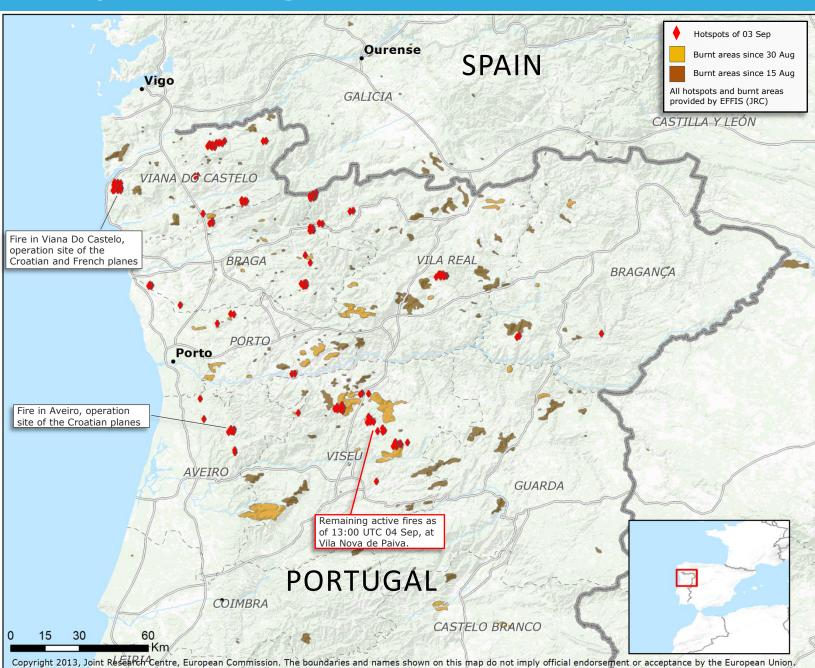
04 Sep 2013: Portugal – Forest Fires





SITUATION

- On 3 September, Portugal registered 276 wildfires, involving 4,141 firefighters and 1,122 vehicles. 83 Aerial missions were executed.
- As of 04 September at 13:00 UTC, only two major fires were still active, in Vila Nova de Paiva, Viseu (159 firefighters, 2 airplanes, 3 helicopters).
- Fire risk will remain "Extreme" or "Very high" in northern Portugal until 5 September, but is forecast to drop to "Low" afterwards. (EFFIS)
- Since the beginning of the fire season, a total of 116,000 ha have been burnt in Portugal, 42,100 of them since 30 August. As a comparison, in the whole season of 2012 (that lasts roughly until mid-October) the total burnt area was 110,000 ha (EFFIS)

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- The two Croatian Canadairs deployed within the European CP Mechanism framework were mainly engaged suppression of the fire in Caminha / Cristelo / Viana do Castelo, together with French aerial means assets provided bilateral under agreement. The Croatian Canadairs have been
- French and Spanish aerial assets, provided on a bilateral basis, have also collaborated in the fire fighting operations in Portugal for several days in the last fortnight.

engaged in the fire in Aveiro.

 The Croatian Canadairs as well as the French aerial assets will return to their countries today, 4 September.