MEDITERRANEAN PAVILION

COP31 TÜRKİYE ANTALYA

FROM DIALOGUE TO ACTION

9–20 NOVEMBER 2026
Antalya – Türkiye

REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition

WILDFIRE RESILIENCE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Croatian Experience and Mediterranean Practices • 12 November 2026 • 10:00–11:00

ABOUT THE EVENT

The event presents Croatia's experience in the early detection, monitoring and effective response to wildfires and provides a forum for exchanging experience with other Mediterranean countries. By linking technological solutions, scientific knowledge and operational experience with ecosystem restoration and sustainable management, the event demonstrates complementary approaches to adapting to increasing fire risk. The restoration of grassland habitats, maintained through grazing and mowing, contributes both to biodiversity conservation and to reducing fuel loads.

KEY MESSAGE

Adapting to increasing fire risk requires an integrated approach that combines prevention, early detection and fire-spread forecasting, an effective operational response, and nature-based solutions aimed at reducing fuel loads.

OBJECTIVES

- Present Croatia's approach to detecting, monitoring and forecasting the spread of wildfires.
- Highlight cooperation between fire and rescue services, public authorities and the scientific community.
- Highlight how ecosystem restoration and sustainable management contribute to fire prevention and biodiversity conservation.
- Exchange Mediterranean experiences and identify practical measures for prevention, preparedness and response.

AGENDA

5 min	Opening remarks – **Marija Vučković**, Minister of Environmental Protection and Green Transition
10 min	Presentation of Croatia's experience in strengthening wildfire resilience – **Aljoša Duplić**, Director of the Institute for Environmental Protection and Nature
30 min	Panel discussion with representatives of fire and rescue services, academia and Mediterranean countries/regional institutions: Mr **Joško Grančić**, Croatian Firefighting Association; Ms **Ljiljana Šerić**, PhD, FESB, University of Split; Mr .**Petros Varelidis**, Secretary General for natural environment and water, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece; Mr. **Joan Borrell**, UfM Deputy Secretary General
10 min	Questions and discussion with the audience
5 min	Conclusions and closing remarks

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Presentation of practical technological, operational and ecosystem-based approaches to adapting to fire risk; exchange of experience and good practices; identification of shared challenges and applicable measures; increased awareness of the need to integrate climate change considerations into wildfire prevention and preparedness.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Decision-makers and public authorities responsible for climate change, nature protection, forestry and civil protection; fire and rescue and other operational services; forest and landscape managers; the scientific and academic community; experts in fire modelling and technological solutions; representatives of Mediterranean countries and regional and international organisations working on climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction.