

Advanced systems for prevention & early detection of forest fires **ASPires** 

# Advanced Systems for the Prevention and Early Detection of Forest Fires

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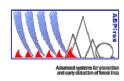












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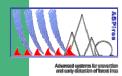


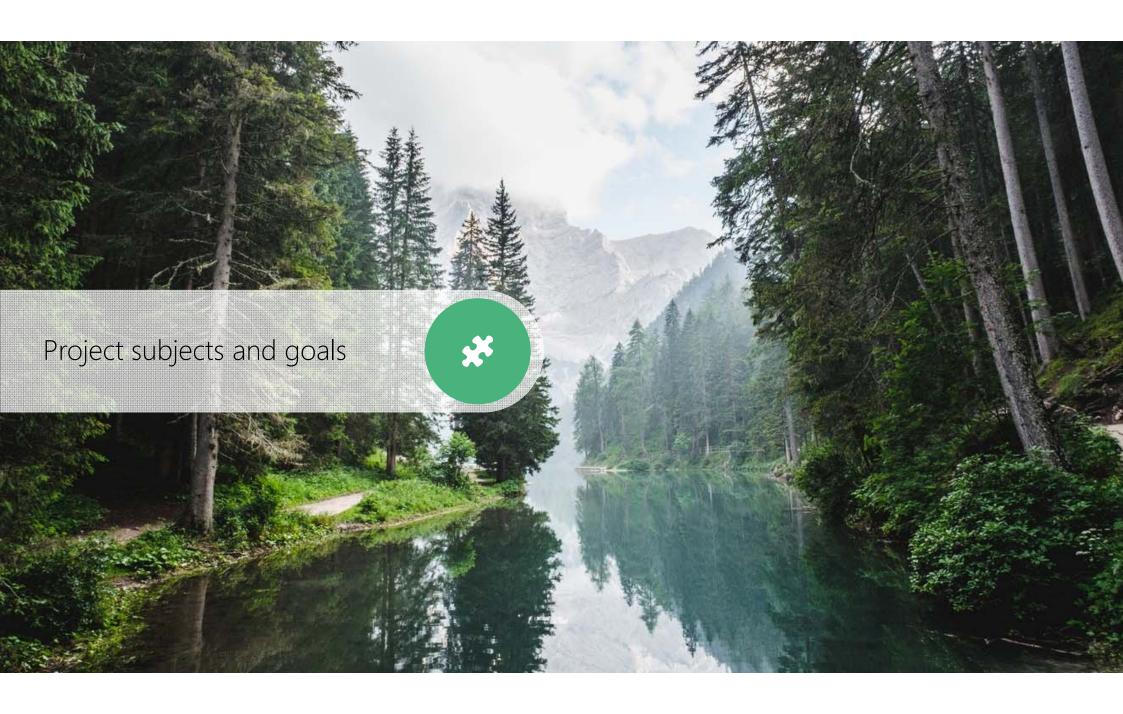












#### **Prevention & Early Detection of Forest Fires**

#### Forest fires

- > endanger human life
- cause enormous economical and ecological damage
- > reduce biodiversity

#### Detection time and prevention

> are key factors to reduce damage and cost



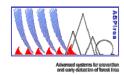












#### Overall project goal

- Support all European Crisis Management Information Systems (CMIS) in the
  - design and implementation of diverse methodologies for the early warning and detection of forest fires,
  - > and the organisation, conduct and tactics to fight catastrophies
- Assess, test und deploy novel concepts and information technologies for:
  - > sensors, cameras, drones
  - mobile communication technologies, Cloud, IoT (Internet of Things)



