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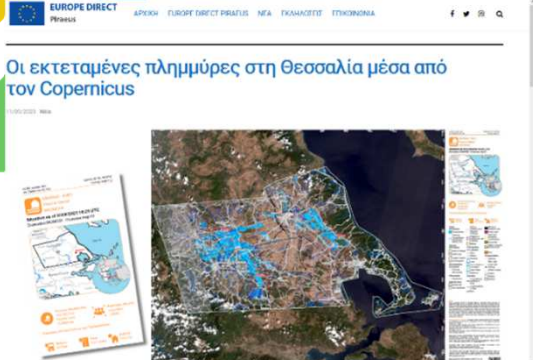




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Main effects of climate change

- Fires
- Floods
- Drought





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The ResAlliance Project

The ResAlliance project "Knowledge Alliance on Landscape Resilience for Agriculture and Forestry in the Mediterranean Basin" aims to gather and analyze **scientific knowledge and good practices** to address the impacts of climate change that are practically applied, based on tradition or new techniques and technologies, to highlight them and facilitate their dissemination across the Mediterranean.







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Some Info for the project



- **Coordinator:** EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE (EFI)
- **Duration :**36 months
- **Total Budget:** 2.989.515,00 €
- 16 partners






Participant No. *	Participant organisation name	Country
1 (Coordinator)	European Forest Institute	Finland
2	ETIFOR	Italy
3	Pau Costa Foundation	Spain
4	Hellinikos Georgikos Organismos – DIMITRA	Greece
5	European University of Cyprus	EUC
6	DREAM	Italy
7	CIFOR	Indonesia
8	Instituto Superior de Agronomia	Portugal
9	Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia	Spain
10	Institute of Agrifood Research and Technology	Spain
11	Jouhour Loubnan Association	Lebanon
12	National Institute of Research in Rural Engineering, Water and Forests	Tunisia
13	Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania	Greece
14	ForESTAS	Italy
15 (Associated)	IUCN	Switzerland
16	EURAF	France

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Structure of the ResAlliance



LandNet: Mediterranean Network

LandLabs: 5 Landlabs as a cluster of exchange and disseminate good practices (Spain, Greece, Portugal, Cyprus and Italy)

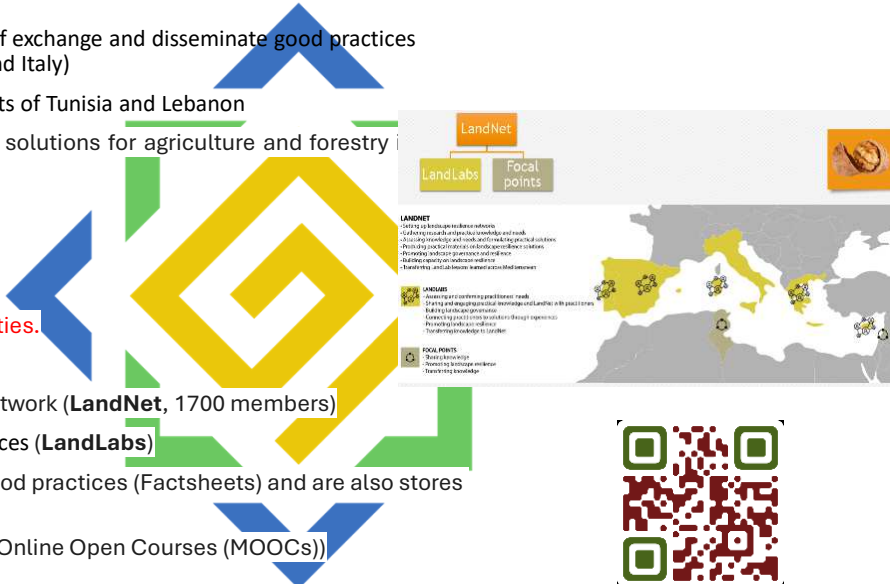
Focal Points: National contact points of Tunisia and Lebanon

The project examines innovative solutions for agriculture and forestry sectors in 4 thematic areas:

1. Governance,
2. Management practices,
3. Use of technology and
4. Funding –Financial opportunities.

Through:

- Mediterranean Stakeholder Network (**LandNet**, 1700 members)
- Labs of exchange of good practices (**LandLabs**)
- Information sheets showing good practices (Factsheets) and are also stores in EUFARMBOOK
- Free Online Courses (Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs))



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LandLab workshops in Greece



LandLab in Greece sought and succeeded in a series of workshops to collect the concerns of people in the agricultural and forestry sector about the impacts of climate change, the new challenges they are facing and the smart solutions they are implementing.



