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Support to wildfire management in the Amazon and LAC region

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EU-LAC PDSF

The EU-LAC Policy Dialogue Support Facility (2020-2023) is an **Action funded and managed by FPI that aims to deepen the EU's engagement with Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)**.

The Action **brings together key stakeholders from the EU and 33 LAC countries** to move towards a more **strategic, targeted and EU-wide approach**, involving the EU and EU Member States, LAC regional organisations and countries, and the EU and LAC business sector and civil society.

How? Through three types of activities categorised broadly as:

- ✓ Studies
- ✓ Dialogue meetings
- ✓ Public Diplomacy activities

Background

JRC has wide long-term expertise in wildfire assessment and monitoring which led to the implementation of successful initiatives on an EU scale with worldwide relevance.

Among some of these initiatives, JRC developed the **European Forest Fire Information System** (EFFIS) that acts as the basis for all EU policy decisions regarding wildfire management in the EU. Furthermore, the JRC conformed the **European Union Expert Group on Forest Fires** (EGFF) for coordinating wildfire management activities at European level. JRC will promote for the next 18 months these successful EU initiatives adapted to the Amazon and LAC region.

With the support of the EU-LAC PDSF Action, JRC will implement an **outreach campaign and support to the creation of an Expert Group on wildfire management** in the Amazon and LAC region.

**Outreach
campaign
and support
to the
creation of
the Expert
Group on
Wildfire
management**



This **outreach campaign and support to the creation of an Expert Group on wildfire management** in the Amazon and LAC region addresses key stakeholders on wildfire management with the aim of:

- 1- Enhancing the knowledge on EU successful initiatives**
 - 2- Sensitising on the benefits of adapting these initiatives in the Amazon and LAC region.**
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Stakeholder

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The implementation of this Activity involves the following stakeholders:

- **EU Services:** JRC (leading), EEAS (Americas Department), FPI, DG ECHO, INTPA, ENV, REGIO, CLIMA and the EU Delegations in Brazil (leading), Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela.
- **LAC governments** (institutional bodies related to wildfire management): members of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization ([ACTO](#)) and the Leticia Pact signatory countries.
- **United Nation agencies** supporting the Leticia Pact goals to “*work towards the adoption of a Protocol for wildfires management in the Amazon*”: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

Target



LAC experts on wildfire management (fire managers from Ministries of Environment, Agriculture or Civil Protection, among others) in the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Venezuela, among others.

JRC together with the EU Delegations will develop a stakeholders mapping, which will be of strategic importance for implementing the activities proposed.

Activities

1. Creating a **technical & visibility toolkit** and developing content for a dedicated section on the GWIS website to enhance the knowledge on EU successful initiatives and to sensitise on the benefits of adapting these initiatives in the Amazon and LAC region.
2. Supporting the organisation of **three virtual meetings** to disseminate this knowledge and strengthen the cooperation between the EU and LAC in the area of wildfires management.

Creating a technical toolkit

- **Purpose:** to enhance the knowledge on EFFIS and EGFF among LAC experts on wildfire management, mainly members of ACTO and Leticia Pact signatory countries.
- **Products:** A one-pager and two leaflets in English, Spanish and Portuguese.
- **Content:** the one-pager with infographics will explain EFFIS and EGFF and their benefits; each of the two leaflets will contain technical information about EFFIS and EGFF.

Developing a visibility toolkit

- **Purpose:** to promote the GWIS and the creation of an Expert Group on wildfire management among LAC experts, mainly members of ACTO and Leticia Pact signatory countries.
- **Communication products:** A one-pager in English, Spanish and Portuguese and a video in English with subtitles in Spanish and Portuguese.
- **Content:** the one-pager and the video will be based on the EU experience and the potential benefits of using the GWIS and of creating an Expert Group on wildfire management in the Amazon and LAC region.

