



# The Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) in 2023

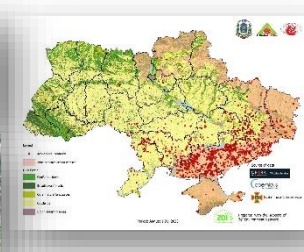


Selected retrospectives of our global outreach and policy work in 2023 – with best wishes to all partners for a successful and safe year 2024 !



## Establishment of the Global Fire Management Hub and Other International Activities

In 2023, the transition of GFMC and the Global Wildland Fire Network and Regional Fire Management Resource Centers to the “Fire Hub” under the aegis of FAO with UNEP and UNDRR has been initiated. After the FAO consultation in November, the International Liaison Committee of the International Wildland Fire Conferences met at GFMC in December. Right: International Aerial Firefighting Conference Europe – back to Athens, Greece, after 15 years – co-chaired by GFMC and the Hellenic Fire Service.



## Outreach and Cooperation of GFMC at Regional and National Levels

GFMC contributed to the OSCE High-Level Conference on Climate Change (Vienna, July 2023) and the 2023 Prague Forum, followed by OSCE project “Strengthening Responses to Security Risks from Climate Change in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia” with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia (Tbilisi, November 2023). The cooperation with the 8 Regional Fire Management Resource Centers around the world continued, notably in addressing the collateral wildfire damages during the war in Ukraine.



GFMC is serving as partner of FAO, the UNDRR / Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe and the roadmap of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).