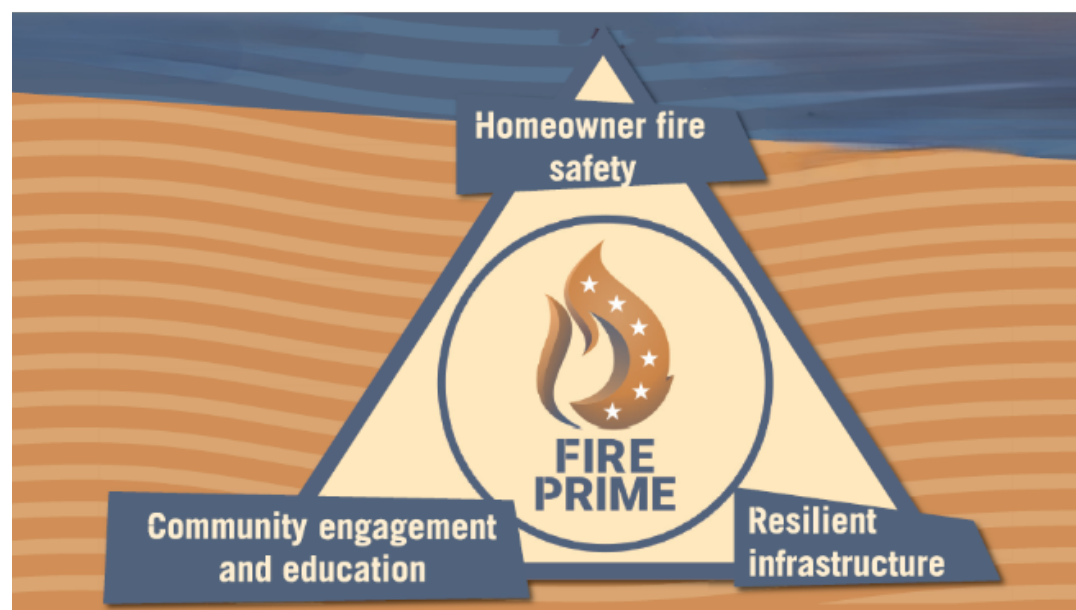


# FIREPRIME Newsletter - 1st semester



## The Project



## Towards wildfire-prepared communities

FIREPRIME aims to establish the foundations of an EU-wide programme that promotes a culture of fire resilience among Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) communities, focusing on civil protection. To this end “FIREPRIME is developing the knowledge, tools and services needed to build and implement an integral risk prevention and preparedness programme across Europe,” states Elsa Pastor, the project coordinator. Read more [here](#).

## Workshops



### FIREPRIME's 1st workshop

FIREPRIME's partners and invited stakeholders gathered for the workshop "Sketching FIREPRIME - Addressing the Needs, Challenges, and Solutions for EU WUI Communities," on May 28-29 at the UOC premises in Barcelona. The workshop was aimed to learn from similar international projects related to wildfire-prepared communities and to share FIREPRIME's objectives, developments, and activities to receive feedback from the attendees. Read more [here](#).

## Pilot Tests



### Preparing the Sweden's pilot test



FIREPRIME's partner members UPC, RISE, UOC and PCF visited the Gothenburg area to learn firsthand the case study of Sweden. The tight visit schedule helped to ground the different topics to be addressed at a property scale to work on the use of the home vulnerability app; at the community scale to generate guides and recommendations for owners when using fire as a tool for garden management; and at the infrastructure scale to work on the issue of ignitions on railway lines. Read more [here](#).

## Conferences



A FIREPRIME poster was displayed in the PCF's booth at 2024 ECP Forum

## Spreading the word

We were at the [Wildland-Urban Interface \(WUI\) Conference](#) (March 26-28, Reno) where the (UPC) project was introduced to a group on international participants in the frame of a talk about WUI fires in Spain and Portugal. We were also at the [European Civil Protection Forum](#) (June 4-5, Brussels) where we had a poster together with other DG-ECHO projects' posters in the Pau Costa Foundation's booth. Moreover, UOC's Irra Rodríguez and Maria Cifre together with Alex Wilkie (Goldsmiths, University of London), contributed to the [EASST-4S 2024](#) (July 16-19, Amsterdam) with a presentation about how wildfires in the WUI might be understood as 'aesthetic' events. And last but not least, BOKU's Maria Papatoma-Köhle and Sven Fuchs participated in [Interpraevent 2024](#) (June 10-13, Viena), the [EGU General Assembly 2024](#) (April 14 -19, Viena) and the 2024 [EGFF](#) Meeting to talk about the vulnerability to wildfire in the Austrian wildland urban interface and FIREPRIME.

## Next Steps

- As part of the design phase of the different pilot tests in Gothenburg, Tyrol and Barcelona areas, meetings with stakeholders and local authorities will be held.
- Adaptation of the work tools to each local context, including the home vulnerability assessment app.

- Conceptualisation of the IT and resources web page to host the smartphone app and a web service prototype to be used by residents to analyse vulnerabilities and give support to increase wildfire preparedness.