

# Global Wildland Fire Network



## Southeast Europe/Caucasus Wildland Fire Network



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### Retrospective 2019-2023

- Key challenges
- Network activities and significant events
- Progress in Landscape Fire Management



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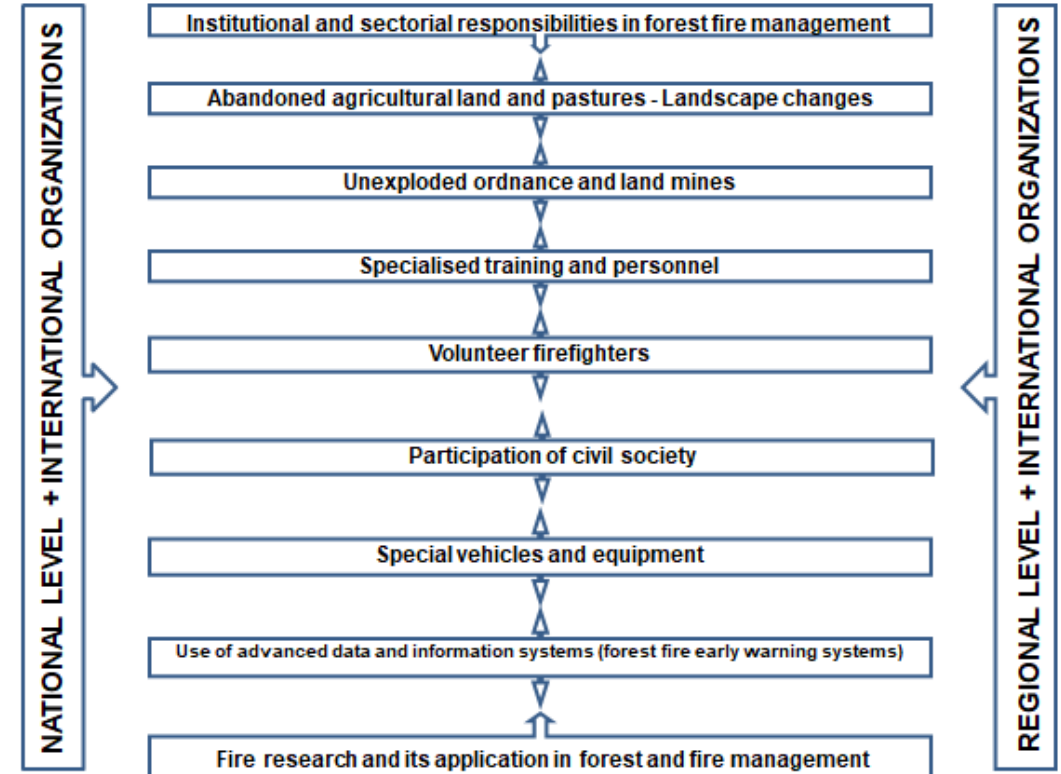
## – Key challenges



COVID-19  
Landscape Fire Management  
The Global Wildland Fire Network

Challenges to Landscape Fire Management during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic was the biggest challenge in the newest human history and affected not only the human health but also social, economic and political life including activities of the wildland fires regional networks. During the COVID-19 pandemic the Southeast Europe/Caucasus wildland fire network had to redesign the planned activities in that period. Many of them were done remotely and some of them canceled or postponed.



The way how the major wildland fire issues in the Southeast Europe/Caucasus should be treated, on a national, regional and international level.

## – Network activities and significant events

**Workshop: Climate change and landscape fire management in the Western Balkans (SDC/RFMC February 2020, Skopje)**

### Projects



### Conference:

**Environmental Change and the Forest Fires ( August 2021, Istanbul)**

### Education/Trainings

**Basic fire safety course & training for children and vulnerable groups in Karbinci (Interreg-IPA CBC BG/MK, March 2021 Stip, N. Macedonia)**



### – Network activities and significant events

#### **Workshop “Develop, adopt and transfer innovative solutions and actions to prevent and control wildfires” (October 2022, Antalya)**

The General Directorate of Forestry Turkey, Silva Mediterranea (the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - Silva Mediterranea under FAO) and FOREST EUROPE have organized a joint workshop in order to support capacity building to prevent and control wildfires as well as to share the best practices while establishing cooperation and strong partnerships



### Workshops

**Cross-regional Workshop “Wildfire Management for Enhancing Climate Resilience and Security”** - within the framework of the OSCE Project (“Strengthening Responses to Security Risks from Climate Change in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia” **(December 2022, Skopje)**)



## - Progress in Landscape Fire Management

In the frame of the Regional Southeast Europe / Caucasus Wildland Fire Network in 2022 started the project **Landscape Fire Management in the Western Balkans (LFMWB)**. This project is financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation – SDC and coordinated by Farmahem from Skopje, North Macedonia with backstopping support from Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation from Switzerland. The **Regional Fire Monitoring Center (RFMC)** is Strategic Regional Partner and **Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)** is International Partner.

***The overall goal of this LFMWB is to increase resilience of Western Balkan forests and landscapes against fires benefit the people who depend on these landscapes for their livelihoods and socioeconomic development.***



Project:  
**LANDSCAPE FIRE MANAGEMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**

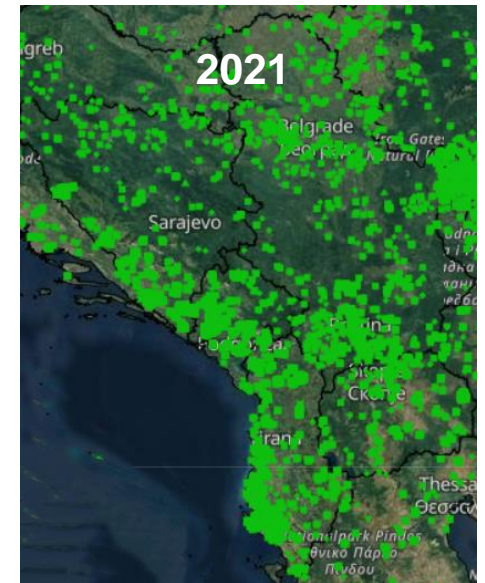


from  
01.02.2022

until  
31.08.2025

### The Kick-off meeting April 2022, Skopje

- National workshop, March 2023 Banja Luka
- National workshop, March 2023 Podgorica
- National workshop, March 2023 Skopje
- National workshop, April 2023 Prishtina



Active fires in the Western Balkans  
(1 August-31 September 2021)

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