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Water management platform in the Alpine space

In order to deal continually with the theme of water in the Alps, the Alpine Convention set up a platform on “Water management in the Alpine space”. Within this platform, objectives that were identified in the second Report on the State of the Alps should be pursued and examples of good practices exchanged. “With the Report on the State of the Alps on water in the Alps, the objective is yet to be reached. We need to guarantee that the challenges mentioned in the Report are pursued and that the objectives fixed by the Alpine Convention in terms of using Alpine water resources are actually reached” says Regula Imhof, Vice-Secretary General of the Alpine Convention who also coordinated the Report on the State of the Alps.

In its constituent assembly, the platform determined the priorities for its work programme for the next two years. Exchanging good practices and experiences on the theme of water among experts of the administration, NGO’s, scientists and relevant interested parties will be at the forefront. The main subject will be hydro electricity production as necessary developments of renewable energies also contribute to the ever-increasing pressure when exploiting Alpine water resources. Defining guidelines for a balanced exploitation of water resources for hydro-power generation could play a key role in supporting sustainable development in the Alps.

The platform will be co-presided by Austria and Switzerland and its members will be representatives of the Parties of the Alpine Convention, as well as interested parties from the world of science, economy or belonging to NGOs.

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