

**Committee:** Environmental Committee

**Issue:** Tackling the Risk of Desertification in Southern Europe and the Adriatic Sea

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## **PERSONAL INTRODUCTION**

Dear delegates,

My name is Dimitris Dimitriadis, and it is my honor to be serving as one of the Deputy Presidents of the Environmental Committee (EC). I would like to welcome each and every one of you to the 6th Annual Deutsche Schule Thessaloniki Model United Nations Conference and congratulate you all on securing a position on the Environmental Committee.

For me MUN is my passion, something I cannot live without. Although I have participated in quite a variety of conferences all over Europe, this will be my First time chairing a committee, thus I am very much excited and ready to make this experience a very memorable one for all.

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In this Study Guide you will find the complete analysis and valuable information concerning the topic of "Tackling the Risk of Desertification in Southern Europe and the Adriatic Sea", things that I believe will prove most useful for your research. Although this study guide will provide you with a general overview of the topic at hand, the conducting of more research is recommended, in order for you to be adequately prepared. Make sure you are aware of your assigned country's position concerning the topic as well.

Feel free to contact me at any time on [20191054@student.anatolia.edu.gr](mailto:20191054@student.anatolia.edu.gr) for any questions that may have arisen regarding the topic, or anything else I'm able to help with. I am sure we will have a fruitful and enlightening debate, and I am truly looking forward to it.

Sincerely,

Dimitris Dimitriadis

## TOPIC INTRODUCTION

Desertification, a process of land degradation that transforms fertile landscapes into arid and barren regions, is a growing environmental concern in various parts of the world. Among the areas most vulnerable to this serious problem are the ones of Southern Europe, and the general area surrounding the Adriatic Sea. As climate change causes as well as deforestation continue to increase indiscriminately, alarm bells for an even larger increase of desertified land are already heard.

Southern Europe and the Adriatic Sea region have been defined by a combination of climatic factors, including rising temperatures, irregular rainfall patterns, and constant droughts. These climatic shifts, together with unsustainable land-use practices, intensify the vulnerability of ecosystems and agricultural lands to desertification. The loss of vegetation, soil erosion, and depletion of water resources further contribute to the expansion of arid areas, jeopardizing local economies, biodiversity, and human well-being.

Recognizing the urgency of the issue, governments, environmental organizations, and local communities have all begun to address the risk of desertification through integrated approaches that encompass both adaptation and mitigation strategies.

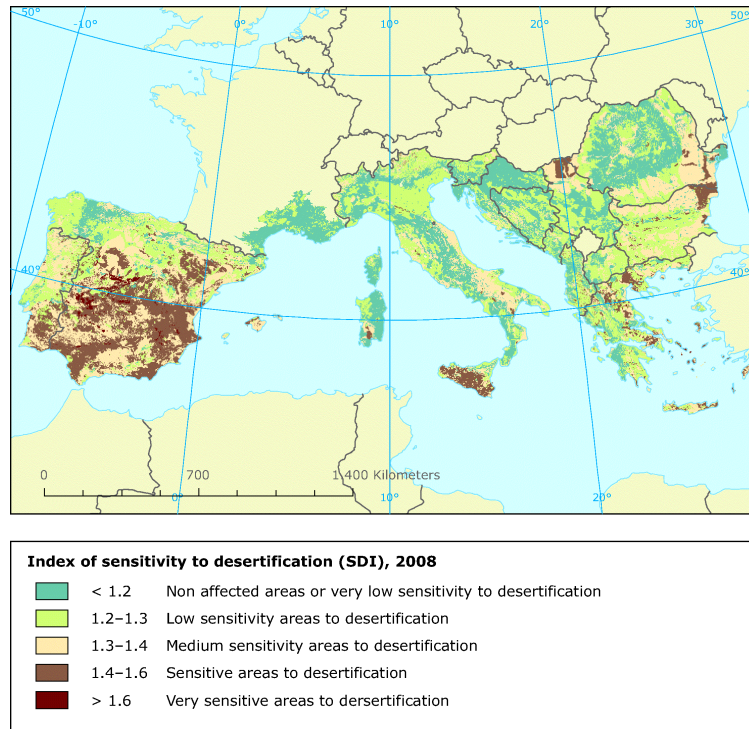


Figure 1: Map of sensitivity to desertification and drought in Southern Europe<sup>1</sup>

## DEFINITIONS AND KEY TERMS

### Desertification

“The process by which fertile land becomes desert, typically as a result of drought, deforestation, or inappropriate agriculture.”<sup>2</sup>

### Adriatic Sea Region

The countries with coasts on the Adriatic. These are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, and Slovenia.

### Drought

“A prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>EAA Editors. *Map of Sensitivity to Desertification and Drought in Southern Europe*, [www.eea.europa.eu/themes/soil/desertification/map-of-sensitivity-to-desertification-and-drought-in-southern-europe/image\\_view\\_fullscreen](http://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/soil/desertification/map-of-sensitivity-to-desertification-and-drought-in-southern-europe/image_view_fullscreen). Accessed 10 Jul. 2023.

<sup>2</sup>Maxwell Editors. “Koch Quoted in BBC Article on Dubai, Desertification.” Maxwell School, 12 Aug. 2021, [www.maxwell.syr.edu/news/article/koch-quoted-in-bbc-article-on-dubai-desertification#:~:text=Desertification%20is%20the%20process%20by,drought%2C%20deforestation%20or%20inappropriate%20agriculture](http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/news/article/koch-quoted-in-bbc-article-on-dubai-desertification#:~:text=Desertification%20is%20the%20process%20by,drought%2C%20deforestation%20or%20inappropriate%20agriculture). Accessed 2 August 2023.

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### Climate Change

“A long-term change in the Earth's weather, especially a change due to an increase in the average atmospheric temperature.”<sup>4</sup>

### Deforestation

The action of clearing a wide area of trees.

### Reforestation

The process of replanting an area with trees, either by natural regeneration or by deliberate human intervention, to replace trees that have been cut down or lost.

### Vegetation

Plants considered collectively, especially those found in a particular area or habitat.

### Erosion

“The fact of soil, stone, etc. being gradually damaged and removed by the waves, rain, or wind”.<sup>5</sup>

### Fertilizer

“A chemical or natural substance added to soil or land to increase its fertility.”<sup>6</sup>

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Causes of desertification

The United Nations lists four causes as the ones mainly responsible for desertification events around the world, including the ones in Southern Europe and the Adriatic Sea. These five causes not only closely relate to one another, but also in several cases, root from the same man-made causes. They are also continuous, meaning that so far, they have not been stopped nor limited to the appropriate scale.

#### Livestock Overgrazing

Livestock overgrazing occurs when animals, such as cattle, sheep, or goats, graze on a particular area of land excessively, depleting the available vegetation beyond its natural capacity to regenerate. As these animals continuously feed on plants, they leave little time for the ecosystem to recover, leading to degradation of the soil and a decline in plant biodiversity. The land becomes vulnerable to erosion, as the roots of the vegetation are

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<sup>4</sup>“What Is Climate Change?” NASA, 10 Jul. 2022, [climate.nasa.gov/global-warming-vs-climate-change/#:~:text=What%20is%20Climate%20Change%3F,are%20synonymous%20with%20the%20term.](https://climate.nasa.gov/global-warming-vs-climate-change/#:~:text=What%20is%20Climate%20Change%3F,are%20synonymous%20with%20the%20term.) Accessed 10 Jul. 2023

<sup>5</sup>Cambridge Editors. “Erosion.” *Cambridge Dictionary*, 3 Nov. 2019, [dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/erosion](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/erosion). Accessed 10 July