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LandLab workshops in Greece





Specifically, the workshops and the subjects on which each of them focused were as follows:


- ❖ Oil cultivation, in Messinia Chora.
- ❖ Fruit production, beekeeping, animal husbandry and forestry, in Tripoli.
- ❖ Viticulture and winemaking (in cooperation with the 'Public Institute of Vocational Training' (PIVT) of ELGO DIMITRA), in Nemea.
- ❖ Water resources management, with a guest speaker from Cyprus, in Athens.
- ❖ Carbon credits, with guest speaker from Spain, in Athens.




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The ResAlliance project presents 121 factsheets based on the four types of solutions to implement landscape resilience: governance, management practices, technology, and finance.


This collection of practical knowledge presents to you best practices, case studies, and relevant topics on landscape resilience, focusing particularly on the two pressing issues of climate change in the Mediterranean: wildfires and droughts.

On this page, you can browse through the factsheets, choose your area of interest, and access knowledge for landscape resilience!

The collection of factsheets is now completed, with 121 factsheets. In the below collection you will find both 2-pg factsheets and 4-pg factsheets.

Translations are coming soon!

Would you like to contribute to the project? Do you want to share your practice mitigating climate change risks in Mediterranean farms and forests? [Submit your practice as text or video!](#)



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ResAlliance

Landscape resilience knowledge alliance for agriculture and forestry in the Mediterranean basin

Σχετικά με το έργο

The objective of the ResAlliance is to facilitate information and knowledge flow and increase the awareness, understanding and capacity of farmers and foresters on landscape resilience in Mediterranean countries. More specifically, ResAlliance will gather and assess knowledge.

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Core Values

Συνεισφορές στο έργο

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MOUTH
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- Type of Solution: Finance, Governance, Management
- Sector: Agriculture, Forestry
- Good practices: Management alternatives, Ecosystems

The FireFlocks Project: Prescribed Silvopasture for Wildfire Risk Management

The FireFlocks project promotes forest management through extensive grazing to reduce the risk of wildfires. This case study has been implemented in the region of Catalonia (north-east Spain).



/// Context ///

In Mediterranean Europe the last few decades have been characterised by dramatic land use changes. The abandonment of farmland and reduced grazing have led to an increase in wildfire areas. These changes in the landscape have contributed to a more aggressive spread of large wildfires (WF) all over Europe. A small number of wildfires are responsible for most of the burnt area. These large forest fires have a great guiding risk for society, as firefighting services are unable to deal with, despite the high budgets and expenditures allocated. Experts state that "extinction is the answer, but not the solution", and that the latter depends on sustainable management of forests and landscapes.

/// Solution for a Resilient Future ///

Reducing wildfire risk

The overall objective of the project is to reduce the risk of large forest fires through prescribed grazing, meaning grazing with predefined objectives and management aimed at achieving those goals. In general, the project is livestock farmers' grass strategic fire management points (SMPs) identified by the Catalan Fire Department. These SMPs, if properly managed, limit the spread of forest fires and provide an opportunity for control operation by altering fire behavior on the day of the fire. Therefore, FireFlocks promotes targeted grazing at these strategic points, connecting, supporting, and informing farmers about testing SMPs in their area. Subsequently, a prescribed grazing plan is agreed upon with the farmers, which is the document identifying orange objectives.

production of high-quality meat and dairy products). But the presence of herds and shepherds is becoming increasingly uncommon, leading to the growth of free-range forests. Thus, the presence of livestock in mountains has become a shared common interest of owners, farmers, firefighters, environmentalists, and businesses willing to sell food products with an added value. All of this has motivated the project FireRisk.


The number of participants and managed hectares has been increasing since 2016. Initially, there were 3 shepherders involved (see Table 1). In year 2021 there were 21 shepherders (formed part of the pact) in the province of Aragon. And in 2024, thanks to the expansion in all Catalonia, there are 72 shepherders engaged in the project. Since 2018, the number of hectares that have been managed to avoid wildfires rose to 72,000ha.

Promoting bioeconomy and ecosystem services

Due to the additional effort required by farmers for grazing in these SMPs, the project also aims to promote bioeconomy in rural areas, valorizing the livestock profession and products derived from extensive livestock farming. To achieve this, the project has created a certification for products produced from participating herds, aiming to make the end consumer more aware of the positive impact of consumption habits on reducing the risk of forest fires. The main idea is not just to sell more products, but for consumers to be able to recognize, and economically value, products derived from prescribed grazing.

