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Name of legal entity	Country	Overall contract value (€)	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of consortium members, if any	
Epsilon	Greece	1.296.234	33,30%	10	European Commission	LIFE+	10/2011 12/2013	Epsilon International SA, GMV, ADAI, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Algosystems SA, Epsilon-Italia	

Detailed description of project

ArcFUEL delivers a complete, up-to-date, methodology for Fuel Classification Mapping (FCM on a Web-Geodatabase) based on 'readily available" data, harmonized, accessible & interoperable according to INSPIRE principles, for the Mediterranean Region. The methodology is demonstrated via solid pilots in: Greece, Portugal, Italy and Spain. The ArcFUEL methodology and workflow advance in 10 technology-steps:

- 1. Definition of the fuel map classification scheme
- 2. Use of existing datasets for the mapping of the main forest fuel classes
- 3. Use of multi-temporal LANDSAT Thematic Mapper (TM) images for the distinction of fuel classes with different seasonal characteristics
- 4. Refinement of the produced fuel classes based on canopy cover density data
- 5. Merging of all produced map layers in a single layer
- 6. Further sub-classification of the produced maps based on the ECOREGIONS data
- On site data collection for the NATURA2000 sites, field visits, validation and update of the ArcFUEL methodology
- 8. Development of the FCM and NATURA2000 GIS databases
- 9. Development of GIS digital and printed maps
- 10. Geoportal development and dissemination.

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Type and scope of services provided

Effective Forest Fire (FF)
Management and
NATURA2000 conservation
requires knowledge of Fuel
Classification Maps (FCMs)
that are poorly available in
Mediterranean countries
since:

- They are produced only at local or regional scale, without any regular updates and no standardized methodology.
- They are not produced via a standard structure or harmonized according to INSPIRE.
- They are heterogeneous as produced via different methods at different dates

Therefore available FCMs cannot support the systematic use of FF modelling at operational levels (prevention, suppression planning) of FF management and nature conservation in general.

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