<sup>6</sup>Britannica Editors. “Fertilizer.” *Encyclopædia Britannica*, 4 Aug. 2023, [www.britannica.com/topic/fertilizer](https://www.britannica.com/topic/fertilizer). Accessed 10 July

weakened, causing loss of topsoil, and affecting the entire ecosystem. Overgrazing also exacerbates the risk of desertification in arid regions, disrupting the delicate balance between flora and fauna, and threatening the livelihoods of both the local communities and the animals themselves. The main causes of overgrazing are economic demands, as well as lack of appropriate farmland, due to reasons like the expanding human settlements or the rapid population. Livestock overgrazing can be a common issue in certain parts of the Southern Europe region, particularly in areas where traditional livestock grazing practices are prevalent. The problem of overgrazing tends to be more pronounced in arid and semi-arid regions of Southern Europe, where the natural vegetation and water resources are limited. In these areas, the carrying capacity of the land for supporting livestock may be lower, making it more susceptible to degradation when animals are not managed properly.

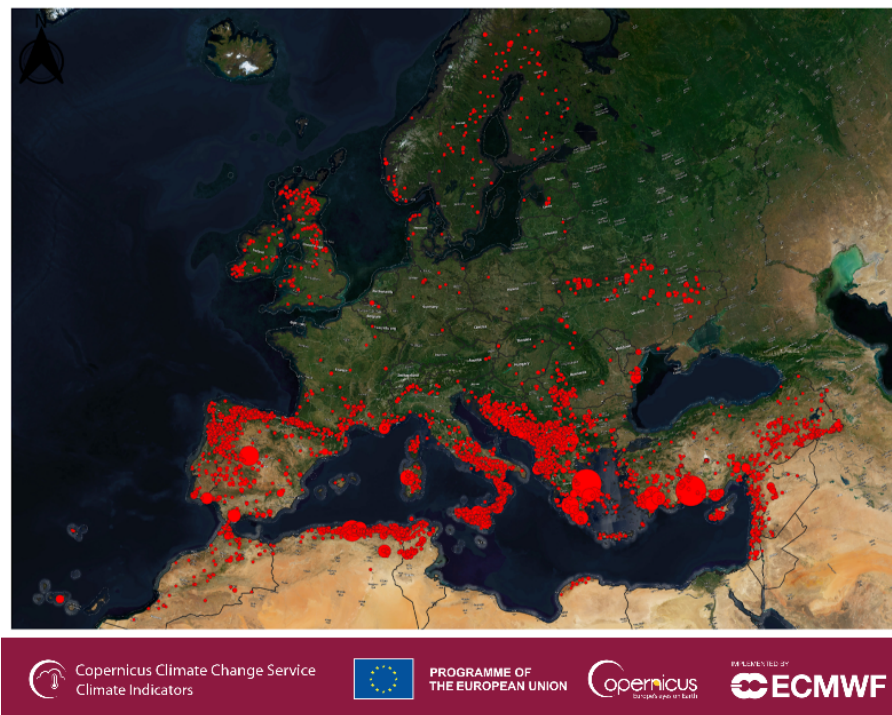
### **Climate Crisis**

The Climate Crisis is quite a general term used to describe a critical and urgent global challenge characterized by the escalating impacts of climate change on our planet. It arises from the significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions, primarily from human activities like burning fossil fuels, something that happens with great intensity in almost all southern European Nations, deforestation, livestock overgrazing, the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen, which still happens legally across the world, and industrial processes, leading to a rapid and unprecedented warming of the Earth's atmosphere. In Southern Europe, climate change has been amplifying existing challenges and introducing new risks, particularly concerning desertification. The changing climate has also contributed to the expansion of arid areas, leading to soil degradation and loss of vegetation cover. As a result, the land becomes more vulnerable to erosion, further exacerbating desertification and soil loss. Furthermore, the increasing intensity and frequency of wildfires in the Mediterranean region are both a consequence and a contributor to desertification. Drier conditions and higher temperatures have made forests and vegetation more susceptible to fires, leading to extensive damage to natural habitats and an increased risk of soil erosion and land degradation.

