



SITUATION

- Several wildfires have been burning across the country over the past few days. The situation is particularly difficult in Aveiro with a total of 19 active fires. Strong winds during the night of 9 August have worsened the situation causing 6 new fires.
 - A new forest fire started on 8 August in the municipality of Funchal in Madeira Island causing damage and casualties. Local media, as of 10 August, reported that three people have died, over 200 have been injured (of at least two are in critical situation), one has gone missing, over 950 have been evacuated and 50 houses have been damaged.
 - Local media had previously reported that dozens of homes were evacuated and the Municipal Emergency Plan for forest fires was activated in northern mainland Portugal.
 - According to EFFIS, the fire danger remains at "Very High" for the area of Funchal on 10 August.
 - Over the next 24 h strong winds, dry conditions and high temperatures are forecast for the island of Madeira, including the municipality of Funchal. According to ECMWF, as of 10 August, prevailing winds will be from north directions with intensities of 30 km/hour while gusts will be reaching locally 50 to 60 km/hour. Over 11-12 August winds are expected to abate gradually still blowing from north directions with intensities of 15 to 20 km/hour while gusts will be reaching locally 30 to 40 km/hour.
- Sources: IPMA, EFFIS, PROCIV, Local Media

FIRE DANGER FORECAST for 11 Aug. (JRC-GWIS)