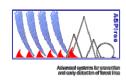


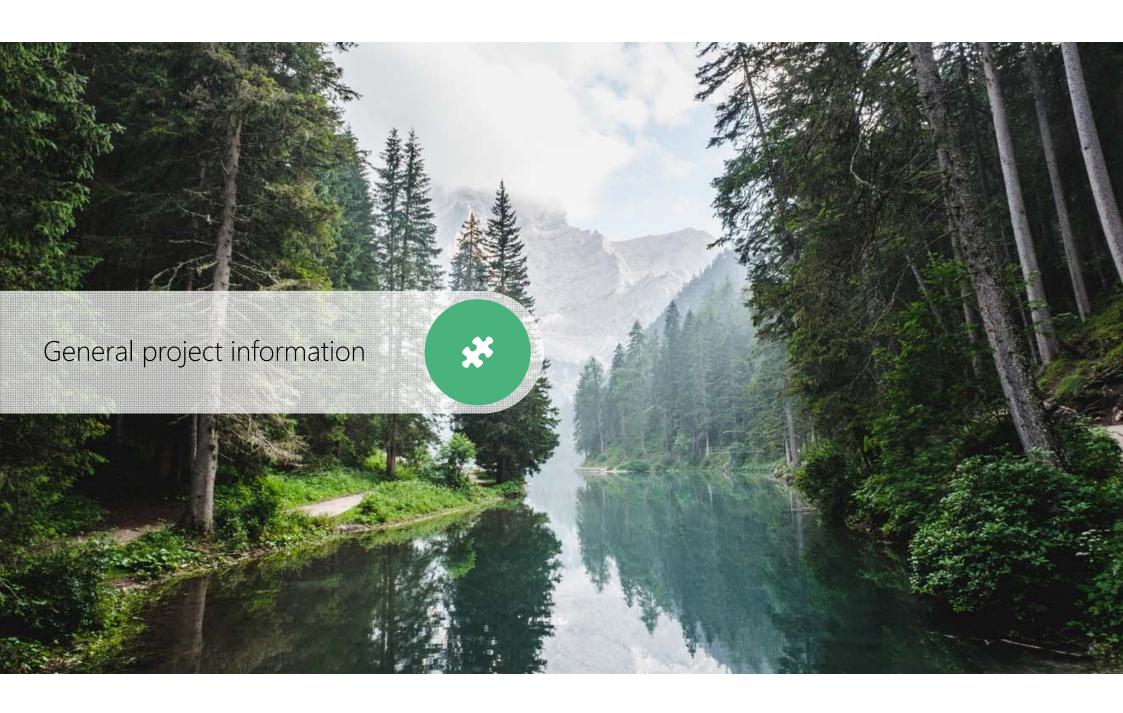












# PROJECT TIMING AND GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

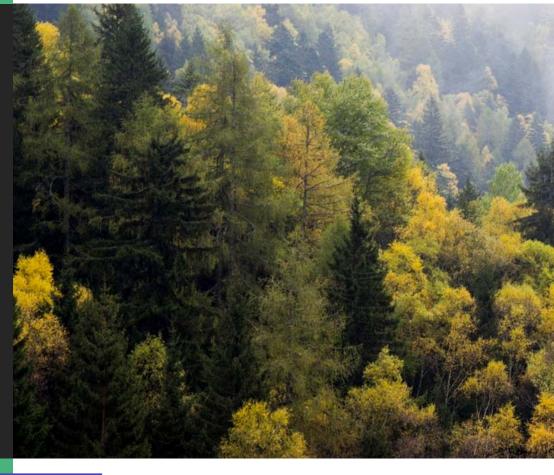
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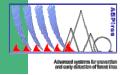














#### Tasks of the project

- A. Management and reporting to the EU commission
- B. Dissemination (public relations)
- C. System definition
- D. Communication protocols and interfaces between the different participants of the Crisis Management Systems (CMSs)
- E. System implementation and integration
- F. System test, verification and validation
- G. Integration into improved and extended **CMIS**



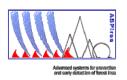














#### **Partners**

Military Academy Skopje (NMK)

Comicon Ltd (BG)

InterConsult Bulgaria Ltd (BG)

Cluster NCITES (BG)

Fulda University of Applied Science (DE)



# Military Academy Skopje (NMK)

- Is the ONLY military institution in the Republic of North Macedonia with university education AND research.
- Its fundamental mission is to conduct research AS WELL AS to teach, train and qualify
  - personnel for duties and tasks in the Ministry of Defence the army of the Republic of North Macedonia the Crisis Management System the Civil Protection System.



# InterConsult Bulgaria Ltd (BG)









**WARDS** 





Software development With Microsoft's technology stack



Industrial Internet of Things
More than 130 man-years of experience



Simulation and Virtual Reality
From headset apps to hydraulic simulators

Technology partners:



Gold Application Development Silver Application Development Silver Data Analytics







- Comicon is a SME in areas of R&D- and engineering in Sofia und provides products and services for industry-automation.
- Comicon is a R&D company

and provides hardware and software for industrial networks, wireless communication, controller, interfaces, converters, ...

works in research and development of prototypes (hardware and firmware) and offers the integration of systems of different producers an.



