

# Project Description



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## PILOT ACTION

**Pilot Action 1: Next time better and more inclusive**

## PROJECT TITLE

**Dialogue & Action Against Wildfires:  
Empowering Communities for Disaster Resilience**

## SCOPE

Small villages in the mountainous regions of Messinia, Greece, are increasingly grappling with the devastating threat of wildfires, a situation worsened by climatic shifts such as rising temperatures, droughts, and unpredictable winds. In light of diminished confidence in government-led wildfire prevention and response, these local communities, today's crucial first line of defense, lack the necessary resources, expertise, and strategic planning. The project seeks to address these challenges by uniting local initiatives with expert knowledge in wildfire management and policy advocacy, creating a sustainable, community-led model for wildfire resilience.

## PLACE

**Messinia, Greece**

## TERRITORY

**4 mountainous villages, 570 inhabitants & 3.900 hectares of land**

## OBJECTIVE

The program "Dialogue and Action against Wildfires" is about raising awareness and building the necessary capacity and social and civic infrastructure not only to prevent devastating fire damage, but also to form a coordinated, community-based response that can protect lives, homes, and natural resources. Through a participatory design process that prioritizes the needs and experiences of the most vulnerable groups, this project seeks to convert vulnerability into resilience, empowering locals not just for surviving wildfires, but for transforming their communities into, "Fire Smart Territories".



## VULNERABLE GROUPS

Specialized evacuation plans will be tailored to their needs	Gender-sensitive awareness, Training & Leadership roles	Strategies to protect both human and animal life
Elderly	Women	Farmers

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Establishment of a cross-sectoral advisory group
- Hands-on, collaborative scenario-plan and simulation of disaster response
- Open community discussions on vulnerabilities, equality & ethical dimensions
- Dissemination of policy recommendations to local and regional policymakers

## EXPECTED IMPACT

**A more inclusive, democratic, and truly community-led approach to wildfire prevention and response**

- Geographical & Methodological Scalable
- Long-term Sustainability
- Far-reaching Impact
- Increased Accessibility (Open-Source Materials)