORK (ii)

International cooperation and partnership

To promote the use and exp<mark>ansion of thematic</mark> platforms of cooperation, such as global technology pools and global systems **to share know-how**, innovation and research and ensure access to technology and information on disaster risk reduction;







Under these current challenges...

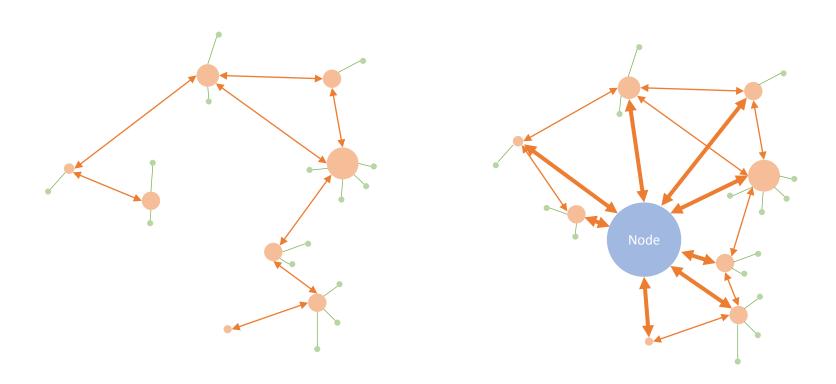
there is the need to find the mechanism, such as a node, to connect all the existing networks on fire risk at a European scale.



Node Concept (Norris et al., 2006)



- A node is a point or junction where pathways or lines origin or intersect.
- When **referring to knowledge**, a node is the spatial or virtual location where knowledge domains, networks and repositories intersect





EFRN Objectives



- The European Forest Risk Node has the purpose to...establish a central point to be use as a link for the existing networks, individual practitioners and communities that own the expert knowledge on fire risk.
- Creating a network of networks; a space of interaction for the different European networks on fire risk
- Strengthening and facilitating the optimal functioning of the existing networks and provide the services required to increase the functionalities and capabilities on the frame of forest fires.



EFRN Objectives



- Definition of transversal standards of competencies and capacities among the network
- Identification of expertise among the networks, definition of 'who is who'
- Compilation of management tools, publications and other materials to foster best practices across all the networks.
- A global overview of the outputs being produced in the different networks
- Provide the tools and necessary means to share experiences, and lessons learnt among the networks as an open pro-active platform.
- Centralise all the needs and requests of the fire risk networks and transfer them to pan European institutions, such as the FRISK secretariat.
- Provide the tools to the fire risk networks under the node, to interact with networks and nodes
 on other natural risks.
- Provide the tools to the fire risk networks under the node, to interact with researchers about practitioners' needs and current challenges being faced and potential solutions.



EFRN Scale



- The creation of the ERFN is an anticipation measure, to provide guidance, existing knowledge and services to regions with no so much experience on managing fires.
- Regional and national actions shall be complementary to the EFRN and supported by the node if there is not an existing network to work at a regional level.



The node shall aim at facilitating the exchange of knowledge within the regions and their practitioner networks



EFRN Actors

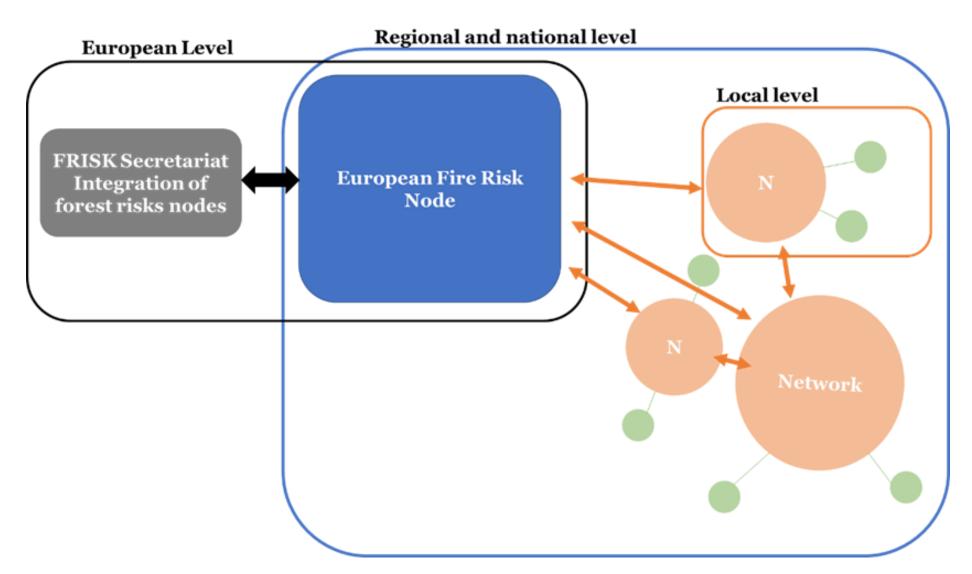


- Existing networks: Firefighting associations, Project consortiums
- Other interest actors: Fire and rescue services, Forestry services, Civil protection services, Private fire-fighting organisations, Fire managers and practitioners, Local and regional authorities, Landscape managers, Technicians and land planers, Forest and land owners, Forestry companies, Volunteer associations
- Indirect involvement in the node: Policy makers, Politicians, Journalists, Educators



EFRN Structure







EFRN Structure



Level 1

Network

1
- Individuals
- Institutions
- Associations
- Consortiums
- ...

Expertise A

Expertise B

Expertise C

Expertise C

Expertise A

Expertise B

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Level 2

1 representative of each network or group of networks

Level 3

1 representative of each expertise

Level 4

Core management board



EFRN Structure



Level 4

Executive Board

Core Management Board

Coordination of networks

Content management

Communication and animation of node

Interaction with nodes from other risks

Regional and local representatives

Groups of expertise

Face-to-face interaction

Interactive space

Virtual interaction



EFRN Implementation phases



- **Phase 1** Approve the design of the Node by a group of experts
- Phase 2 Constitution of the Core management board
- Phase 3 Development of the virtual infrastructure
- Phase 4 Contact existing networks to join the node
- Phase 5 Initiate Level 2 and Level 3 mechanisms
- Phase 6 Establish Headquarters



EFRN Challenges to overcome



- Language barriers between networks
- Engagement of actors and networks with the node
- Practitioners will be able to sign up individually, through the networks or through the institutions they work for
- Structural funding



EFRN Feedback from experts



Objectives
Scale
Actors
Structure
Implementation
Challenges