### **Deforestation**

Deforestation can be a significant factor in the process of desertification. By disrupting ecosystems, altering local climates, and accelerating soil degradation, deforestation exacerbates arid conditions and pushes areas towards becoming desertified.

The production of timber and mining activities stand as two major causes of deforestation in Southern Europe. Timber production involves large-scale logging for wood resources, often driven by demands for construction materials, furniture, and paper. Unsustainable logging practices, such as clear-cutting, significantly impact forests in the region, leading to habitat destruction and loss of biodiversity. Similarly, mining operations, particularly for minerals and metals, require extensive land clearance, often in ecologically sensitive areas. This clearance disrupts forest ecosystems and leads to soil degradation, erosion, and water pollution, further contributing to deforestation. As these practices continue unchecked, Southern Europe faces the looming threat of diminished forest cover and the associated consequences of climate change, soil instability, and a loss of valuable natural resources. These are, however, not the only main causes of deforestation, as population growth and urbanization can lead to large numbers of trees being cut down for housing and development demands. Finally, forest fires, something that has shook Southern European countries these recent months, have also emerged as one of the main causes of deforestation. A combination of factors, including rising temperatures, prolonged droughts, and human activities like agricultural practices and negligence, has created the perfect conditions for these devastating infernos. The intense and uncontrollable nature of forest fires leads to vast swathes of forests being rapidly consumed, leaving behind charred landscapes, and destroying vital habitats for countless plant and animal species. As these fires continue to rage, the loss of trees and vegetation triggers soil erosion, making the land more vulnerable to degradation and desertification.



**Figure 2: Distribution and extent of burnt areas across Europe and the Mediterranean in 2021. Each red circle represents a fire event, and the circle size is proportional to the total burnt area of each fire.<sup>7</sup>**

### Soil Erosion

Soil erosion is a natural process that occurs when soil is displaced and transported by various agents such as wind, water, and gravity. It can also be accelerated by human activities, including deforestation, improper land use, and overgrazing. When soil erosion happens, the fertile top layer of the soil, rich in nutrients and essential for plant growth, is gradually eroded away. This depletion of the topsoil compromises the land's productivity, reducing its ability to support vegetation and agriculture. Additionally, eroded soil can find its way into water bodies, leading to sedimentation, decreased water quality, and potential damage to aquatic ecosystems. Moreover, soil erosion contributes to environmental issues like desertification and landslides, posing significant challenges for sustainable land management and agricultural practices.

### Fertilizers containing nitrogen

The question of whether the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen should be allowed or banned is a topic constantly discussed by the European Union, in order to reduce nitrogen runoff and its detrimental consequences

<sup>7</sup>Climate Copernicus Editors. *Copernicus*, [climate.copernicus.eu/sites/default/files/custom-uploads/ESOTC2021/Europe/wildfires/C3S\\_ESOTC21\\_wildfires\\_Fig3\\_branded.pdf](https://climate.copernicus.eu/sites/default/files/custom-uploads/ESOTC2021/Europe/wildfires/C3S_ESOTC21_wildfires_Fig3_branded.pdf). Accessed 13 Aug. 2023.

on water bodies. Excessive nitrogen in water can lead to eutrophication, a process that causes excessive growth of algae, depleting oxygen levels and harming aquatic life. As a result, the EU has been exploring measures to control nitrogen pollution, which includes discussions about the possibility of limiting or banning the use of certain types of nitrogen-based fertilizers. However, at what cost? These fertilizers have significantly contributed to the Green Revolution and helped meet the nutritional demands of a growing global population.

### **The Impact of Deforestation**

Deforestation has significant and far-reaching impacts on both the environment and human societies. The loss habitat for over 70% of land animals and plant species<sup>8</sup>, the major increase of greenhouse gasses, aridification, soil erosion and flooding, are just the paramount of them all. The impact of deforestation also affects local and indigenous communities, as it can lead to loss of livelihoods for those who depend on forests for food, fuel, and other resources.

