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Firelogue Final Event in Berlin Shapes Europe's Future Wildfire Risk Management

Berlin – The Firelogue Final Event is taking place on 10 and 11 September in Berlin in a workshop format to prepare the final activities leading up to the project's conclusion in October 2025. On 11 September, a hybrid session will bring together the Green Deal Wildfire Risk Management Project and the broader wildfire risk management community to discuss Firelogue's legacy and outline the next steps. The project is coordinated by Fraunhofer Institute for Technological Trend Analysis INT, which also leads the work package on the development of dialogue formats for the effective design of strategies and measures for wildfire risk management. In this role, Fraunhofer INT fosters exchange and networking within the community.

A central focus of the event is the presentation of the proposal for an Integrated Wildfire Risk Management (IWRM) Strategy for Europe, developed by a consortium of scientists and practitioners from the EU Green Deal research projects FirEUrisk, FIRE-RES, TREEADS and SILVANUS.

The program includes:

- Presentation of the IWRM Strategy and policy recommendations by experts from the European Research Executive Agency, Fraunhofer Institute for Technological Trend Analysis INT and Trilateral Research.
- **Round table discussions** with policy representatives (among others with DG ENV and the Pan-European Forest Risk Facility / FoRISK) on the uptake of results and synergies with ongoing European activities.
- **Interactive workshop session** on the projects' legacy, future research needs and next steps for implementing the strategy.

Wildfires in Europe are becoming more frequent, intense and unpredictable. Climate change, land-use changes and expanding wildland-urban interfaces are intensifying risks, while prolonged fire seasons challenge existing capacities. The IWRM Strategy proposes coordinated, practical approaches that leverage research, governance and technological innovations to strengthen wildfire resilience across Europe.

The strategy highlights five key priorities:

- 1. **Inter-Agency Coordination** Establish cross-level working groups (EU, national, local) to implement a unified strategy and improve data sharing.
- 2. **Integrated Strategy Development** Define measurable targets at EU and national levels and support informed decisions on wildfire risk investments.
- 3. **Knowledge Exchange and Capacity Building** Foster practitioner training and knowledge-sharing on resilient landscapes and good practices.



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4. **Guidance and Best Practices** – Provide tailored recommendations for implementing IWRM across diverse national and regional contexts.

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5. **Funding and Technological Innovation** – Develop new funding structures and partnerships to accelerate the use of decision-support systems and regenerative landscape solutions.

Accompanied by a policy brief, the strategy offers a roadmap for a seamless, coordinated and forward-looking wildfire risk management approach across Europe.

The final strategy can be found here: <u>An Integrated Wildfire Risk Management Strategy</u> for the EU: developing resilient landscapes and safer communities

About Firelogue

Firelogue is a Coordination and Support Action Funder under Horizon 2020 Grant Agreement No. 101036534. It brings together more than 70 Mio. € in research funding that has been invested mainly under the European Green Deal call on "Preventing and fighting extreme wildfires with the integration and demonstration of innovative means". The Firelogue project aims to support and coordinate the consolidation of research results from the wildfire risk related Green Deal Innovation Actions. It integrates the findings and promotes the discussion via forums and workshops, leading to the exchange among a large range of stakeholders. It closely collaborates with the following projects: FIRE-RES, SILVANUS, TREEADS and FirEUrisk

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About Fraunhofer INT

The Fraunhofer INT offers science-based analysis and assessment capabilities across the entire technical development spectrum. In-house expert analyses and prognoses in select fields of technology as well as theoretical and experimental work in the fields of electromagnetic and nuclear effects will flesh out this summary.

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