

EUROPEAN TREX

Traditional Fire Training Exchange

November - 20th to 29th, 2024

Paredes de Coura. Alto Minho
Portugal




APPLICATION FORM

We invite participants of all genders, from any background, discipline and origin, to join us in the **European TREX** (Traditional Fire Training Exchange), taking place in Portugal, **November 20th - 29th, 2024**.

Develop a practical model, based on ancestral knowledge, to implement the use of fire as another natural element in ecosystems and use it as a tool to manage forest fuels and fire risk in the territory. Support the vision of the use of fire as a management tool from a multidisciplinary, technical and real application point of view in the territory, while sharing experiences and knowledge with local and international peers.

Specific objectives:

1. To know and identify fire use techniques used in rural communities in the mountains of Alto Minho (Northwest Iberia), for the renewal of pastures, hunting activities and protection against wildfire hazards.
2. To increase the knowledge of fire professionals in using fire as a landscape management tool for nature conservation and integrated wildland fire prevention and control.
3. To elevate diversity in perspective, background, and talent in order to create solutions for today's complex fire problems.
4. To broaden the fire practitioners' knowledge and experience in basic concepts of safety, fire behavior, planning and implementation of prescribed burns and fire impacts on the ecosystems.
5. To exchange experiences and knowledge among participants from different backgrounds and origins, building a support network for fire practitioners working to advance their careers in integrated fire management.

 **Target Group:** fire practitioners in general, technicians, researchers, volunteer and professional firefighters, foresters, helitack crews, students and others.

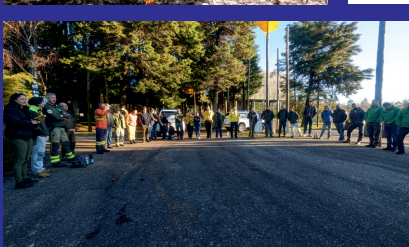
 **Base Camp:** Centro de Educação e Interpretação Ambiental da Paisagem Protegida de Corno do Bico, Paredes de Coura - Alto Minho/Portugal

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Past Portugal TREX events

- ★ Alto Minho TREX - November 2017, Paredes de Coura.
- ★ Alto Minho TREX - November 2018, Ponte de Lima.
- ★ Alto Minho TREX - January 2023, Paredes de Coura.
- ★ European TREX - January 2024, Paredes de Coura.
- ★ Women's TREX - February 2024, Paredes de Coura.



-  **Requirements:** all international participants (outside the European Union) must obtain, at their own expense, the necessary authorization and other international travel documents (such as passports and visas).
-  **Safety and Health:** the predominant language will be Portuguese, although Spanish and English will be accepted. Bilingual participants with fire experience will be the leaders of the teams so they can interact and receive instructions.
-  **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** all participants are required to wear PPE, including to bring certified and approved boots for wildfire fighting.
-  **There are 30 available vacancies** and the selection will be made taking into account the geographic and / or regional heterogeneity and the diversity of the participants' backgrounds.
-  **Selected candidates** will receive a confirmation email and a direct contact from the European TREX organization.
-  **International participants** whose countries are not in the European Union will receive an invitation email so they can use it to obtain their respective permit and/or other documents required for international travel.
-  **Schedule:** from November 20th - 16:00h to November 29th - 16:00h, 2024. For 10 operations days (9 accommodations nights).

Final Considerations:

- Due to the intrinsic nature of this EuTREX and the diversity of the Alto Minho landscape units, the locations where the prescribed burns will take place have varied characteristics.
- We will do our best to respect special dietary requirements (vegetarian or vegan or other).
- **EuTREX is NOT a course**, but rather a unique opportunity for exchange of knowledge and training, while protecting our forests and ecosystems against wildfires in the Alto Minho Region.
- The implementation of the burn plans will depend on the weather conditions.
- The distance between the base camp of the EuTREX and the units is a maximum of 30 km range.
- The weather in November, in Alto Minho, is usually cold and humid.
- Drug use, excessive alcohol consumption as well as sexual harassment, racist statements or otherwise harmful behaviours are completely prohibited and may lead to removal from the event.

Registration process

Application, September 2nd - 15th, 2024 : Submit the application form here:

<https://forms.gle/1WeZ39q8uKMnFc8d7>

Registration, September 23th - October 4th, 2024: If the application is approved, the candidate must confirm with a complete registration form.

For further information, contact us:

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