### **Conclusion**

As analyzed above, desertification has several major causes, which all contribute against the delicate balance of ecosystems and exacerbate the risk of turning productive lands into arid, degraded, and unproductive desert areas. Identifying the causes is not enough, however; The issue will continue to majorly impact the world for many years to come.

## **MAJOR COUNTRIES AND ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED**

### **Greece**

According to data from the Ministry of Rural Development, half of the country's total area is threatened by desertification, something that will majorly impact agricultural production, which is an important exporting industry. Greece is expected to face an acute drought problem, as a key manifestation of climate change. There will be long dry periods, but also periods of heavy rainfall and flooding. Already in the last 100 years, a 20%<sup>9</sup> decrease in rain has been observed in Western Greece, which is the region with the most rainfall and the largest water reserves. Due to the prolonged drought, the risk of fire will also increase by 15-20 days a year, which will further exacerbate the problem of desertification. Constant reforestation attempts on burnt lands.

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<sup>8</sup>Nunez, Christina. "Deforestation and Its Effect on the Planet." *Environment*, 7 Dec. 2022, [www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/deforestation/](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/deforestation/). Accessed 2 Aug. 2023

<sup>9</sup>Kostopoulou, Effie, and Christos Giannakopoulos. "Projected Changes in Extreme Wet and Dry Conditions in Greece." *MDPI*, 21 Feb. 2023, [www.mdpi.com/2225-1154/11/3/49](http://www.mdpi.com/2225-1154/11/3/49). Accessed 2 Aug. 2023



### **Spain**

Spain had not more than six million hectares of woodlands in the mid-19th century. Nowadays woodlands cover more than sixteen million hectares. In the last 150 years, significant effort has been made to increase the amount of forest cover; as a result, five million hectares—or 10% of the total nation area—have been artificially regenerated. All this work required large nursery infrastructures, thousands of workers, and high public investments. Nowadays, two-thirds of Spain is under threat of desertification. Spain recently launched an emergency request to the European Commission to step up support for farmers in need, after desertification has minimized agricultural production.

### **Italy**

Energy in Italy mostly comes from fossil fuels. Since 1999, Italy has developed a National Plan which aims to protect soils affected by desertification after identifying them, manage water sustainably, reduce the impact of productive activities and rebalance, and re-naturalize its territory.

### **Croatia**

In 1994, Croatia initiated the ‘National Project of Irrigation and Land and Water Management’. The project is intended to organize irrigation and the growing of agricultural land. The country has also conducted a drought program, introduced environmentally acceptable technologies, and strengthened public awareness on land degradation and the negative effects of droughts.

### **European Union**

The EU is yet to declare itself as a party affected by desertification. The Commission lacks a clear view of these challenges, and efforts to address desertification are incoherent. The Commission has not assessed progress toward reaching land degradation neutrality by 2030. The EU does not have a dedicated strategy or a specific legal framework for desertification. To urge Member States to take adaptation action, the Commission adopted the 2013 EU Adaptation Strategy for Climate Change in April 2013. It emphasizes the importance of the EU taking action to adapt to unavoidable climate consequences and associated economic, environmental, and social implications.

### **UNEP**

The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) recommends several measures to be taken by nations in order for the goals set to be achieved. These include Introduction of new land use economic and social policies conducive to sustainable development of land and water resources and improvement of land use, Development of indigenous national and ecoregional scientific research and technology capabilities, co-ordination of current and new national, regional and international sectoral programs within broader environment/development programs,

Establishment of a global network of national, regional and international institutional and technical facilities for current operational assessment and continuous monitoring of desertification, and strengthening of regional programs and international co-operation in the campaign against desertification.

**Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

Every five years, the FAO conducts the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA), a comprehensive survey to assess the state of forests and their management worldwide. This survey, concerning every part of the world, including the Adriatic Sea Region, helps in tracking changes in forest cover and identifying deforestation or afforestation trends, evaluates the health and condition of forests and identifies the main drivers of deforestation. It's headquartered in Rome, Italy.

