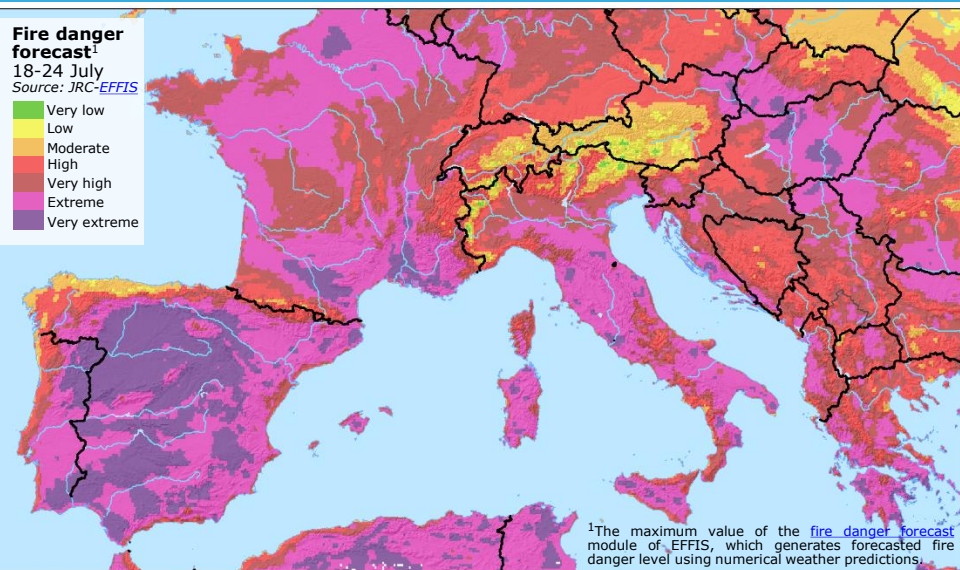


# Southern Europe | EU response to wildfires

## Fire danger forecast<sup>1</sup> 18-24 July

Source: JRC-EFFIS

- Very low
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very high
- Extreme
- Very extreme

