

## Forging fire-resilient landscapes: fire-smart solutions for sustainable wildfire risk prevention

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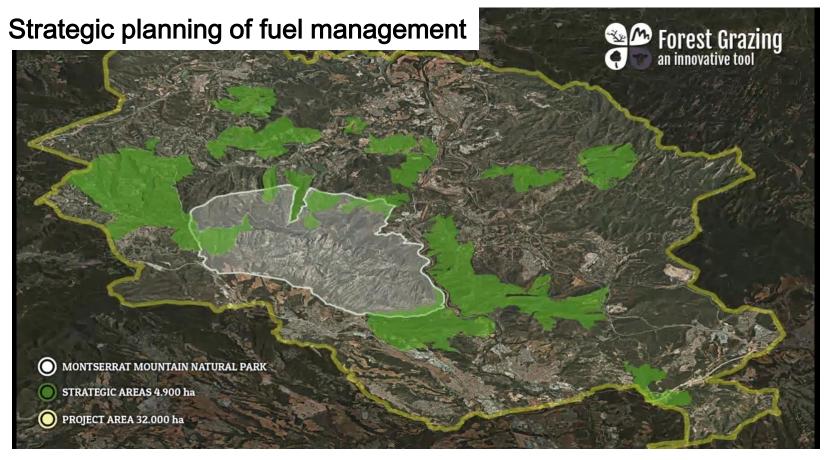






'To prepare for megafires, we don't need more resources, we need better managed landscapes.'

Marc Castellnou — Catalunya Fire Service



(Fonte: Life Montserrat

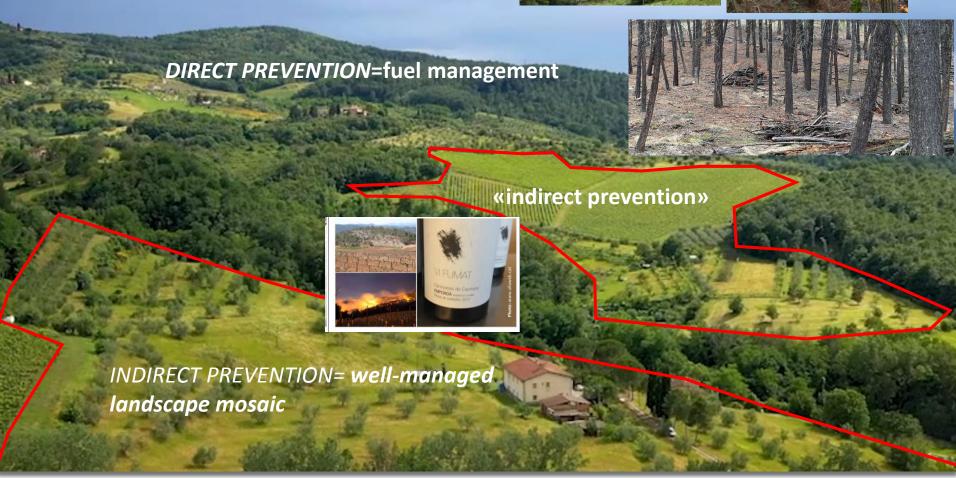
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#### "Fire-smart territories"

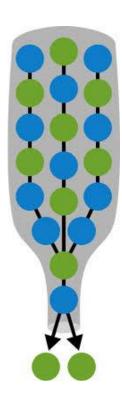
(Tedim, 2016 International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction)







## Fire-smart territories: what are the BOTTLENECKs?



#### Lack of economies of scale

Complexity of landscape governance

Land tenure rights in private and public lands, ownership fragmentation, unknown land owners

- Fragmentation of competences across multiple fire & land management agencies ←→ Cultural and technical barriers to envision cross-sectoral & multilevel wildfire risk management
- Funding, mainly RDP, difficulties for attracting private investments
- Regulatory (e.g. prescribed burning)





Fire resilient landscapes: (em)powered by local communities

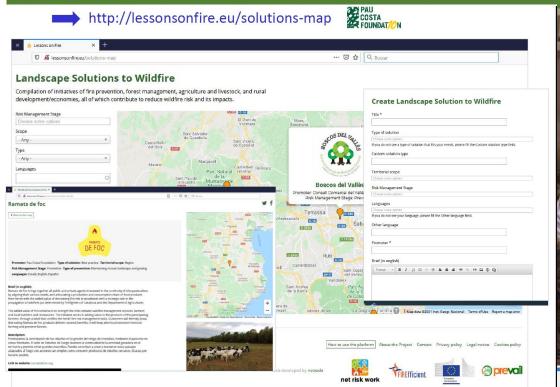
Cost efficient & circular processes to sustain fuel management = SMART SOLUTIONS



Strong partnership between different actors is required to forge fire-smart territories



#### 38 wildfire prevention initiatives in 4 EU MED Countries

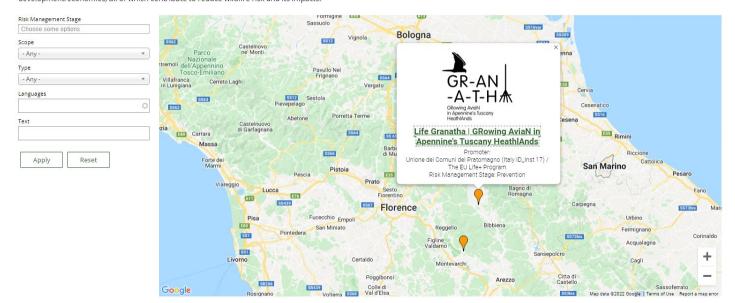






#### **Landscape Solutions to Wildfire**

Compilation of initiatives of fire prevention, forest management, agriculture and livestock, and rural development/economies, all of which contribute to reduce wildfire risk and its impacts.



fire hazard reduction	Activated chain and social/environmental services	Cooperation actors
Biomass and shrub cover reduction in scrubland through mechanical cutting, prescribed burning and grazing in fuel breaks and blocks	Production and marketing of organic brooms made of <i>Ericaceae</i> (the "granatha"). Bird species and habitats (4030) conservation. Training of fire-fighting operators (AIB)	Fire-fighting operators of Toscana region (AIB), local farmers and producers.

#### Life Granatha: wildfire prevention raised to the cube<sup>3</sup>







Fire prevention by fuel management at the landscape scale is integrated with multiple goals habitat conservation fire-fighters training programs broom production bioeconomy chain

Source: D. Ascoli presentation, PREVAIL Workshop 21.04.14 online

**Circularity** 

Short supply chain

Biodiversity conservation and fire ecology restoration

Social sustainability

Sustainability

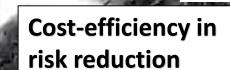
A Smart solution generates «unexpected» connections

Synergies & Cooperation

Integrating multiple land management goals

Participation and good governance

Source of funding



Knowledge exchange & transfer

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Adaptive management

Impact assessment

Lesson learnt approach

## Emerging components of Smart Solutions for wildifire risk prevention



Ascoli et al., 2023. International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

### Take home msg

- (i) convergence of strategicfire prevention planning +value chains (label)
- (ii) local clusters of institutions and stakeholders "rowing in the same direction" (crosssectoral and multiagency cooperation)



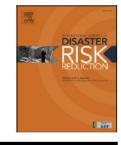


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