**BLOCS EXPECTED****Bloc A**

Bloc A should suggest an approach based on local community involvement and loans, while keeping in mind their own environmental challenges. Bloc A is also in favor of local Capacity Enhancement and further education of the people in the countries plagued by the issue. It contains Most Economically developed countries (MEDCs) countries such as Spain, Italy, and France.

**Bloc B**

Bloc B's objectives on solving the issue are those of an approach focused on technological Innovation via investment on necessary infrastructure by more economically developed countries and other partners. This Bloc should also focus on recommending the providing of financial aid, while trying to avoid low-cost lesser effective solutions. Bloc B contains countries such as Albania, Montenegro, Türkiye, and India.

**TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description Of Event</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Century B.C.	Ancient Greek and Roman mass deforestation of Sicily: One of the first and largest deforestation attempts in Southern Europe
February 16, 1976	The Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) under the Barcelona Convention was adopted in 1976 to address environmental issues, including desertification, in the Mediterranean region.

August 8, 1977	This directive addressed the conservation of natural habitats and the protection of wild fauna and flora.
June 17, 1994	The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is signed. Will get forced some months later.
April, 2004	The Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (ADRION) is established
September, 2004	DESERTNET International, a scientific network for international research on desertification was founded.
October, 2004	First Technical Workshop on Drought Preparedness in the Balkans
September 22, 2006	The Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection is published and adopted
November 20, 2013	The European Union adopts the 7th Environment Action Program
November 4, 2016	The Paris Agreement was adopted on December 12, 2015, during the 21st session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP 21) held in Paris, France.
June 2016	UNEP implements the Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Albania (EbAA) Initiative to adapt to climate change and provide vital goods and services to local communities in the country.
May 29, 2018	Reforestation program in Northern Greece, with 400,000 trees and shrubs planted.
December 11, 2019	The European Green Deal was announced

## RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS, TREATIES AND EVENTS

### United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification 1994

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, established in 1994, is an international agreement aimed at addressing and combating desertification, land degradation, and drought. It promotes sustainable land management practices, mobilizes resources for affected regions, and encourages international cooperation to combat desertification.

The UNCCD's major goal is to promote sustainable land management methods in order to effectively prevent desertification. The treaty aims to improve

the resilience of ecosystems and livelihoods in impacted areas by encouraging governments to adopt and implement measures to prevent land degradation and rehabilitate damaged lands. Through a combination of scientific research, technological innovations, and traditional knowledge, the UNCCD seeks to support local communities in their efforts to mitigate the impacts of desertification and achieve sustainable development.

### **Paris Agreement**

The Paris Agreement is an international treaty adopted in 2015 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The primary and ambitious goal of the Paris Agreement is to limit the rise in global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. However, recognizing the severe consequences that even a 2-degree increase could bring, the agreement calls for further efforts to pursue limiting the temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius. This 1.5-degree threshold is considered a crucial tipping point beyond which the risks of extreme weather events, sea-level rise, species loss, and other climate-related impacts become substantially more severe.

### **Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development**

The Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development is an initiative aimed at promoting sustainable development and addressing environmental challenges in the Mediterranean region. It focuses on issues such as biodiversity conservation, water management, climate change adaptation, and sustainable tourism.

## PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE ISSUE

### **General Union Environment Action**

In November 2013, the EU adopted the General Union Environment Action Program, to 'ensure that by 2020 land is managed sustainably in the Union, soil is adequately protected, and the remediation of contaminated sites is well underway'. After 2020, the EU proceeded to create a new Environmental Action Program to 2030. This new Environmental Action Program to 2030 aims to build upon previous efforts and address emerging environmental challenges, including reducing the rate of land degradation and desertification, restoring, and conserving a significant percentage of degraded ecosystems, and increasing the use of sustainable land management practices to enhance soil health and fertility.