# Cluster NCITES (BG)

- National Cluster for Intelligent Transport and Energy Systems (NCITES) was founded in 2014 in Sofia. <a href="http://www.cluster-ites.org/">http://www.cluster-ites.org/</a>
- Voluntary association of 20 companies and institutes from the industry- and Inter-industry sector for production in the Danube region and the Black Sea basin.
- Goals

Development of scientific and practical projects
Intelligent management and control systems for
telecommunications, energy, environment and business

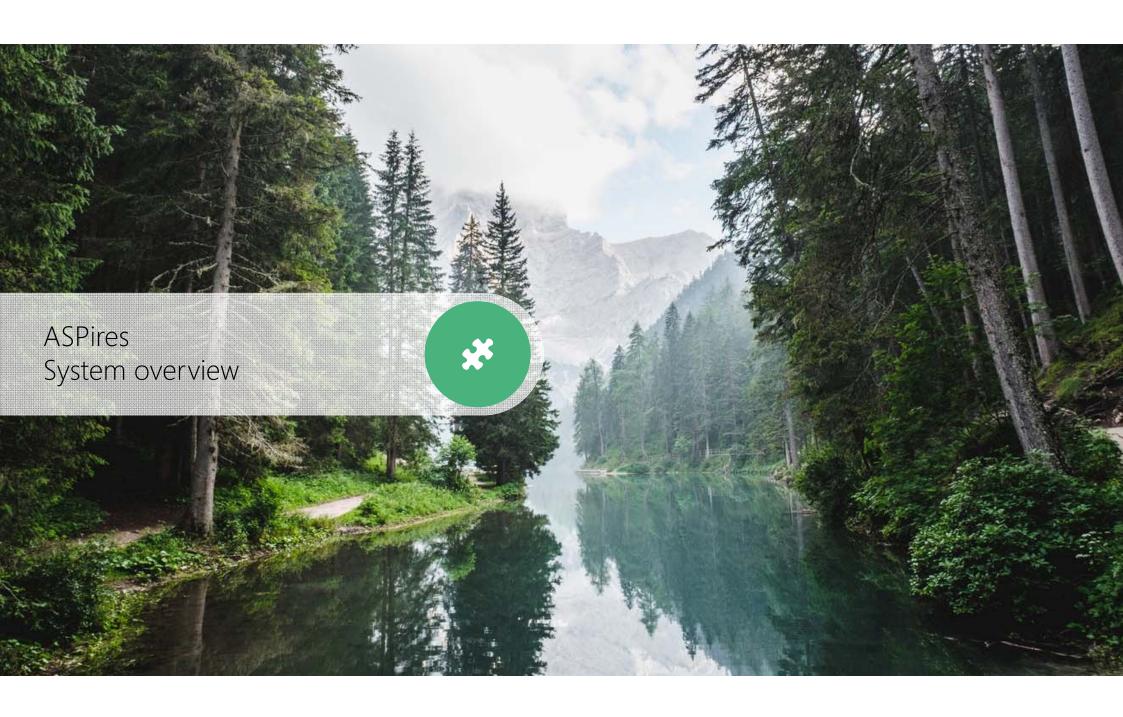


# Hochschule Fulda (D)

- First University of Applied Sciences in EUA to award doctoral degrees in focus research areas
- Participation and und coordination of numerous European projects
- Students/professors/faculties >9000/170/8
- Activities in ASPires are

Coordination, dissemination (public relations) project management, finances,...

Scientific and technical contributions



# Technical challenges

#### Sensor technologies and gateways

- ☐ Assessment and integration
- ☐ Sensor technologies
  - □ images (cameras)
  - ☐ chemical and physical

parameters

Gateways

#### Interoperability and standards

- ☐ Information integration
  - ☐ Data models
  - □ Data flows
  - □ Data acquisition and long-

term storage

☐ Communications protocols

#### **End-user support**

- Web applications
- Mobile applications
- Web services



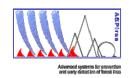


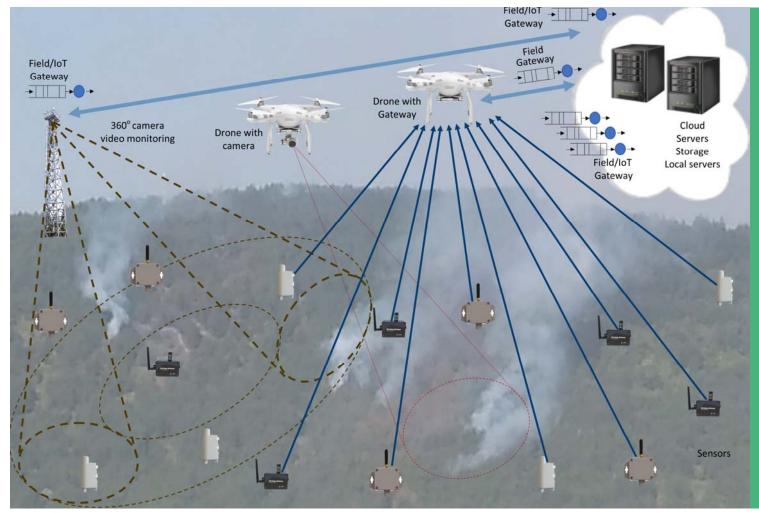












# **ASPires** components and technical equipment



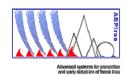












## Research for wireless sensor networks (WSN)

- Alternatives for data collection in the project wireless sensors and cameras.
- Research for wireless sensor networks (WSN), development of a prototype of gateway for WSN, simulation of WSN
- ♥ Why LoRa®?
  - This is a new LP WAN advanced technology, It is able to cover big distances theoretically up to 15 km, it is powered by batteries or energy harvesters.
- ✓ Measure environmental parameters of a place like humidity, temperature, CO, CO₂, fine particle matters
- Send the measured data to a gateway.

