

European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA)

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Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)

Project Results 2021

Plans for 2022

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Retrospective of Results 2021

- Ukraine, Greece and Western Balkans: Landscape Fire Management Strategies
- World Forum on Democracy: Involvement of Civil Society in Wildfire Prevention
- Cooperation in Europe and Central Asia: European Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) 2021

Plans for 2022

- UNDRR: Sendai Framework Mid-term Review and GPDRR 2022
- Development of an International Framework on Landscape Fire Management

Retrospective of Results 2021 (I)



Example Holistic Landscape-level Approach in Fire Management: Ukraine

- Development of recommendations for fostering the national inter-agency and civil society cooperation in fire management, notably address agricultural burning as the main cause of wildfires affecting the landscape and source of atmospheric pollution

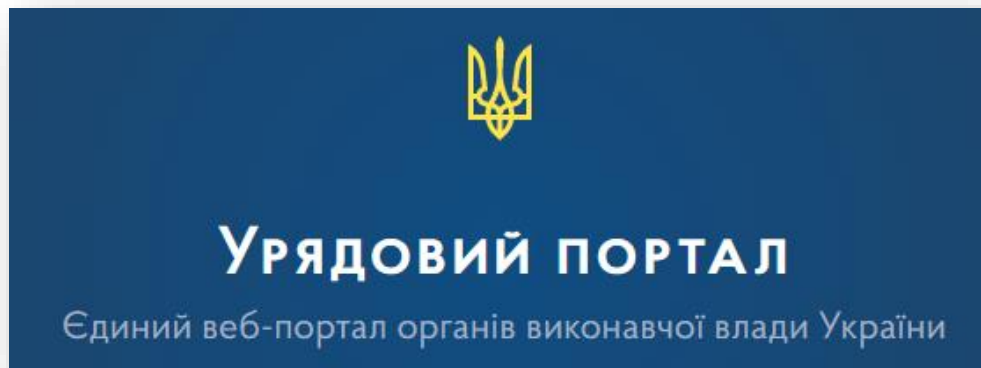


Retrospective of Results 2021 (II)



Example Holistic Landscape-level Approach in Fire Management: Ukraine

- 2017-2019: National Round Tables on Fire Management Fires in the Natural and Cultural Landscapes of Ukraine
- 2020: Creation of two Working Groups in the Parliament and under Ministry for Environment to develop a National Strategy for Landscape Fire Management in Ukraine
- Summer 2021: Public hearing of the draft Strategy



Retrospective of Results 2021 (III)

Summer 2021: Pilot – Capacitation of local communities in participatory fire management and self-defense of villages against wildfires: Forest Fire School for Volunteers of Sievierodonetsk, Luhansk Oblast, Ukraine

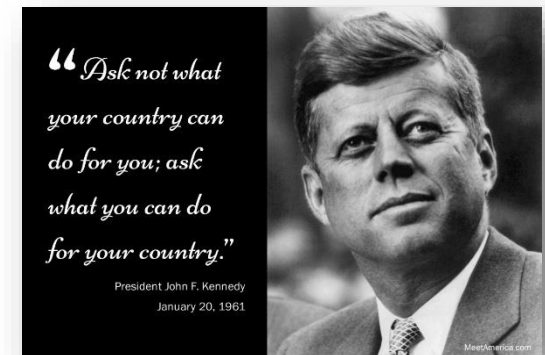
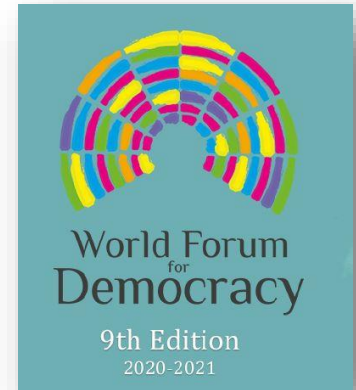


Retrospective of Results 2021 (IV)

