

Cultural Landscape for a Fire-Resilient Karst: How to Move Forward?

After the fire of 2022, it became clear that the restoration of the Karst is not only the task of nature, but also of the community, experts, farmers, municipalities, institutions, and individuals who live and work here.

Therefore, within the framework of the **Karst Firewall 5.0** project, which focuses on developing cross-border measures to reduce fire risk in the Karst region, we invite you to join us on **Wednesday, 28 January 2026, at 10:00**, at the **Hall of the Cultural Centre in Kostanjevica na Krasu** (Kostanjevica na Krasu 75), for a consultation meeting and participatory workshop addressing key issues related to the maintenance and restoration of the Karst cultural landscape as a way to increase fire resilience in the Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica.

In recent decades, land use in the Karst has changed significantly. The abandonment of traditional grazing, the overgrowing of meadows, and the deterioration of dry-stone walls contribute to greater vulnerability of the area. Together with you, we will therefore seek practical solutions that could be implemented in the local environment.

The workshop is intended for everyone whose knowledge or work shapes the Karst landscape. We especially invite farmers, agrarian communities, local and national institutions in the fields of agriculture, environment, and spatial planning, advisory services, associations and institutions working in cultural heritage, dry-stone construction, and tourism, as well as the interested general public.

Programme

10:00–10:10

Opening address (Dr. Massimiliano Granceri Bradaschia, IUAV)

Presentation of the key results of the Karst Firewall 5.0 project from the perspective of the Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica

10:10–10:40

Introductory presentations

- Presentation of pilot activities in the Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica (Tina Gerbec, Project and Economic Development Officer, Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica)
- Challenges and opportunities for re-establishing grazing regimes and agricultural use of dolines (Dr. Matjaž Geršič, Anton Melik Geographical Institute, ZRC SAZU)
- The role and restoration of dry-stone walls as elements of the cultural landscape in the Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica (Dr. Mateja Breg Valjavec, Anton Melik Geographical Institute, ZRC SAZU)

10:40–12:40

Participatory workshop – interactive thematic discussions:

- Grazing and grassland management
(link between historical land use and today's situation)
- Dolines and agriculture
(opportunities for reactivating formerly cultivated dolines)
- Dry-stone walls and cultural landscape
(the role of dry-stone walls in preserving a cultural and fire-resilient landscape)

12:40–13:00

Concluding highlights and next steps

Moderator: Maja Drobne

Registration

Please confirm your participation via the online form by **23 January 2026**:

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For more information, contact us at info@pina.si.

We look forward to meeting you and to a shared reflection on the future of the Karst cultural landscape.

More about the project

The event is organised within the framework of the [Karst Firewall 5.0](#) project, which focuses on the impacts of climate change and increased fire risk in the cross-border area. **In the pilot area of the Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica, we are developing solutions based on spatial data, local knowledge, and cooperation among various stakeholders.** The focus is on the restoration of dry-stone walls as green infrastructure, the reactivation of cultivated dolines as agricultural micro-areas, and the revival of grazing regimes as a way to prevent overgrowth.