



- Involved country
- ✈ Airbase
- ➡ Deployment to airbase

Better Use of Forest Fire Extinguishing Resources by Italy - BufferIT

During the 2016 Forest Fires season, the European Commission co-financed an additional aerial firefighting aircraft operated by Italy. The Buffer-IT project was the first of its kind under the EU buffer response capacity for which the Commission finances standby costs to ensure availability in case of major disasters.

The capacity is registered in the European Emergency Response Capacity (Voluntary Pool).

During the 2016 Forest Fires season, the Buffer-IT, was deployed in three major emergencies for a total of 17 days.

The Buffer-IT was available from 17 June to 15 September.

Corsica (FR) – Ajaccio airbase	
Mission	Prepositioning
Date	4 to 10 August
Number of mission	5
Hours of flights	11
Water drops	41

MONTENEGRO – 27 August

The Buffer-IT was activated but due to the improvement of the situation in Montenegro, was no longer needed.

PORTUGAL – Monte Real airbase	
Mission	Activation
Date	11 to 18 August
Number of mission	15
Hours of flights	52
Water drops	139

ROME Buffer-IT main airbase

CYPRUS – Paphos airbase	
Mission	Activation
Date	20 to 24 June
Number of mission	4
Hours of flights	12
Water drops	32

Source: ECHO

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