



## Landscape Fire Management in the Western Balkans



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# Capacity Building Workshop Berovo, 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September

*Venue: Hotel "Hotel Manastir", Berovo, North  
Macedonia*



## AGENDA



### Objectives of the meeting:

1. Partner meeting
2. Improving LFM knowledge regarding the following topics: Climate change and land use (vulnerability, mitigation and adaptation); Adaptive management of the landscape (harmonizing current legislation with EU Legislation) ; Addressing social issues; Implementing contemporary approaches in LFM.
3. LFM exposure in Maleshevo, participants will have the chance to visit the burnt areas, engage with employees from the local forest management units, to learn about the LFM measures implemented in the area.
4. Feedback and recommendations for the final drafts of the Country Reports
5. Enhance internal procedures, promotion of mutual alignment regarding development of national LFM networks and improving communication and coordination among the participants (Introduction to the manual for strategic network coordination).



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<b>18<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 (Monday)</b>	
/	Arrival of participants (Hotel Manastir, Berovo)
19:30	Dinner (Hotel Manastir, Berovo)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 (Tuesday)</b>	
9:00-9:30	Registration of the participants (Hotel Manastir, Berovo)
<b>Session 1 – Steering committee/Partner Meeting for the LFMPWB</b>	
9:30-10:30	Steering committee/Partner Meeting for the LFMPWB
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Steering committee/Partner Meeting for the LFMPWB
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
<b>Session 2 – LFM capacity building</b>	
14:00-14:20	Improving knowledge and understanding of climate change and land use change and forestry (vulnerability, mitigation and adaptation) related to LFM <b>Prof Nikola Nikolov, RFMC</b>
14:20-14:30	Discussion
14:30-14:50	A review on integrated wildfire risk management for (protection) forest managers – first insight on current Swiss project <b>Jelena Markovic and Juergen Blaser, BFH-HAFL</b>
14:50-15:00	Discussion
15:00-15:20	Building capacities in adaptive management of the landscape in the context of climate change, including the integration of all sectors that affect the environment and harmonizing legal legislation with EU legislation. <b>Prof Johann G. Goldammer, GFMC</b>
15:20-15:30	Discussion
15:30-16:00	Coffee break + group photo
16:00-16:20	The role of early warning systems in the prevention of landscape fires (Macedonian Forest Fire Information System - MKFFIS) <b>Trajce Jovanovski, Crisis Management Center - CMC</b>
16:20-16:30	Discussion
16:30-16:50	Wildfires in Ticino- a glimpse of some initiatives. <b>Daive Ferriroli, MSc student at the Fuego, WSL Intern.</b>
16:50-17:00	Discussion



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17:00-17:20	Landscape approach as a tool for building more fire resilience ecosystems. <b>Katerina Atanasovska REA</b>
17:20-17:30	Discussion
19:00	Dinner (Hotel Manastir)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 (Wednesday)</b>	
<b>Session: LFM capacity building – field exposure</b>	
8:00	Departure (Hotel Manastir, Berovo)
8:30-12:30	LFM field exposure <i>(Periurban interface, natural mixed and fire resilient forest, view of burnt area, view of characteristic landscape, field management activities, visit of burnt area with ongoing post-fire activities)</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch – EDU center (Negrevo village)
14:00-16:00	LFM field exposure <i>(Visit of burnt areas, burnt area natural forest regeneration)</i>
16:30-18:00	LFM Exercise (Hotel Manastir) <i>Work in groups</i>
20:00	Dinner – Hunting Lodge Berovo
<b>21<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 (Thursday)</b>	
<b>Session: 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Western Balkan LFM Regional Network</b>	
9:00-10:30	Presentations on country reports and insights (10 min. each) <b>CPS</b> Feedback on the second draft of the LFM Country Reports, <b>Prof Nikola Nikolov, RFMC</b>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:30-13:00	Manual for strategic network coordination <b>Nenad Celarevic, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation</b>
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:00	Manual for strategic network coordination <b>Nenad Celarevic, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation</b>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:00	Empowering LFM knowledge management: Building a platform for better knowledge exchange <b>Jane Carter, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation</b> Capitalization of the SDC's Nature Conservation Programme in North Macedonia results <b>Marjana Shushlevska, Farmahem, NCP</b>
17:00-17:30	Main findings from the survey on public awareness of the relation between climate change and the landscape fires in the Western Balkans



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	<i>Katerina Atanasovska, Farmahem, REA</i>
17:30-18:00	Steps to strengthen the regional network <i>Open discussion</i>
19:30	Dinner
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2023 (Friday)</b>	
8:00	Breakfast and departure