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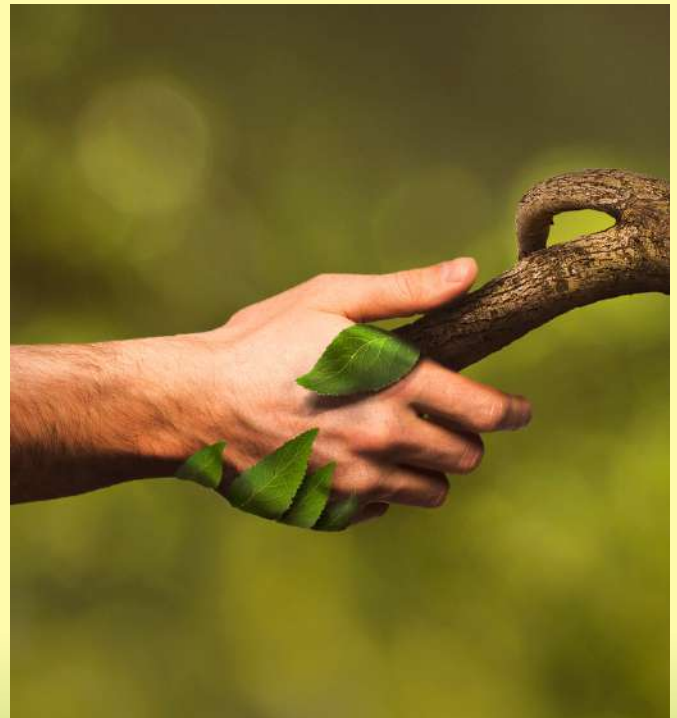
NEWSLETTER

*The official newsletter of the project
Rural community adapts to natural forest fires!*

OBJECTIVES

1. Bring the European dimension to the local level in the field of adaptation to natural forest fires through creation of small joint cooperation network capable to respond in an effective manner to local disasters caused by natural forest fires and manage successful projects in this area

2. Enable rapid and efficient adaptation of partner's rural communities to natural forest fires by developing Local Adaptation Plan for natural forest fires aiming to prevent, limit the effects and rehabilitate ecosystems damaged by fire.



3. Motivate and enable partners' inclusive rural local community of adults to learn specific technical and life-skills necessary to be resilient and adaptable in the face of forest fires disasters through effective learning sessions based on "Local Adaptation Plan for forest fires" and additional didactical materials by using mobile and practical learning.

4. Raise awareness about climate change effects and adaptation to natural forest fires through communicating and transfer of the project results to similar communities and interested stakeholders at all levels.





Civil society adults and especially the disadvantaged are equipped with life skills which make them capable of action and limiting the effects of natural forest fires.

Adapted local communities to natural forest fires events capable to take preventive actions and limit the effects and rehabilitate ecosystems damaged by fire.

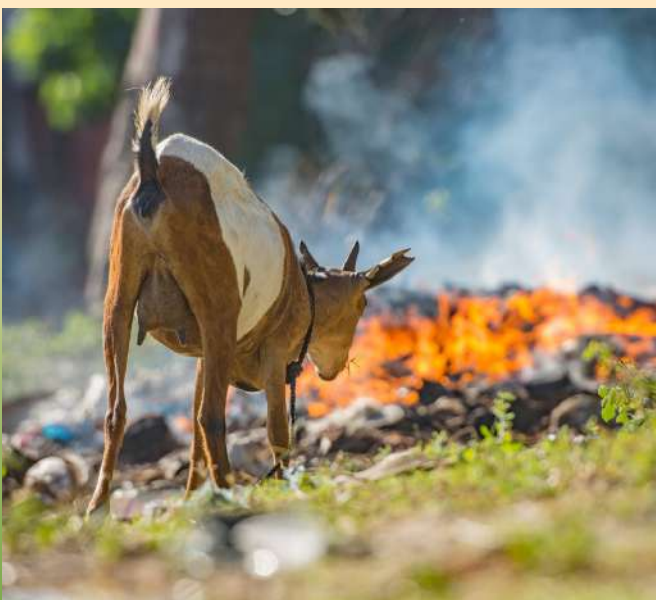
Aware rural communities of climate change effects and adaptation to natural forest fires.



OUTCOMES

Joint cooperation network capable to respond in an effective manner to local disasters caused by natural forest fires and manage successful projects.

Skilled community organizational staff capable to prevent, limit and rehabilitate ecosystems damaged by fire.



EU ADAPTATION STRATEGY (2020) it's a response to rapid climate change challenges, causing unprecedented events, such as forest fires, indicating that authorities at all levels must develop adaptation strategies and plans.

The objectives set by the project enable rapid and efficient response at the level of local communities in case of natural forest fires, raising awareness about climate change challenges.



INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

The project promotes social inclusion by addressing to adults living in rural communities nearest to forests and remote areas, having socio-economic difficulties and disability/health problems, and creating inclusive environments that are responsive to the needs of the wider community: adaptation to climate change, Forest Fires.

DEVELOPING FORWARD-LOOKING LEARNING CENTRES

The project will create local learning environments based on digitalization and practice in each partner country which promotes social inclusion and civic engagement attracting rural communities into the learning approach which enables adults (some disadvantaged) to gain life skills necessary to be resilient and adaptable in face of change and uncertain: forest fires.



