



PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION FOR CROSS-BORDER WILDFIRE RESILIENCE IN KOSOVO*, MONTENEGRO, AND ALBANIA

(KOMOAL-PREP)

INVOLVED PARTNERS

Kosovo* municipalities: **Prizren, Gjakova, Junik, Deçan, Peja, Istog**

Montenegro municipalities: **Gusinje, Plav, Berane, Rožaje**

Albania municipalities: **Has, Tropojë**

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TARGET GROUPS

KOMOAL-PREP primarily benefits civil protection authorities, first responders, municipalities, volunteers, and communities in wildfire-prone cross-border areas of Kosovo*, Albania, and Montenegro.

DESCRIPTION

To strengthen cross-border wildfire prevention and preparedness in Kosovo*, Albania, and Montenegro by enhancing risk-informed planning, interoperable early warning and response mechanisms, and coordinated civil protection capacities and raising awareness of communities and institutions in wildfire-prone border regions in line with the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) best practices.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To improve cross-border wildfire risk management by analysing and aligning national and local wildfire risk assessment methodologies, identifying shared risks, capacity gaps and interdependencies, and producing a common regional wildfire risk and hotspot analysis for border areas.
- To strengthen prevention and preparedness capacities of civil protection authorities, first responders and volunteers through targeted training, joint exercises and the development of interoperable procedures, ensuring sustainable knowledge transfer and operational readiness.
- To enhance early warning, early action and coordinated response mechanisms by developing compatible communication protocols, joint operational arrangements and cross-border coordination tools for wildfire emergencies.
- To increase risk awareness and preparedness of local communities in wildfire-prone cross-border areas through inclusive awareness-raising, engagement of local actors and promotion of a culture of prevention.
- To reinforce sustainable cross-border cooperation structures between Kosovo*, Albania and Montenegro, contributing to long-term institutional cooperation complementary to the UCPM model.