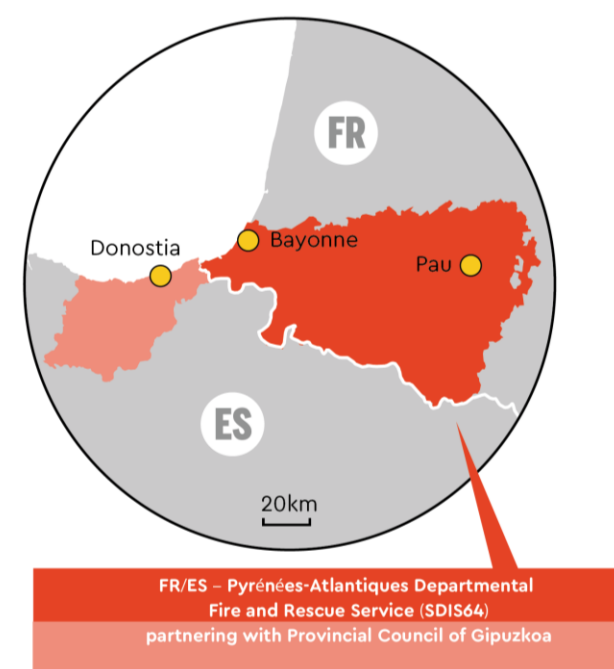


Developing a regulatory framework for cross-border firefighter cooperation



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OBJECTIVES

- Drafting of a letter of intent
- Twinning of two cross border fire stations
- Creation of a working group with representatives from the French and Spanish governments to establish a legal framework and these collaboration agreements
- Creation of a framework for long-term cooperation
- Coordinated response to specific cross border risks

RESULTS

- Foundations of a regulatory framework established through the drafting of a declaration of intent
- Establishment of long-term cooperation between firefighters through the organization of a twinning of two cross border fire brigades (Hendaye and Irun) and the drafting of a twinning charter
- Preparation for interventions in response to specific cross-border risks through joint exercises

KEY LESSONS

- Calling on central governments is a real challenge
- Resources are needed, particularly in the field of European and international law
- Absolute trust is required with partners at all levels: political, technical-administrative and field.