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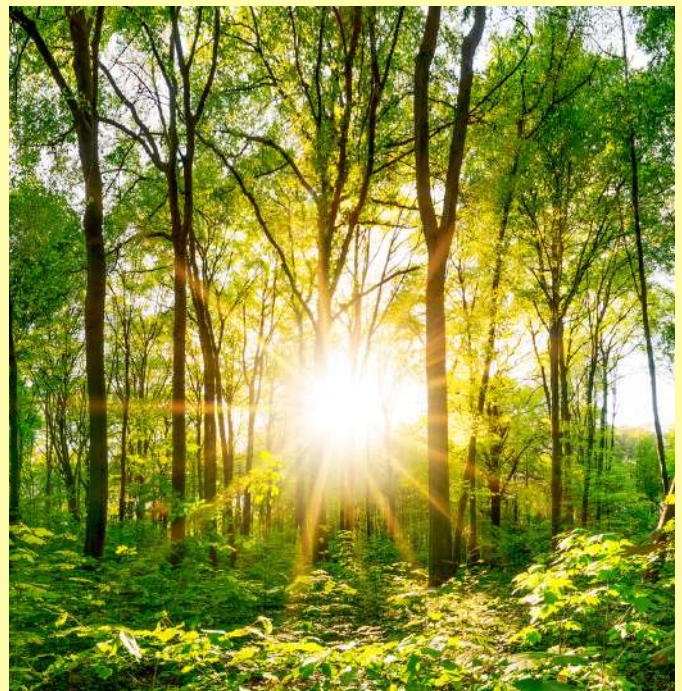


For that we'll address to following target categories:

- Staff coming from decisional/ interventional state and private organizations in the region must be part of preventing/interventional actions in case of forest fires.
- Civil society, respectively adults of all ages living in rural communities, especially those nearest to forests and remote areas, from which some of them have socio-economic difficulties and disability/health problems.

THE TARGET GROUPS OF THE PROJECT

Through this project we try to bring together the whole rural community in an effort to develop an effective way to adapt to the threat of a potential forest fire.



MOTIVATION FOR THE PROJECT

Over the past decades, Europe has experienced an increased frequency and severity of weather- and climate-related natural hazards such as droughts, forest fires, heat waves and heavy precipitation. Without efforts to rapidly reduce GHG emissions and efficiently prevent the climate risk these trends are projected to continue and be amplified by socio-economic and environmental changes.

Forest fires are essential for many ecosystems, for instance for forest renewal, to help control insect and disease damage, and to reduce the build-up of fuel and thus future fire intensity. However, frequent and large-scale fires have negative impacts on air and water quality, biodiversity, soil and landscape aesthetics. Forest fires also threaten climate change mitigation, as they release large amounts of greenhouse gases, and they can cause economic damages and loss of human lives.

Fire risk depends on many factors including climatic conditions. Climate change is expected to have a strong impact on forest fire risk in Europe, as recognised by the EU strategy on adaptation to climate change. To monitor trends in forest fires, the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS), reports on the number of fires and the burnt area, with data on the latter being considered more robust and policy-relevant.

THE PROJECT PURPOSE

In this context, the project's purpose is to bring together local rural communities in Romania, Bulgaria, Italy and Spain (considered to be affected by fire danger) for developing a “Local Adaptation Plan for forest fires” and creation of internationalized local learning environments by preparing the community population and organizational staff to prevent and limit the effects of natural forest fires.



By founding this project, the local rural communities from the partners' countries will benefit from international collaboration to create results capable to minimize the risk and limit the effects of forest fires as well as creating awareness about one major climate change challenge, forest fire and transferring the results to other European communities potentially affected by the same danger.

One of the project objectives it's around the idea of forming of cooperation network capable to respond in an effective manner to local disasters caused by natural forest fires and manage successful projects in this area.

Membership of the joint network will permit external organizations to participate in emergencies linked with forest fires in a peer country giving help and expecting the reverse. Within the project, the partners together with other stakeholders in their region will share specific and complex expertise necessary to confront the danger of forest fire.

The thematic of the project involves a multidisciplinary approach such: as forest management, emergency structures and technique, emergency medical and psychological knowledge, leadership, communication and organization with external stakeholders but also inside territories, etc. The project involves a diverse range of partners and network members with specific expertise gained in their regional territory which will be transferred for benefit of other local communities (partners' local communities).

RESULTS

Cooperation network capable to respond to local forest fires. Skilled community organizational staff capable to prevent, limit and rehabilitate ecosystems damaged by fire.

Adults, including the disadvantaged equipped with life skills which make them capable of action and limit the effects of natural forest fires. Local communities are capable to take preventive actions and limit the effects of forest fires.

Aware rural communities of climate change effects and adaptation to forest fires



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THE PROJECT HAS STARTED

The project started in June 2022 and will end in November 2023.



KICK OFF MEETING ONLINE

During the first meeting (29.06.2022) with our partners, we planned the activities and tasks for the next period, clarified the responsibilities of each partner and proposed small changes to the implementation schedule for the best possible performance of the activities.