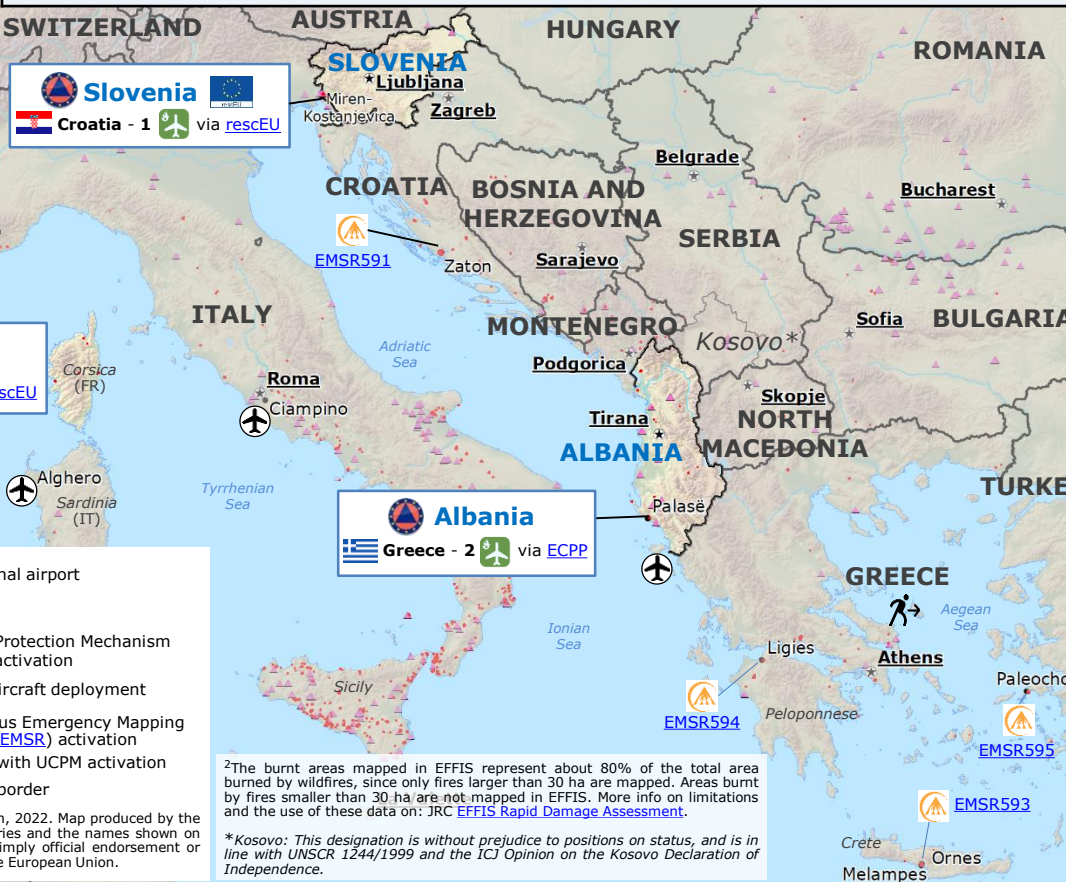


<sup>1</sup>The maximum value of the fire danger forecast module of EFFIS, which generates forecasted fire danger level using numerical weather predictions.

## UCPM RESPONSE

- **Portugal:** On 9 July, the UCPM was activated for several wildfires in Portugal and a **rescEU module (2 Canadair)** from Italy were deployed on 13-17 July. For more than 42 hours, they carried out more than 1.000.000 liters of water with 181 drops in various working areas. **Spain** sent a **rescEU module (2 Canadair)** that operated in Santarem and Escalhao on 10 and 11 July performing 61 drops. Copernicus **EMSR589** was activated on 7 July for Ourém municipality.
- **France:** France activated the UCPM on 14 July and a **rescEU module (2 Canadair)** from Greece started operations on 15 July in Graveson region (south of Avignon), where a major fire broke out on Thursday 14 July. On 16 July, Copernicus **EMSR592** was activated for a fire in the commune of Landiras in the Gironde department.
- **Albania:** Due to forest fires affecting the area of Palase (region of Vlora), Albania made a UCPM request on 14 July and two **Canadairs from Greece** were offered on 14 July via European Civil Protection Pool (**ECPP**) and ended the deployment on the same day. On 15 July, Greece offered two light firefighting airplanes (PZL planes). They started operations on the same day and carried out 4 water drops.
- **Slovenia:** On 17 July, Slovenia requested one Canadair to support national authorities fighting the fire in Nova Gorica, in close proximity to the border with Italy. **One rescEU airplane (Canadair) from Croatia** operated on 17 July, performing 19 drops (114 tonnes of water).

ERCC is monitoring the situation in other countries, amongst others, via the Copernicus EMS activations: **EMSR590** on 11 July for Las Hurdes-Sierra de Francia (Castile and León, Spain), **EMSR591** on 13 July for Zaton Municipality (Zadar County, Croatia), **EMSR593** on 15 July for southern Crete (Greece), **EMSR594** on 16 July for northern Peloponnese (Greece), and **EMSR595** on 18 July for Samos Island (Greece).



**Portugal**  
 Italy - 2 via rescEU  
 Spain - 2 via rescEU

**France**  
 Greece - 2 via rescEU

**Slovenia**  
 Croatia - 1 via rescEU

**Albania**  
 Greece - 2 via ECPP

**Location of burnt areas<sup>2</sup>**  
 Source: JRC-EFFIS  
 1 May–18 July 2022

**Active fire detection**  
 Source: JRC-EFFIS  
 17-18 July 2022

- Fatalities  
Source: Gov. of Portugal
- Injured people  
Source: Gov. of Portugal
- Preventive evacuations  
Source: DSN Spain, COGIC France, Greek Civil Protection

**Name**  
 Location of firefighting operations

- Operational airport
- Canadair
- EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) activation
- rescEU aircraft deployment
- Copernicus Emergency Mapping Service (EMSR) activation
- Country with UCPM activation
- Country border

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<sup>2</sup>The burnt areas mapped in EFFIS represent about 80% of the total area burned by wildfires, since only fires larger than 30 ha are mapped. Areas burnt by fires smaller than 30 ha are not mapped in EFFIS. More info on limitations and the use of these data on: JRC [EFFIS Rapid Damage Assessment](#).

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