Two kinds of LoRaWAN™ sensors were used in the project: a radio module with an integrated sensor and a set of radio module + external transducer.





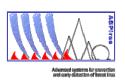














# Drone with a mobile gateway

A drone, flying with a mobile gateway on board, is of a great significance for forest fire prevention and detection:

- If there is no fixed sensor network gateway, if it is damaged or if communication obstacle is present, the mobile gateway collects data.
- In case there is lack of cellular communications coverage (3G, 4G..)
- In case there is no line of sight for a fixed thermal camera
- The combination of a wireless sensor network and a drone with a gateway on board allows fast data collection from an area of importance and decreases the delay in forest fire detection.



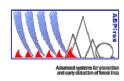


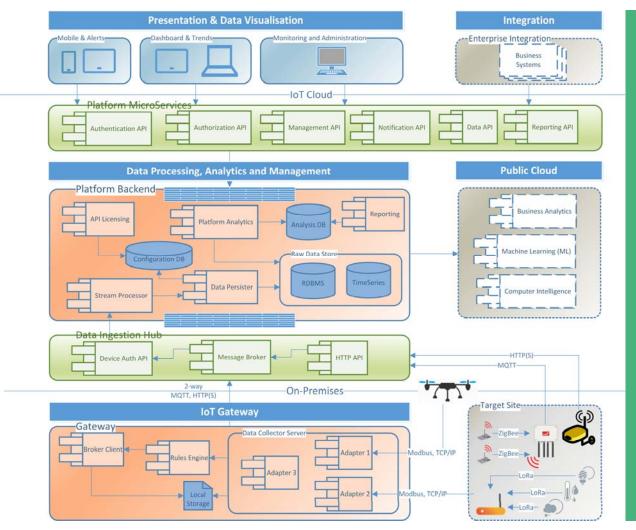












**ASPires** cloud software System architecture



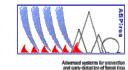












## Platform benefits



Open source and free license components



Deployment on-premises and public cloud



Adaptable – multiple abstraction points



Cutting edge technologies

AI, Machine Learning, Time Series data, Drones support



High performance

30'000+ connections, 7'000 req/second, 10M sensor parameters



Built with security in mind

The cloud platform aims to combine the best approaches to achieve 10% better fire assessment and prevention.



