



Regional Wildland Fire Networks: North America – South America – Mesoamerica / Caribbean – Mediterranean – Southeast Europe / Caucasus – Euro-Alpine – Near East – Sub-Sahara Africa – South Asia – Southeast Asia – Australasia – Northeast Asia – Central Asia – Eurasia



Regional Mediterranean Wildland Fire Network (SILVA MEDITERRANEA NETWORK)

The **strategic management of landscape fires** continues to be tackled piecemeal, with an emphasis on fire suppression and with disappointing results so far. All across the Mediterranean there have been serious disasters in the last few years, in spite of huge investments in equipment and technology, with the fire suppression organizations referring to climate change as the main culprit. However, there is a growing realization, clearly explained by the scientific community, that **the question is much more complex** and that there is **a need for a common framework for action at national, regional and international level** that will allow to integrate all public and private actors with varying degrees of responsibility on this subject. A **set of common objectives** that consider the complexity of landscape fire management must be established and a **set of strategic guidelines and a global framework** need to be defined, that will establish major shared and aligned lines of work, identifying the main relevant stakeholders in society and working with them with an all-inclusive approach.

PRIORITY LINES OF ACTION

- **GOVERNANCE.** Identification and compromise of all stakeholders and sectorial policies and responsibilities to ensure objectives, policies and actions are aligned and consider all possible aspects. **Wildfire prevention as a transversal aspect in sectorial planning policies.**
- **FORESTRY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.** Adaptive and aligned forest management and rural development policies for resilient and resistant landscapes. Identification of priority areas for action, based on risk analysis and scientific evidence. Consider **restoration actions as the real opportunity to create wildfire-resilient landscapes** of the future.
- **COMMUNICATION.** Accurate information and education on the role of fire in ecosystems, its use as a traditional tool for landscape management and fire prevention. Achieve **society risk awareness to engage in creating a better prepared population** that knows how to live with fire. Specific actions for different target audiences (school, rural and urban populations, tourism).

GREECE AFTER WUI FIRE IN EAST ATTICA (2018 - 100 fatalities)

An Independent Committee of fire experts established to analyze the deeper roots of the wildfire problem in the country and to propose solutions.

The report called for **integrated fire management, strengthening of prevention, better organization of suppression and cooperation** of all relevant agencies.

Position Paper

Wildfire Prevention in the Mediterranean

A key issue to reduce the increasing risks of Mediterranean wildfires in the context of Climate Changes

POSITION PAPER ON WILDFIRE PREVENTION

1st edition 2011 - 2nd edition 2023

Participatory process

2 on-line surveys, 5 events

Structure and content

6 Recommendations + 64 actions

1. Integration of wildfire prevention in national forest programs and policies, in adaptation strategies to climate change and in other relevant and related sectors.
2. Adoption of a governance model tackling the diverse drivers and systemic causes of wildfire risk.
3. Enhancement of sustainable financial mechanisms for prevention of wildfires in the Mediterranean.
4. Promotion and generation of knowledge and education on wildfire prevention in the Mediterranean.
5. Enhancement of harmonized information systems to deal with new wildfire risks in the Mediterranean.
6. Enhancement of the international cooperation on wildfire prevention in the Mediterranean.



SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WILDFIRES
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Update of the "Position Paper on Wildfire Prevention in the Mediterranean"



REGIONAL MEETINGS / REGIONAL EXERCISES / TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE WITHIN AND BEYOND MEDITERRANEAN



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National Round Table on Landscape Fire Management in Greece (2018) and handing over the report to the President of the Hellenic Republic (2019)