

Governance

- A balanced relationship between fire prevention and suppression, not only in terms of financing but also in terms of perceived interest, and forest management and status monitoring across the entire year are prerequisites for sound protection from landscape fires
- An inter-ministerial platform is needed to address integrated fire management collaboration and communication among the relevant stakeholders
- Establishment of EU-wide legal/binding frameworks
- Creating a risk community among local stakeholders and sharing risk management responsibilities and capabilities
- Ambassador of the proposed must be the local authority, to ensure the adaptation of the technical studies developed to the local reality, with a participatory approach (by listening and discussing with the local community)
- Local ambassadors (individuals and municipalities) involved throughout the planning process is a key to tackling discrimination and disadvantages among socially diverse individuals or communities, by giving voice to the least heard and increasing equality, equity, and justice within planning of fire resilience landscapes
- Wildfire management expertise is greatly lacking within ministries and agencies responsible for designing and implementing programmes leading to oversimplified investments that only focus on preparedness and response
- Develop an EU wildfire directive (similar to the Flood Directive) in order to set common EU standards and policies
- Edit “short and concise deliverables that consider the cost-benefit considerations”
- Develop scalable impact assessments for wildfire risk management measures
- Enhance the fire related data availability and develop Europe-wide standards
- Develop a homogeneous methodology that capitalizes on the best practices and insights
- Develop a European wide fuel map on a 100m resolution that it frequently updated

Recommendations have been largely distilled from the following reports:

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