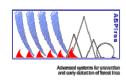


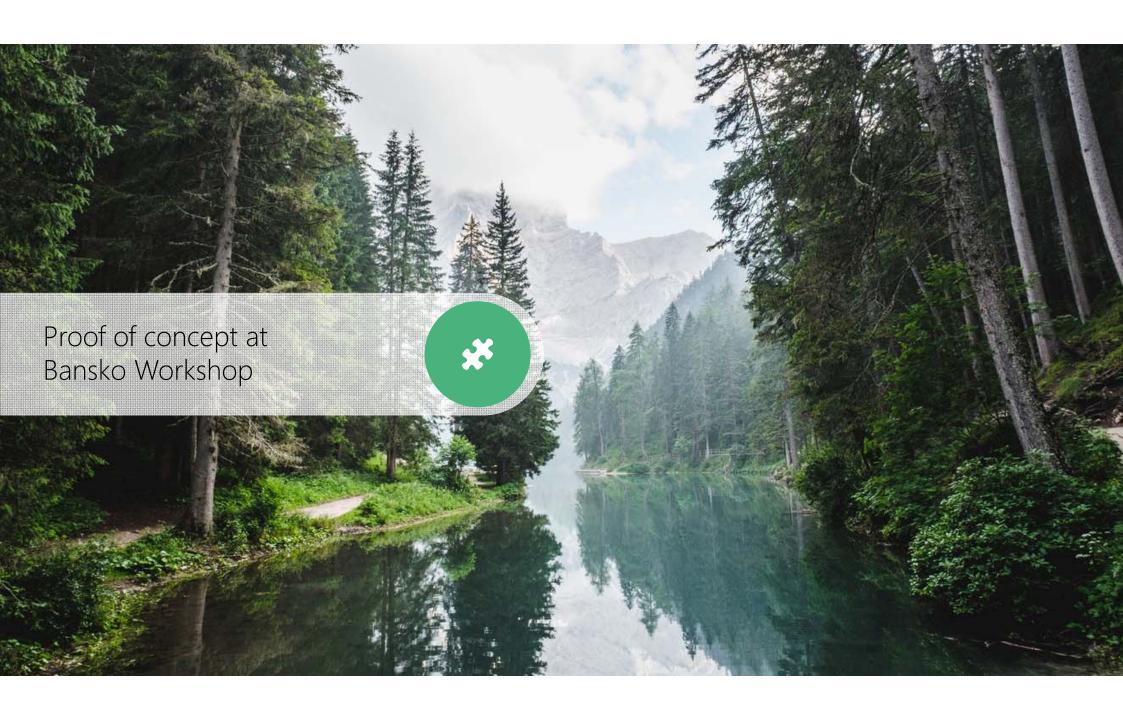




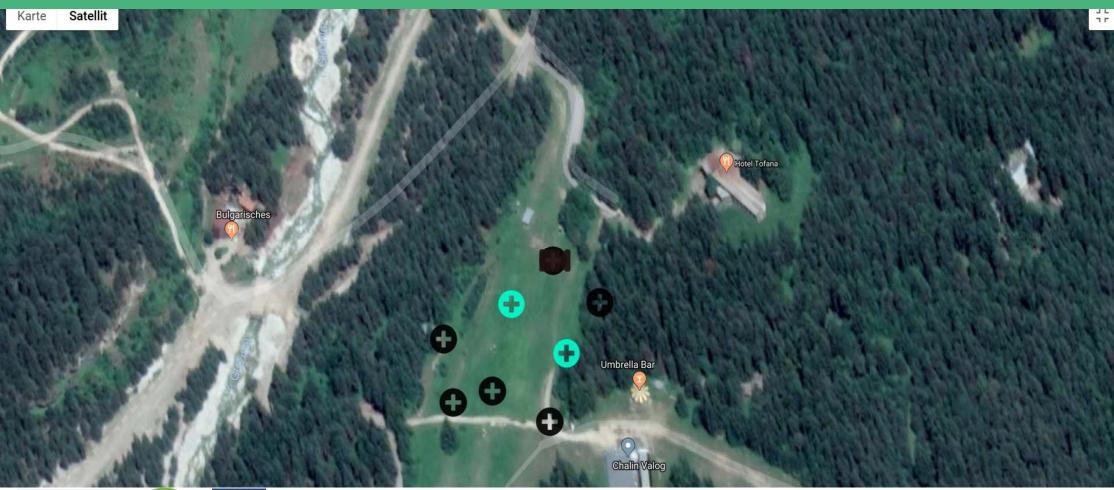








## ASPires National Park Pirin - satellite view





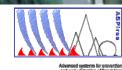












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## National Park Pirin fire drill - controlled fire





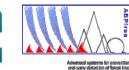












# Experiments with LoRa® wireless sensors at **National Park Pirin**







1- DP-1 SENSOR (PM MEASUREMENT) 2- DP-2 SENSOR (PM MEASUREMENT) 3- DP-3 SENSOR (PM MEASUREMENT) 5- CO-1 SENSOR (CO MEASUREMENT) 6- CO2-1 SENSOR (CO2 + RH MEASUREMENT) 7- T-1 SENSOR (T + RH MEASUREMENT)



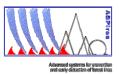












# National Park Pirin - fire automatically detected by sensors and by thermal cameras software simulatenelously





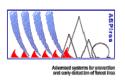












#### **ASPires-Geo**

Stationary system for the detection of forest fires

- > ASPires-GEO is based on available hardware and software components on the market.
- > The main components are HD CCD/CMOS and Thermographic cameras, Pan/Tilt device, Laser pointer, Meteorology station, Intelligent software for fire detection.
- ASPires-GEO is located on stationary towers in forest areas and used for early detection of forest fires.
- The experiments shown that ASPires-GEO recognize a fire within a few seconds and sends an alarm to ASPires Platform.
- ASPires Platform automatically sent SMS to chosen mobile phone numbers.

