

Key facts and findings

What measures have we audited?

Prevention

e.g. vegetation thinning



Preparedness

e.g. firefighting equipment



Restoration

e.g. reforestation



**For the period
2021-2027
at least €3.5 bn**
allocated to tackle forest fires*

**no data available under the common agricultural policy*

General trends in forest fires ≥30 ha in the EU

Average annual
burnt area (ha)



Average annual
number of fires

527 000



2021-2024

1 874

413 000



2016-2020

1 297

245 000



2011-2015

667

268 000



2006-2010

567

What did we find?

More preventive measures, but incomplete overview of the EU money spent

Project selection did not guarantee that the EU financed the most impactful actions

Long-term sustainability of the financed projects is not ensured

Monitoring revealed little about the results achieved with EU money