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PRESS RELEASE

Trento (Italy), 1st and 2nd of March 2010: ALPINE CONVENTION - Important step forward towards the creation of a network of alpine regions

Delegates of 14 alpine regions, coming from Austria (Vorarlberg, Tyrol, Carinthia, Lower Austria), Italy (Aosta Valley, Lombardia, Veneto, Friuli Venezia-Giulia, Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Autonomous Province of Trento), France (Rhône-Alpes, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur) and Switzerland (Uri), as well as from Slovenia, currently chairing the presidency of the Alpine Convention, met yesterday and today at Trento, upon initiative of the autonomous Province, and supported by the Secretariat of the Alpine Convention, to fulfil the first steps towards the creation of a "network of alpine region".

The Region delegates have recognized the importance of a unitarian vision of the alpine space and therefore the necessity of strengthening the inter-regional cooperation. The network envisions its role as i a functional network to compare and exchange views on policies related to sustainable management of mountain territories, with specific reference to the themes treated by the Alpine Convention.

The General Secretary of the Convention, Marco Onida, judges the result of the initiative undertaken by the Trento Province "historical", as it opens new horizons for the implementation of the Alpine Convention, a Treaty " meant for the territory" and offering great development potential for regional authorities, determined to seize them. Marco Onida declared: " for years we have been pushing for the creation of a network of Alpine Regions, based on the model of those already existing among municipalities, the alpine cities and the protected areas".

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