World Forum for Democracy: GFMC Message

- The strengths of democracy – co-evolving with environmental challenges that are threatening human health and security: Civil society shall be convinced to actively participate and take responsibility in disaster risk reduction – not only claiming the “right” to be protected...
- 60 years ago: John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address, 20 January 1961

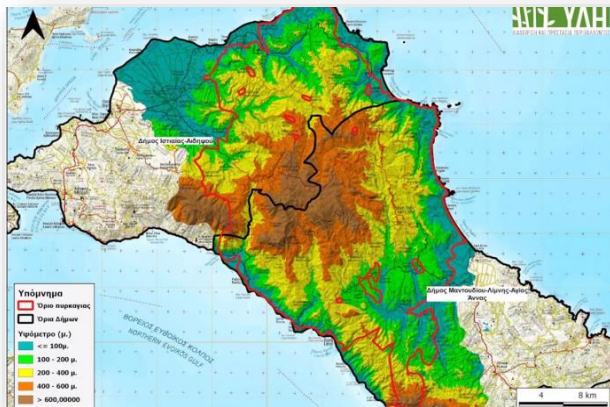
“Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country”



Retrospective of Results 2021 (V)

Continuation of Cooperative Work in Greece

- 2018-2019: Independent Committee tasked to *Analyze the Underlying Causes and Explore the Perspectives for the Future Management of Landscape Fires in Greece*
- 2021 Wildfires in North Evia: Follow-up by the new Ministry for Climate Crisis and Civil Protection (Minister Christos Stylianides), the Task Force for the Post-fire Reconstruction of North Evia (Mr. Stavros Benos) and GFMC



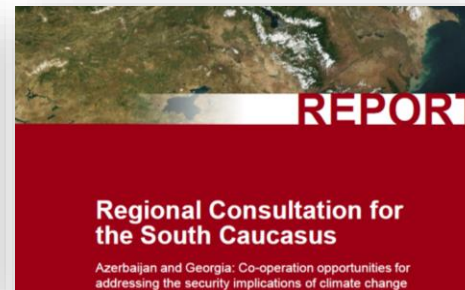
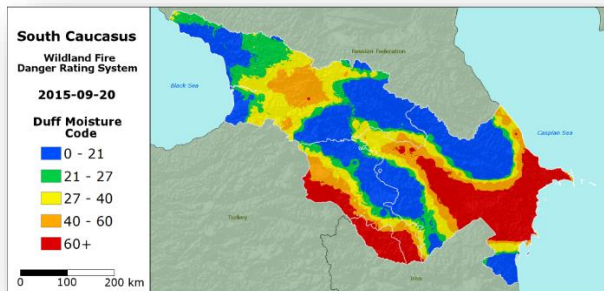
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Continuation of Cooperative Work in the Western Balkans and South Caucasus

- Cooperation with Switzerland (SDC) in the program “Landscape Fire Management Programme in the Western Balkans”: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia (Phase I: 2022–2025)
- Cooperation with OSCE in the South Caucasus: Climate change and Landscape Fire Management



Retrospective of Results 2021 (VII)



European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction 2021

- Side Event “Strengthening Governance in Landscape Fire Management” (26 November 2021) – with
 - Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)
 - Agency for Integrated Wildfire Management (AGIF), Portugal
 - EUR-OPA Secretariat
 - OSCE – Environmental Co-operation Unit



Retrospective of Results 2021 (VII)

Main Priorities Identified

- Strengthening inputs and responsibility of civil society to become active in sustainable fire management and protection / defense of private and communal assets against wildfire
- Development of national landscape fire management policies
- Development of an international instrument, tentatively called **“International Landscape Fire Management Framework”**



The Way Ahead 2022 (I)

Main theme to be addressed by GFMC / EUR-OPA in 2022

- Development of an **International Framework on Landscape Fire Management**

Vehicles

- UNDRR: Sendai Framework: Mid-term Review (2022-2023)
- Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR), Indonesia, May 2022



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