https://www.aspires.eu/web/guest/aspires-geo-implementation



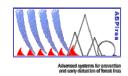






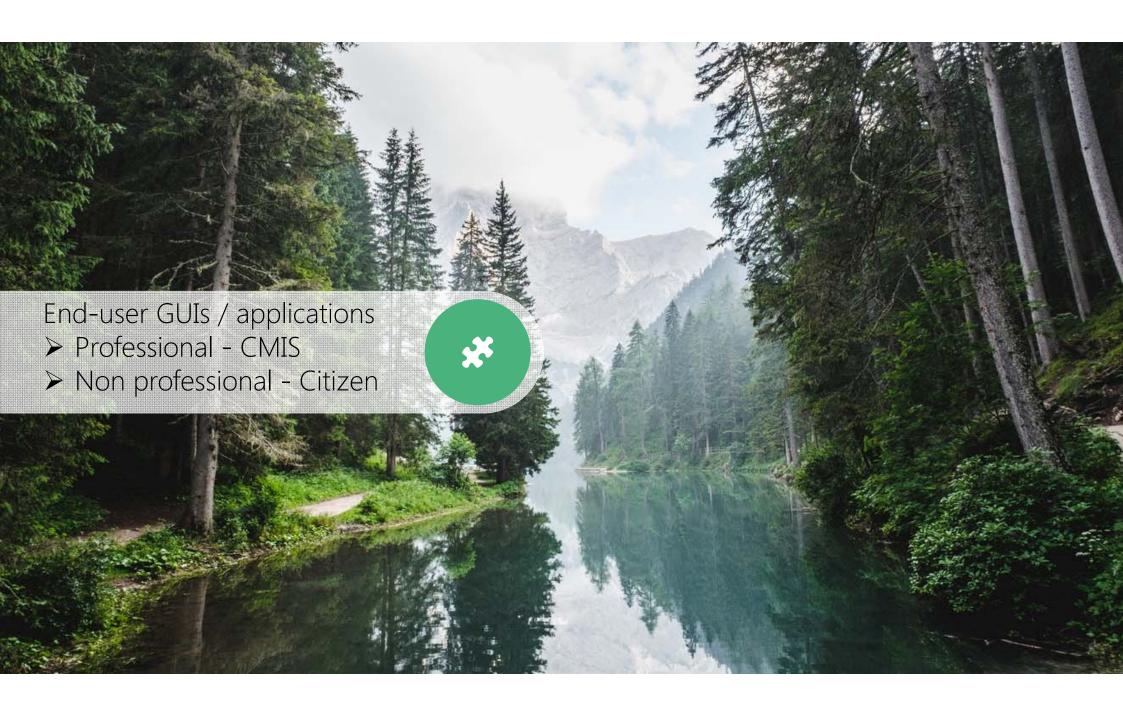




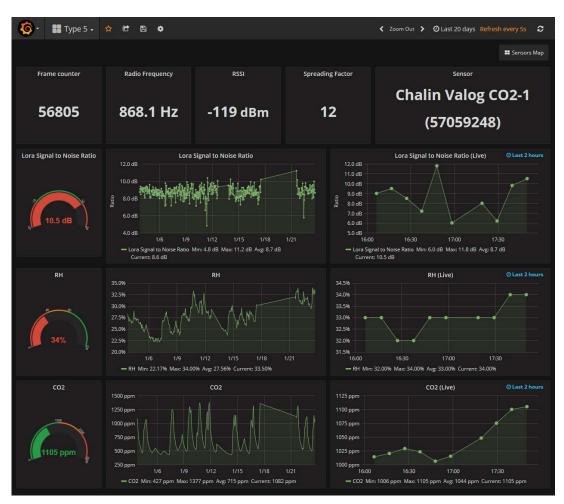




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### Professional end-user



#### Sensor Details

- Clicking on a sensor navigates to details page for the sensor type
- Details show
  - Live data (2h)
  - Historical data (2w)
  - Meta data



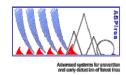




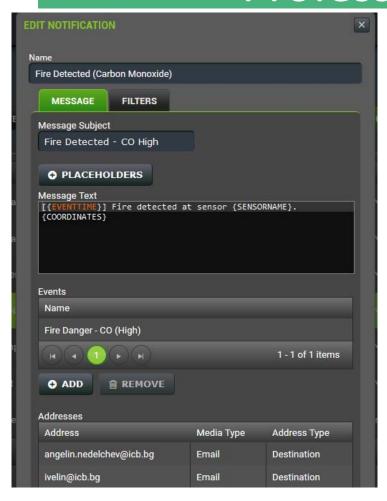








### Professional end-user





- Triggered by events
- Messages sent over
  - SMS
  - Email



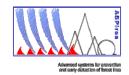




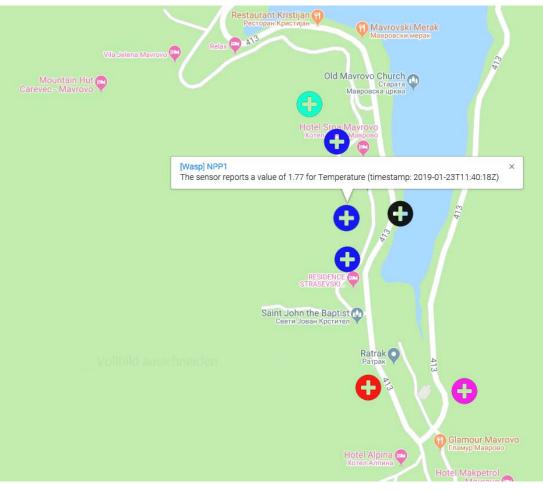








## Non professional end-user



#### Sensor Data

- Clicking on a sensor pin displays default parameter of the sensor
- Clicking on a sensor name displays diagrams of all parameters captured by the sensor



