



Action D2: On-site Dissemination

3rd Annual Report on Round Tables and Meetings

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1. Summary

During the period from 01/10/2014 - 30/09/2015 ALGOSYSTEMS organized many Round Table Meetings with local authorities and organizations mainly related to the forest fire component and aspects of the FLIRE DSS. The objective of these meetings was to keep informed the local and end users of the FLIRE DSS concerning its potential use and contribution to fire prevention at the local scale.

The aforementioned meetings were based on the running fire management component of the DSS, which was modified during this period according to the comments and suggestions made by stakeholders during the previous reporting period of FLIRE. The meetings were organized mostly in the Town Hall of the Municipality Rafina Pikermi. The main discussions made with representatives of the Municipality Rafina-Pikermi, local association of citizens and volunteer groups. Moreover, during this period NTUA in cooperation with ALGOSYSTEMS organized 3 Stakeholder Meetings. The meetings aimed to inform the local end users regarding the progress of FLIRE, to familiarize them with the use and the potential benefits from the use of the DSS and to share the project achievements with specific user groups.

During this period, the training of the personnel (responsible for environmental and technical issues) of the Municipality on how to use the FLIRE system, was continued. Following relative discussions, it is agreed that the DSS is accessible to a properly selected user group. Each user has a username and a password in order to access the DSS in order to strengthen security and authenticate the system's use. ALGOSYSTEMS interact constantly with the end users for the use of the DSS Platform.

Additionally, ALGOSYSTEMS promoted FLIRE system and its use to representatives of the Municipality of Marathon, and they provided them authorized access to FLIRE DSS.

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2. Events-Stakeholder Meetings

2.1 2nd Event – 2nd Stakeholders' Meeting

Date: 15/11/2014

Place: Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi, Rafina

Participants: FLIRE partners, representatives of the Municipality Rafina-Pikermi, Public Services and Local Stakeholders of Rafina-Pikermi area

Summary: The current status and the approach of the FLIRE project were presented to the local community, personnel of Rafina-Pikermi Municipality and other stakeholders. Information and feedback from the participants were collected and used for elaborating the functionality and the user interface aspects of the FLIRE DSS. The discussion organized at the end of the event focused on the local problems and administrative issues that normally remain unsolved and this way they limit the effectiveness of fire prevention planning. It was discussed which way FLIRE can contribute to address such kind of problems and some ideas delivered concerning eventual future extension of the system.

Conclusion: The participants were informed for the evaluation of the project actions and they expressed a significant interest. The FLIRE team concentrated the feedback from the stakeholders in order to adapt the final product to their expectations and to the needs of the study area.



Picture from the 2nd Stakeholder's Meeting.

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2.2 3rd Event – 3rd Stakeholders' Meeting

Date: 26/3/2015

Place: Forest Research Institute (Athens)

Participants: FLIRE partners, Rafina-Pikermi stakeholders (Mayor and Technical service), Civil Protection Agency (GSCP), representatives of the Greek Fire Service, the Hellenic Meteorological Service and representatives of projects EPADAP, ENTEC and PREFER

Summary: ALGOSYSTEMS organized a one-day Networking Event titled: “Products and services for supporting fire prevention planning, firefighting and flood prevention after fire events”. The event was the fruit of clustering activity and interaction among the projects FLIRE (LIFE), PREFER (Copernicus), ENTEC (European Infrastructures), EPADAP (National project) and AGROETAK (national Project). The event facilitated the exchange of information regarding the activity and the achievements of the projects presented. In context of a round table organized at the end of the event the participants discussed potential integration of capabilities and focused synergies regarding various aspects of fire prevention and management.

Conclusion: This event was a combination of a stakeholder event and a networking event, while many projects related mainly to fires were presented. For this reason, this event is also referred to the 2nd Networking Meeting Report. However, representatives of the stakeholders participated in the event in order to be informed for the FLIRE fire services and the services presented from the other Projects. During this event, possible synergies were established between the FLIRE Project and the other presented Projects and contacts with the stakeholders and the representatives of relevant authorities attended the event.

