











## FirePlay

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### Fire is changing

- 1. Typical fire countries: more extreme, uncontrollable
- 2. Wildfire in the 'wrong' countries, with high population density, low awareness and preparedness
- 3. Lack of a fire culture + more extreme fire behavior with climate change

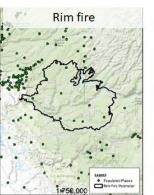




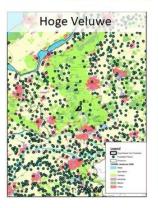




100.000 people @ Airborne 2019 Ginkelse Hei









### Fireplay aims

- Education essential part of integrated fire management
- Explore, design and implement games and play
- To increase awareness of wildfire risk
  - Existence and timing of wildfires
  - Prevent causes
  - Reduce impact
  - What to do during fire
- Across the four European bioregions



- Target audience: from school kids to professional stakeholders
- Inclusive and accessible to vulnerable groups, students with disabilities
- Diverse game approaches to accommodate diverse learning styles

#### WP 2 Play with Fire

- Adapt and customize the Play with Fire serious game to four bioregions
- Target:
  - school children across Europe
  - volunteers, professional stakeholders in emerging fire regions
- Participative process to tailor the game
- Spin-off of FIRE-RES project







#### WP3 Sparkids - Minecraft

- Develop educational tools to raise awareness
- Lego Minecraft
- Capture interest of young people
- Changing landscapes, climate, focused on fire











#### WP4 scoping inventory

- Overview of existing games and play ~ wildfire
- Possibility of adjusting serious games to fire
  - Templatic games
  - Games on other risks
- Synergy with PyroLife, SEMEDFIRE, FIRE-RES

#### An early start

40 Master students
Wageningen University
Integrated Fire
Management

Framing of fire in pop culture

Jan 2025











# FIRE IN POP-CULTURE

GAMES, MOTION PICTURES & (COMIC)BOOKS







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