

# Programme for the webinars

Prescribed burning in protected forest areas:  
containing risks while maintaining biodiversity



**Day 1, Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 09.30 – 13.00 CET**

Time	Topic	Speaker	Organisation
9.30	<b>Welcome</b>	Julia Carlsson Humberto Delgado Rosa	Project Manager for Life2Taiga Director Natural Capital, at Directorate- General Environment
9.40	<b>Introduction on fires; boreal perspective</b>	Erik Hellberg Meschaks	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
10.10	<b>Prescribed fire for biodiversity and fire management in the Mediterranean context</b>	Francisco Moreira	Research Centre in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources (CIBIO-BIOPOLIS)
10.30	<b>The ecological and evolutionary significance of wildfires with a focus on Europe</b>	Juli Pausas	The Desertification Research Centre at the Spanish Research Council (CIDE-CSIC)
10.50	BREAK – 20 minutes		
11.10	<b>Overview of wildfires in Europe</b>	Jesús San Miguel	Joint Research Centre at the European Commission
11.30	<b>Prescribed fire management for biodiversity and wildfire risk reduction; the US experience on policy and practice</b>	Marek Smith	The Nature Conservancy, the United States of America
12.10	<b>Fires as a landscape management tool and to improve social resilience in Chios, Greece</b>	Miltiadis Athanasiou	Ellinikos Georgikos Organismos, Greece (Agricultural organisation, ELGO-DIMITRA)
12.30	<b>Resistance towards fire management in Europe</b>		Joint discussion in plenum
- 13.00	<b>Closure</b>		

**Day 2, Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 09.30 – 13.00 CET**

Time	Topic	Speaker	Organisation
9.30	<b>Opening, re-cap of Day 1 – policy shifts and challenges</b>	Erik Hellberg Meschaks	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
9.50	<b>Fire as forest management tool in Swedish and Finnish forests – a paradigm shift</b>	Julia Carlsson	Project manager Life2Taiga
10.10	<b>Long term experiences in fire management in military areas and its effects on biodiversity</b>	René Dahmen	Department of Nature and Forests in Wallonia, Belgium (SPW)
10.30	<b>Fire management programme in Andalucía, Spain</b>	Paco Senra	The Regional Government of Andalusia (Junta de Andalucía), Spain
10.50	BREAK – 20 minutes		
11.10	<b>Building a burning team: developing a communities' prescribed fire skills and capacity</b>	Jeremy D. Bailey	The Nature Conservancy, the United States of America
11.30	<b>Discussion in smaller groups</b>	Breakout rooms	
12.20	<b>Reporting Back</b>	Plenum	
12.50 – 13.00	<b>Closure</b>		

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## Join Life2Taiga's international webinar!

### Prescribed burning in protected forest areas: containing risks while maintaining biodiversity

September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
9.30 – 13.00 CET time

The Life2Taiga-project invites you to join two webinars on the role of prescribed burning in the management of forest ecosystems. Speakers from all over Europe, as well as from the United States will present and discuss prescribed burning, both in terms of its importance for biodiversity and its potential to mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

#### **Programme Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**

Overview of the role of fire for European ecosystems  
How prescribed fire is used in different parts of Europe and in the US

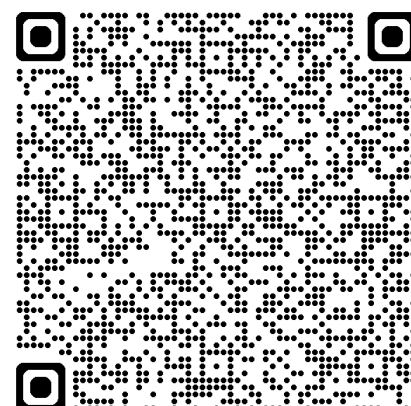
#### **Programme Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

How to overcome policy obstacles with case examples of policy shifts, success stories and lessons learned from previous processes

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