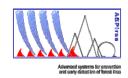












# Non professional end-user





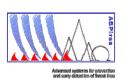


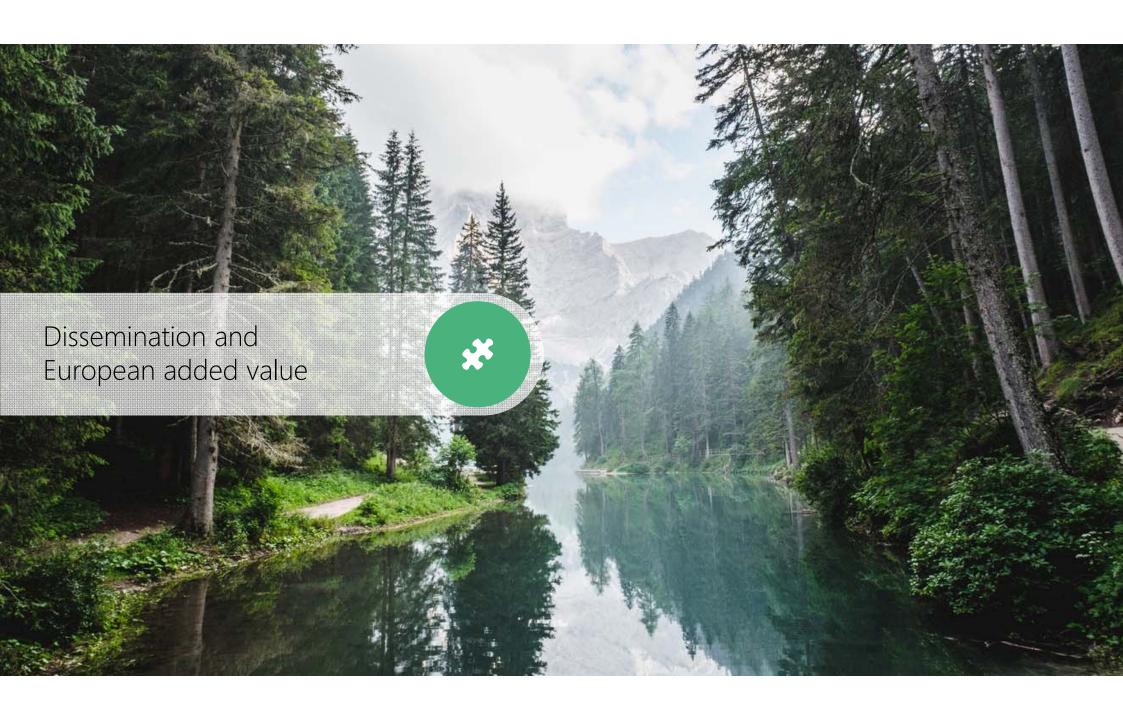












#### Dissemination activities

- 5 ASPires Workshops in 3 countries : Berovo, Skopje (NMK), Bansko (BG), Fulda (D)
  - Presentations of concepts and results to and information exchange with stakeholders from competent national authorities (ministries, national parks, fire fighting and rescue organisations)
- Exhibition stands at several relevant trade fairs and exhibitions
- Scientific papers at scientific and technical conferences
- Newspaper articles, radio interviews, reports and interviews on television
- Several public project deliverables and ASPires project catalogue (https://www.aspires.eu/documents/20182/318545/ASPires CATALOGUE DINA 4 210x297mm 1812 v17 final.pdf/2ad1bbc7-fed6-47c5-a9df-4f1007ca941d)
- ASPires project Website (<u>www.aspires.eu</u>) and presence in social networks
- Training (material and courses) for personnel of national parks with ASPires equipment
- Durable installation of ASPires equipment in national parks (NMK) and Municipality of Bansko (BG)



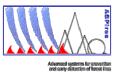












# **Equipment for National Park Pirin**



- ➤ Beginning of April 2019
- > Assistance of the fire brigade in Bulgaria and Municipality of Bansko (BG)
- > Sensors with fixed gateway installed to measure particle matters and race alarms
- > ASPires-GEO module installed at a height of 25 meters
- > ASPires-GEO scans 125 positions at 360 degrees of horizontal motion and 180 degrees of vertical movement.
- > Last 50 measurements, the last 50 critical situations and real data from the weather station could be seen at https://www.aspires.eu/web/guest/aspires-geo-implementation.
- > The data is stored in a central database



