



Introduction

Within the Prescribed Burning Regional Strategy for Andalucía (SEIF-03), the Ministry of Environment for Andalucía and its Public Agency, with the support of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), host the first edition of a Training and Exchange program in Andalucía, the **TREX Andalucía 2019**.

The aim of TREX Andalucía is to promote the use of good fire and to offer land managers, forest firefighters and researchers to be part of a burning team where to share their experience in prescribed burning planning, execution and evaluation as well as fire effects and fire prone landscape management in the new climate change and global change scenario.

For eleven days, participants from different countries, institutions and professional skills will live together the Andalucía Regional Prescribed Burning Team (ERQUA) instructors and INFOCA (Forest Fire Suppression and Prevention Service for Andalucía) operational personnel while conducting prescribed burns on different fuel complexes and sharing workshops on prescribed fire use on ecosystems conservation and large wildfire mitigation.

Where?

Almería (Andalucía, Spain), burn units allocated in Gador Mountains, Filabres Mountains and María – Los Vélez region.



When?

From November the 18th to November the 28th 2019, participants must arrive along the 17th and leave the main TREX Andalucía base camp on the morning of the 29th of November.

Description

After various activities planned to get the participants exposed to the TREX Andalucía environment, ecosystems and equipment, participants will become part of operational prescribed burning modules. Tasks include burn units control lines construction, plan and execute fire operations, control, mop up and patrolling and monitoring fire behaviour and fire effects among others. The ERQUA team will lead the burn operations, being in charge of Burn Boss, Ignition Boss, Control Boss and FEMO positions

In addition, visiting local places of interest and sharing experiences along workshops where participants and invited experts are important planned events during the TREX.

The training will be organized as an incident using the Incident Command System. Participants will serve in a variety of positions within a burn team, preparing, briefing, igniting, holding, mopping, and patrolling on several prescribed burns.

Target group

Professionals with experience in prescribed burns and/or wildfire operations; land managers and institutions with responsibilities on landscapes management; fire suppression personnel with duties on either planning and/or executing prescribed burns; and to all interested in knowing, practising and divulging the use of the good fire as a tool to manage and improve the ecosystems resilience.

We are offering **36 open access slots for the complete TREX Andalucía**. Selection of candidates will be based on a global multinational and plural in terms of organizations/institutions, competences and professional skills. A Selection Committee, composed by TNC and INFOCA will be created. With the aim of increasing the INFOCA personnel exposition to the TREX Andalucía, the TREX has been divided into two 5 days operational periods thus the selected participants from INFOCA will join one of these two periods instead of the whole TREX.

The selected participants will receive an official invitation and concrete details regarding travel, stay and requirements prior October the 7th. The confirmation must be received from each selected candidate before October the 15th.

There will be long working days, from open burning windows to hard mop up activities, taking advantage of any time to learn about experiences. We really encourage to have good physical condition, positive attitude, respect and tolerance, team working and people eager to learn and share. Because of the nature of the activity, weather is a key-element in flexibility, adaptation, modification or changes in the planning activities.

Sexual, origin or any other discrimination or harassment can be, not only active but also passive. It is not permitted under any circumstance, as well as any kind of drugs or alcohol abuse, meaning the immediate exclusion from the TREX, with a report to his/her supervisor.

Requirements:

All participants, once officially invited to join TREX Andalucía, and without distinction must accomplish the following requirements:

- To complete, as a minimum, the following NWCG courses: S-130, S-190 and ICS-100 as well as the online version of the S-219.
- Participants must complete an arduous or moderate pack test before arrival and present a prove or personal statement.
- All non-Spanish Citizens must have an individual insurance to cover any injury or medical incident, including international sanitary evacuation.
- Participants must bring all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including fireline boots, headlamp, hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection, and canteens for drinking water. Organization won't provide PPE. Fire shelter is not mandatory by INFOCA, thus TREX Andalucía participants don't have to bring them (nor INFOCA will provide it), however its use is optional.

Cost

Each of the selected full TREX Andalucía participants is responsible for a **300 € non-refundable registration fee** that cover administrative management, lodging, food and internal trips during the eleven days. Some cultural visits may imply a small additional fee. These visits are recommended but optional.

The selected INFOCA personnel for joining one of the two operational periods (November 18 to the 22nd or 24 to the 28th) are partially granted being responsible for a **100€ non-refundable registration fee**.

Meals, lodging & travel to Almería

Meals and lodging will be provided during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the Almería Province (meeting points will be provided) as well as any other personal cost, including meals and lodging prior or later the assigned dates, either the complete TREX Andalucía or one of the two operational periods.

Additional information to travel, specific meeting locations, accommodation, and special meals needs will be notified at their time after participants have been selected.

Registration and additional information

Those interested in joining the TREX Andalucía must complete the registration form and **submit it to trex.andalucia@juntadeandalucia.es not later than September the 30th by 15:00h Madrid time zone.**