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Pictures from 3rd Stakeholders Meeting

2.3 4th Event – 4th Stakeholders' Meeting

Place: Municipality of Rafina Pikermi

Participants: FLIRE partners, Rafina-Pikermi stakeholders (Mayor and Technical service), Civil Protection Agency (GSCP), representatives of the Greek Fire Service.

Summary: NTUA in cooperation with ALGOSYSTEMS and the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi organized the 4th Event - 4th Stakeholder Meeting. This event is combined with the end of the FLIRE Project. The final DSS Platform was presented to the local stakeholder. Following a fruitful discussion on the operational use of the platform between the FLIRE Team and the stakeholders-end users took place.

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Conclusion: The FLIRE Project was completed and the final DSS Platform was presented to the stakeholders-end users. The end user expressed their satisfaction for the final product and the significance of the Tool to their services.



Pictures from 4th Stakeholders Meeting

3. Round Table Meetings

3.1 14th Round Table

Date: 27/2/2015

Place: Municipality of Marathon, Nea Makri

Participants: G.Eftychidis (ALGO), G.Legaki (Municipality of R-P, Forester), Marianna Lanta (Municipality of R-P, Agronom), A.Skamaga (Municipality of R-P,Architect)

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Summary: A discussion was made with representatives of FLIRE project and personnel of the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi concerning the organization of a Round table before the starting of the fire season 2015. The purpose of the round table is to present the actual status of the FLIRE DSS concerning forest fires and keep informed all the local stakeholders regarding the capabilities of the system and its potential contribution to support and strengthen fire prevention. Discussion included potential dates, participants and a draft program of the event. Furthermore discussion made concerning available spatial data and information which can be added to printed seasonal risk maps that FLIRE will deliver to the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi. Furthermore, floods services were presented while FLORAS system was incorporated in the platform. The feedback from the locals was very important for the final visualization of the flood hazard maps in the DSS platform.

Conclusion: During this meeting, the local stakeholders were informed for the Fire and Flood Component of the DSS Platform. They expressed their interested and they hope to the future use in order to support and strengthen the fire and flood prevention in their area.

3.2 15th Round Table

Date: 7/5/2015

Place: Municipality of Marathon, Nea Makri

Participants: G.Eftychidis (ALGO), G.Legaki (Municipality of R-P, Forester), Marianna Lanta (Municipality of R-P, Agronom), A.Skamaga (Municipality of R-P,Architect)

Summary: A discussion was organized by ALGO with representatives of the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi concerning the organization of the Round table of 13/5/2015. The details of the organization, invitations and the program was discussed. Furthermore the idea of a FLIRE leaflet to be produced by the consortium and which the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi committed to

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distribute to the local community (schools, churches, local groups, associations etc) before and during the 2015 fire season was decided.

Conclusion: This meeting was focused on the organization of the next round table and the production of the informative FIRE leaflet about fire prevention and fire protection.

3.3 16th Round Table

Date: 13/5/2014

Place: Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi, Rafina

Participants: FLIRE partners and Local Stakeholders of Rafina-Pikermi, Representations of the Regional Authority of Attiki and Civil Protection Agency (GSCP)

Summary: ALGOSYSTEMS organized a one-day Round table focusing on the potential fire management contribution of FLIRE at the local scale. In the event participated several stakeholders from local citizen associations, public services (Fire Service), the General Civil Protection, Hellenic Police, volunteer fire fighters and representatives from the Municipality Rafina-Pikermi and Marathon. The event included the presentation of the capabilities of the relative FLIRE component, accessing directly FLIRE DSS. Furthermore in cooperation with NCSR, seasonal fire risk maps (complementary to the daily produced KBDI fire risk maps of FLIRE) for the entire 2015 fire season (from June to September) were presented and delivered to the stakeholders to consider them in their periodic fire prevention. At the end of the meeting the FLIRE team discussed with representatives of Rafina-Pikermi about the structural measures that proposed to be applied in the “Planning tool for flood management” in order to get the relative feedback.