### **LIFE Desert-Adapt Project**

The European Union initiated the project in 2016, an organized effort to reduce desertification threats in the Southern Europe region. This project focused on implementing nature-based solutions and promoting sustainable land management

practices. It entailed the restoration and conservation of degraded land areas, the development of sustainable land use models, and the inclusion of local communities in decision-making. It also aimed to raise awareness about the challenges desertification could create.

## POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

### Sustainable Forest Management

It is possible that Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) becomes a viable solution to tackle the risk of desertification in Southern Europe and the Adriatic Sea region. SFM involves responsible and balanced forest practices that prioritize ecological, social, and economic aspects. By implementing SFM strategies, such as afforestation and reforestation, Southern European countries can mitigate desertification by preventing soil erosion, enhancing water retention, and promoting biodiversity. Sustainable logging practices can also provide economic benefits while ensuring the long-term health of forest ecosystems.

### Strengthening Water Governance

Strengthening water can also be an approach to tackling the issue. Improved water governance can enhance water resource management, ensuring equitable access, and efficient allocation of water for agriculture, ecosystems, and human needs. Implementing integrated water management strategies, such as rainwater harvesting and water recycling, can help combat desertification by promoting soil moisture retention and supporting vegetation growth. Additionally, transparent and participatory governance mechanisms enable better cooperation among countries and stakeholders, facilitating the development of cross-border solutions to address water scarcity and drought. However, problems may arise due to competition over water demands, potentially leading to conflicts over water resources.

### Sustainable Agricultural Practices

Sustainable agricultural practices may present a promising solution to combat the pressing issue of desertification in Southern Europe and the Adriatic Sea region, if done well. These practices encompass various eco-conscious methods, such as crop rotation, organic fertilization, and water management, which contribute to soil health and long-term land sustainability. By preserving soil fertility and reducing erosion risks, sustainable agriculture fosters ecosystem resilience and mitigates the risk of desertification. The advantages of sustainable agricultural practices extend beyond environmental benefits. Emphasizing biodiversity conservation, these methods promote a more robust and balanced ecosystem. Additionally, the reduced reliance on harmful chemicals enhances food safety and quality, benefiting both consumers and wildlife. However, transitioning from conventional to sustainable agricultural practices can be challenging for farmers. Initial implementation costs, coupled with potential adjustments to established routines, may pose obstacles.

Moreover, sustainable practices may yield lower short-term productivity compared to conventional methods, potentially impacting food production and economic aspects.

### **Integrated Land Use Planning**

Integrated Land Use Planning can emerge as a robust solution in addressing the challenges posed by desertification in Southern Europe and the Adriatic Sea region, if performed correctly. Through its comprehensive approach, it offers several advantages. By promoting sustainable development and effective resource management, Integrated Land Use Planning can enhance environmental resilience and preserve ecosystems. The coordination of various land uses facilitates the implementation of preventive measures, such as afforestation, reforestation, and soil conservation practices, thus curbing the progression of desertification. Additionally, stakeholder engagement and cross-sectoral collaboration promote a unified and informed response to the issue. However, the implementation of Integrated Land Use Planning is not without challenges. The process demands substantial efforts in data collection, analysis, and stakeholder involvement. Balancing the diverse interests and priorities of stakeholders can be intricate, and conflicts may arise between economic development and environmental conservation goals. Furthermore, long-term commitment and cooperation among various administrative levels are essential for successful execution.

### **Regulation, monitoring, and Government Intervention**

In the context of combating desertification in Southern Europe and the Adriatic Sea, Regulation, monitoring, and Government Intervention could stand out as essential strategies. The formulation of comprehensive regulations and policies fosters responsible land use and contributes to environmental sustainability. By diligently monitoring land conditions and changes, early detection of desertification processes becomes possible, facilitating timely intervention and mitigation efforts. Government Intervention can play a vital role in allocating financial resources and support to initiatives that address desertification challenges and promote sustainable land management practices. Nonetheless, the implementation of stringent regulations may present challenges for some stakeholders, necessitating adjustments to existing practices. Additionally, continuous monitoring requires substantial resources and ongoing efforts.

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