Developing content for a dedicated section on the GWIS website

- **Purpose:** to promote the GWIS and support the creation of the Expert Group on wildfire management in the Amazon and LAC region.
- **Communication products:** content for a dedicated section on the GWIS website and a layout based on an efficient and user-friendly content distribution, videos and infographics.
- **Content:** content based on a common narrative to enhance the knowledge on EFFIS and EGFF and to promote GWIS and the creation of an Expert Group on wildfire management in the Amazon and LAC region.

Supporting the organisation of three virtual meetings

- **Purpose of the first virtual meeting:** Sensitising LAC experts on EU experience, particularly on lessons learned and best practices of the EFFIS and EGFF.
- **Purpose of the second virtual meeting:** Presenting the potential benefits for the Amazon and LAC region of using the GWIS and of creating an Expert Group on wildfire management.
- **Purpose of the third virtual meeting:** Promoting coherence and convergence on forest fire management and making recommendations to ensure sustainability on the follow up actions related to the creation of the Expert Group for the Amazon and LAC region.

Channels



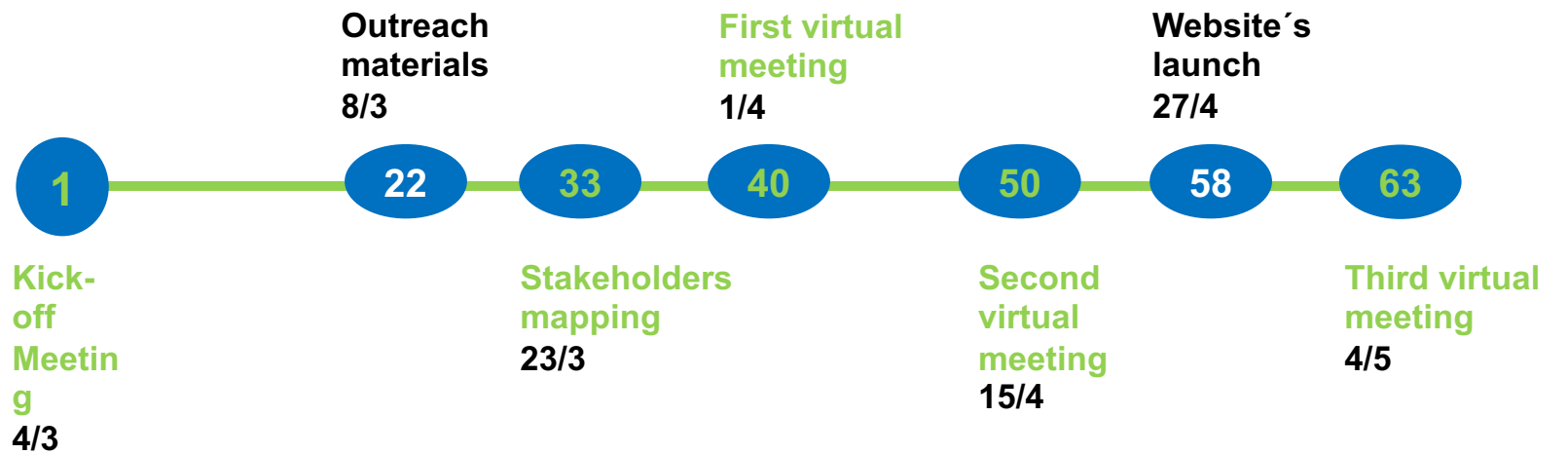
Technical toolkit: once the stakeholders mapping is produced, JRC will disseminate this technical toolkit through **email** and in close collaboration with the EU Delegations involved during their first contacts. Furthermore, this technical toolkit will be presented in detail during the **first virtual meeting**.

Visibility toolkit: through **email** by JRC as part of a second contact with the identified stakeholders and presented in detail during the **second virtual meeting**.

Website: through **email** by JRC and presented in the **third virtual meeting** to ensure sustainability of the activities.

Virtual meetings: invitations and relevant documents will be sent via **email** by JRC.

Indicative Timeline



Activities implemented with the valuable contribution of the EU Delegations.



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