

Overview

Extreme heat and drought conditions are driving a significant wildfire crisis across Southern Europe, with major incidents impacting Spain, France, Italy and Portugal. Large-scale evacuations, infrastructure disruption and ongoing emergency response efforts continue across affected regions.

Key Developments

Spain - Wildfires near Madrid and Ávila have displaced or confined approximately 60,000 people, with the La Mierla fire burning more than 35,000 hectares.

France - Major fires near Bordeaux and Fontainebleau have forced tens of thousands to evacuate, with the Bordeaux blaze consuming an area reportedly four times the size of Paris.

Italy - Wildfires in Sicily and Puglia have prompted evacuations, including some by sea. Alongside these wildfires, severe storms have caused flooding, flash floods and landslides across parts of Italy, including Lombardy, Tuscany and several southern islands. Hundreds of emergency rescues have been carried out, with widespread disruption and property damage reported.

Portugal - More than 4,500 rural fires have been recorded this season, burning over 30,000 hectares.

Outlook

Forecasts indicate another period of extreme heat across parts of Europe in the coming weeks, with temperatures expected to approach 40°C in some regions. Authorities warn that elevated wildfire risk could persist well into the autumn, extending the traditional wildfire season.

McLarens Response

McLarens is actively monitoring the situation and remains ready to support clients, partners and colleagues impacted by these events. Our team across Europe are available to:

- Provide rapid loss adjusting and claims support
- Assist insurers, brokers and clients with catastrophe response requirements
- Deploy local expertise and coordinate cross-border resources where needed
- Support business interruption, property and major loss assessments
- Help clients navigate complex claims arising from wildfire, heat-related damage and associated disruption

With extensive catastrophe response experience across Europe and globally, McLarens remains committed to delivering timely, responsive support throughout this evolving situation.

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