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**FIRE PRODUCT RESILIENT LANDSCAPE®** is an initiative that promotes cross-sectoral resilient territories and the mitigation of forest fires. Its objective is to ensure the implementation of good practices that bridge the agricultural and forest divide. This EU-registered label recognises farmland managers located near forested areas whose work helps prevent fires and reduce their impacts across the landscape.

Unlike FIRE WINE RESILIENT LANDSCAPE®, which focuses on the wine value chain, FIRE PRODUCT RESILIENT LANDSCAPE® encompasses other primary and processed agricultural products, such as honey and permanent crops (including nuts, truffles, olive oil, etc). It contributes to the creation of an active and heterogeneous agroforestry mosaic.



The initiative originated within the Horizon Europe FIRE-RES project with the aim of expanding fire-smart landscapes across Europe and reducing agricultural abandonment, particularly in mountainous territories. To be part of it, plots must cover at least 1 hectare on slopes of less than 10%, or 0.5 hectares on steeper slopes or in terraced areas, and must be adjacent to forested land (within 500 m). Farmers commit to maintaining agricultural activity, clearing herbaceous strips within their plots during periods of fire risk, and coordinating with emergency services in the event of a fire, providing them with access to their plots and to water points when necessary.



From a wildfire management perspective, these active crops create fuel discontinuities that reduce the spread and the intensity of fires — the so-called “productive fuelbreaks”. Crop maintenance creates open spaces that prevent the accumulation of biomass. The upkeep of motorised access paths allows fire responders to reach remote areas and operate safely within these plots. In peri-urban areas, this agrarian activity also contributes to maintaining perimeter safety strips.

The **FIRE PRODUCT RESILIENT LANDSCAPE®** network shares experiences and promotes models that prepare territories for wildfires, respecting the landscape and its biodiversity.

