

Wildfires grip southern Europe

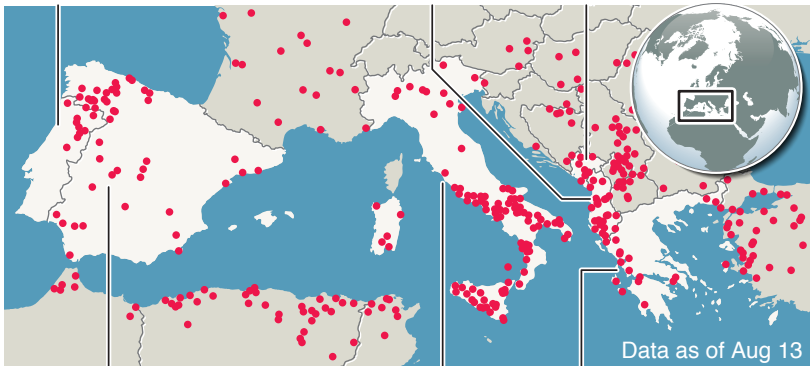
Extreme heat and strong winds are driving wildfires across a large swathe of Europe, as data shows the number of blazes has jumped by nearly 50 percent compared with 2024

ACTIVE FIRES IN PAST 24 HOURS (not representative of their size)

Portugal: 1,800 firefighters deployed against five major blazes

Albania: 24 wildfires burning, forcing residents from central villages.

Montenegro: Soldier killed battling flames near Podgorica

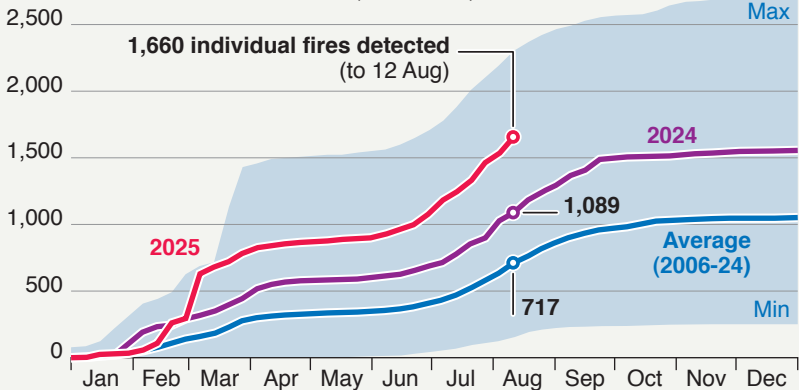


Spain: Three people killed and almost 100,000 hectares burned nationwide

Italy: Mount Vesuvius blaze under control but extreme heat warnings remain in 16 cities

Greece: Flames threatening third largest city of Patras, forcing evacuations

EUROPEAN UNION FOREST FIRES (cumulative)*



*Fires of approximately 30 hectares or larger