Conclusion: Finishing the meeting the representatives of Fire Services, General Civil Protection, Hellenic Police and volunteer fire fighters expressed their interest to consult the FLIRE Fire Component and the fire risk map,

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during the fire season 2015. Also, they expressed the desire to be included in the final user group of the FLIRE DSS Platform.

3.4 17th Round Table

Date: 21/5/2015

Place: Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi, Rafina

Participants: G.Eftychidis (ALGO), G.Legaki (MRP) and I.Tsoupra (Regional Authority of Attiki)

Summary: Following the round table organized the 13/5 in Rafina, the FLIRE consortium organized through the Mayor of Rafina-Pikermi a discussion with the representative of the Regional Authority of Attiki regarding the possibility of FLIRE to provide fire management related services to neighbor Municipalities of Rafina-Pikermi as well. This is possible since fuel maps are available for the wider region and the FLIRE meteo network covers an extended geographic area beyond the boundaries of Rafina-Pikermi. Unfortunately we didn't receive any further feedback following this meeting despite the fact that we tried to.

Conclusion: During this meeting, contacts with representatives of the Regional Authority of Attiki, in order to promote the fire management services to other municipalities. This is very positive for the continuation of the FLIRE product during the After LIFE period.

3.5 18th Round Table

Date: 3/7/2015

Place: Fire tower of the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi, Rafina

Participants: G.Eftychidis (ALGO), V. Varela (ALGO), E.Bournous (Deputy Mayor of Rafina-Pikermi), G.Legaki (MRP), M.Tsaliagos (MRP), Representatives of the Volunteers team of MRP

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Summary: This meeting focused to inform the Fire-fighter Volunteers of Rafina-Pikermi about the FLIRE DSS and its capabilities in order to organize and support fire prevention. The volunteers expressed their interest to make use of the information provided. However they stated that they have to follow the fire risk mapping of the General Secretariat of Civil Protection in order to coordinate their effort with neighbor municipalities and volunteer groups. The updated seasonal fire risk maps presenting the expected risk of fire during July and August in the area of Rafina-Pikermi, which are produced by NCSR in context of the clustering activity with FLIRE, were commented by the volunteers, the civil protection and the representatives of the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi. Their potential use and validation was discussed with the FLIRE representatives. Regarding the flood component, the “Planning tool for flood management” was presented. The attendees focused interest on it and a fruitful discussion was realized.

Conclusion: The meeting concluded the continuing presentation of the Fire Components and the updated fire risk maps for the most dangerous months (July and August), to the relevant services so as to enhance the potential operation of the system. Moreover, representatives of the Municipality Rafina-Pikermi noted that the “Planning tool” will be a useful consulting flood tool for the flood management in their area.

3.6 19th Round Table

Date: 12/8/2015

Place: Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi, Rafina

Participants: G.Legaki (MRP), M.Lanta (MRP), M. Tsaliagos (MRP), G.Eftychidis (ALGO), I.Mitsopoulos (ALGO)

Summary: A discussion was made between the representatives of the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi and FLIRE consortium concerning the secure access to the DSS. The FLIRE consortium arranged to provide customized

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credentials for selected DSS users. This meeting included discussions with the personnel of Rafina-Pikermi concerning the authorized access to the FLIRE DSS website.

Conclusion: The final user group from the Municipality Rafina-Pikermi was fixed and the FLIRE consortium provided the customized credentials in order to have access to the DSS Platform.

4. Conclusions

During this reporting period 3 Events and 6 Round Tables took place. It is highlighted that most of the interaction of the project with the local stakeholders is organized through the contacts with the Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi, which is the Municipality directly concerned by the FLIRE results. The FLIRE consortium established contacts with many relevant authorities and services in order to ensure the potential use of the FLIRE DSS Platform. In general, the participants of all these meetings expressed big interested for the FLIRE services and they keep a positive attitude for the future use.

The FLIRE Team will continue collaborating with the stakeholders and it will be available to help in any difficulty that end users will meet.

Moreover, a round table focused on the flood services will be organized for the end of November.

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