In parallel, the project is working to have both products and services produced by the herds recognized and compensated as a public service. Currently, the Department of Climate Action

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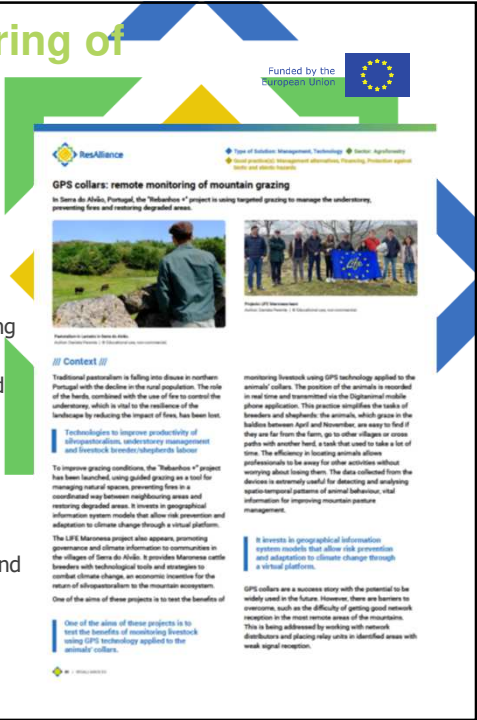


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GPS collars: remote monitoring of mountain grazing

Funded by the European Union

- **Traditional grazing practices** are declining in northern **Portugal**, leading to increased wildfire risks due to under-managed shrublands.
- The **"Rebanhos +"** and **LIFE Maronesa** projects aim to restore sustainable silvopastoralism and improve fire prevention through coordinated grazing strategies.
- **GPS collars with real-time tracking** are used to monitor livestock, simplifying herd management and improving labor efficiency.
- The **Digitanimal** app enables farmers to track animal locations, behaviors, and grazing patterns, informing better pasture management.
- These technologies help identify preferred grazing zones, optimize use of land, and guide interventions like shrub clearing or fire use.
- **Network coverage issues** in remote mountains are a challenge but are being addressed through relay units and the SigFox network.
- **Environmental benefits** include restored ecosystems, reduced wildfire risk, and carbon sequestration tracking through grazing data.
- **The project supports the return of the Maronesa cattle breed**, adding economic value and preserving local agroecological traditions



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Reaping the benefits of agropastoralism: A case study of the Mandra system in Lemnos, Greece

Funded by the European Union

- **Agropastoralism in Lemnos** is a time-tested system that integrates **livestock and crop farming** for ecological and economic resilience.
- The **"Mandra" system** combines barns, fenced rangelands, and croplands to create **closed-loop, diversified production**.
- Traditional practices maintain **pasture quality, soil fertility, biodiversity, and wildfire prevention**.
- Local breeds like the **Lemnos sheep and goat** are adapted to the island's harsh conditions, producing high-quality dairy (e.g., **PDO-certified cheese**).
- The system ensures **year-round food production** and **low dependency on external inputs** (e.g., fodder or fuel).
- Lemnos farmers apply **rotational grazing and crop-livestock integration**, reducing overgrazing and erosion.
- **Challenges include land fragmentation**, unclear pasture rights, and lack of young farmers entering the sector.
- The **Terra Vita certification scheme** supports farmers by promoting sustainable land management and quality products.
- The Lemnos model offers a **blueprint for resilient Mediterranean agriculture**, blending **traditional knowledge with modern sustainability goals**.



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The Agdal pastoral system in Morocco: community-based natural resource management for socio-ecological resilience

Funded by the European Union

- **Agdals are traditional, community-managed grazing areas in Morocco's High Atlas** that ensure sustainable natural resource use through seasonal closures and shared governance.
- **Participatory governance** through local assemblies (jmaa) empowers communities, resolves conflicts, and ensures fair distribution of resources.
- **Ecological resilience is enhanced** by grazing bans during critical plant growth periods, allowing vegetation to regenerate and boosting biodiversity.
- **The ecological mosaic created by staggered opening/closing of agdals** promotes diverse habitats and microclimates, supporting plant genetic diversity.
- **Livelihood support:** Agdals provide critical fodder during dry periods and enrich agricultural soils via manure, supporting pastoral economies.
- **Equity and social justice:** All community members have equal access to shared resources, promoting fairness and inclusion.
- **Adaptive capacity:** Local knowledge and flexible management help communities respond to climate variability and socio-economic change.
- **Current threats include youth migration**, climate change, abandonment of transhumance, and lack of formal recognition and support.
- **Solutions:** Legal protection, youth engagement, education, and support from national/international bodies are needed to preserve and strengthen the agdal system.
- **Agdals offer a holistic model for sustainable development**, combining conservation, culture, governance, and resilience.



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More factsheets about pastoralism and animal tracking

Funded by the European Union

- **Innovative tools for more efficient management of animals in extensive grazing**
- **Integrated crop-livestock farming systems.**
- **The vital role of mobile pastoralism in the resilience of Mediterranean ecosystems**
- **Remote animal tracking to boost shepherd productivity and landscape management**



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We invite you

➤ Respond to ResAlliance's invitation contest by creating and submitting a short video or text file with photos (PDF) where you explain to us some of the good pastoralism, agricultural, agroforestry or forestry practices that you implement in your area.

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The Greek team



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Look deep into nature and then you will understand everything, better...- Albert Einstein



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