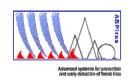












# Equipment for National Park Mavrovo













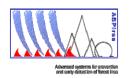












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## **Equipment for National Park Pelister**

- One camera AXIS P5635-E Mk II PTZ
- Three controllers Waspmote Plug & Sense! SE-PRO 868 with temperature, humidity, pressure, CO, CO<sub>2</sub> Sensors
- Controllers are placed near village Capari in places with high danger of forest fire







Several tests were made, and the functionality of the system was proven



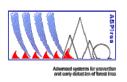












# European added-value

- The use of time series for cloud solution, thermal and HD cameras for the forest surveillance, drones with gateways, LoRa and xBee sensors in combination to the cameras make the ASPires platform design contemporary and unique worldwide
- Stationary and mobile gateways for the LoRa sensors are designed for mapping the measured data in real-time and near-real-time
- Found mobile solution to collect data from sensors in the areas of difficult proximity



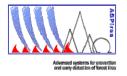












## European added-value

- We created a global solution for IoT platform which
  - is synergetic, open, integratable and interoperable
  - uses services based on machine learning, data analytics, big data technology

#### Create marketable valuable solution based on standards

- ready for the digital single market
- and preparations for further procurement procedures
- Ready for
  - pilot implementation, scaling and
  - forest and disaster management services definition
- Decrease the time for forest fire detection



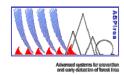


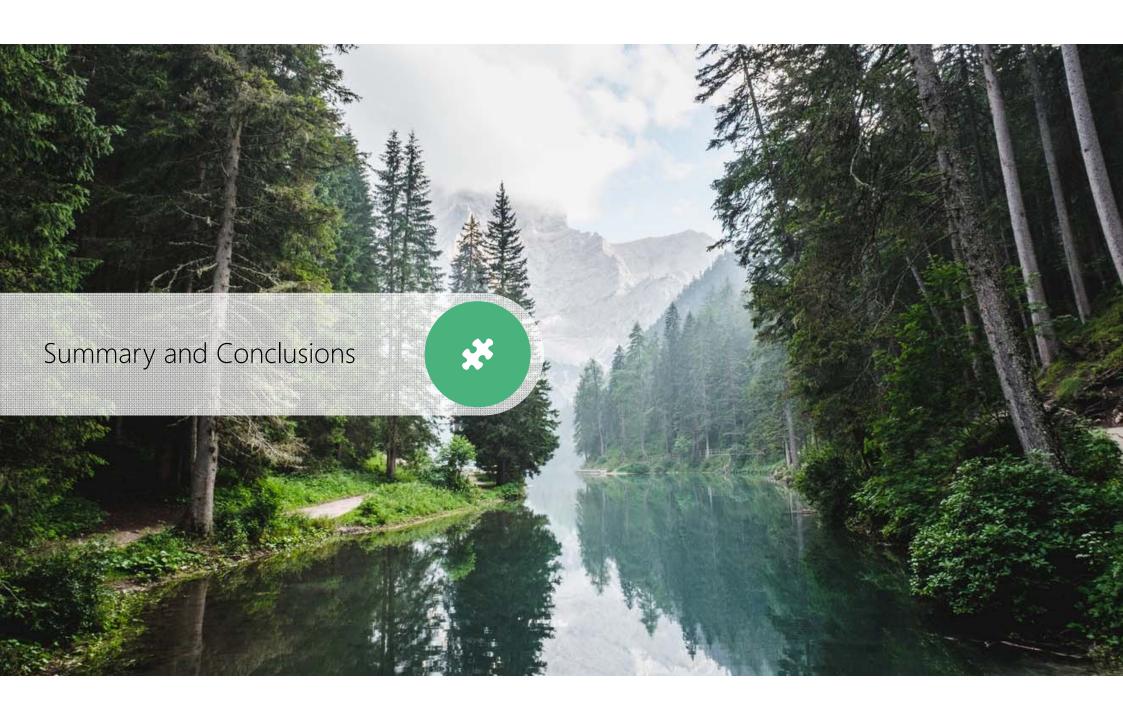












# Summary and Conclusions

Prevention and early detection of forest fires

Integrates sensor networks and mobile technologies (drones) to capture and gather data of existing CMIS.

Mobile technologies (drones) and their advantages

Cover larger areas and difficult terrain.

Allow to detect more forest fires in an earlier phase.

In particular in sensitive protected areas (rare species of trees, etc.).

Implementation in selected test areas

Cooperating with civil protection authorities and National parks in North Macedonia and Bulgaria.

- System will be open to all European states
- System allows for earlier detection of fires













