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Alpine Spring Festival

Water Change in Climate Change: threat or opportunity? Changing business in a changing climate

Potential scope/content of the workshop Climate change is posing urgent and crucial questions to the water cycle in the Alps. Changes in precipitation, snow-cover patterns and glacier storage are expected to alter the way water is transported, providing greater variability in the water supply throughout the year. Due to the high vulnerability to these changes, the Alps provide a preview of the challenges ahead for ecosystems, habitats and populations across Europe. How will the alpine hydrological cycle and the ecosystems be affected by climate change?

The event aims at giving a scientific answer to these questions. Furthermore, the event intends to foster a discussion among entrepreneurs, to analyse how the business sector is changing together with the climate, giving a better visibility to the Alpine small and medium enterprises operating on water and water-related Alpine issues.

This sector is characterized by numerous opportunities, e.g. new information and communication technologies, software and computer power improvements, greater attention on environmental issues by tourism, increased awareness of public administration on natural hazards etc.. At the same time, several issues are present, e.g. assignment criteria in public contests, access and availability to input data, legislation as main business engine, confused or absent guidelines for the realization of the assignment, keep up in R&D, payments timing of Public Administrations.

The objective of the meeting is to retrieve the ideas coming from all sides of the Alps and define common issues that can be addressed for easing and expanding this market.

Participants and auditory

Around these topics, participants are encouraged from:

- the “administration’s” perspective;
- the “operator’s” perspective;
- the “researcher’s” perspective;
- the “practitioner’s” perspective (consulting engineering and environmental businesses).

Meeting venue

Bolzano/Bozen at EURAC Research (Viale Druso 1)

Language

Workshop language is English, no translation provided

Date

4th march 2013 from 16:00 to 19:00





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Expert meeting Water change in climate change: threat or opportunity? changing business in a changing climate

4th March 2013 - h. 16.00 -19.00
EURAC Research Viale Druso 1 Bolzano

16.00 Welcome and introduction

(PAOLO ANGELINI - Italian Presidency Alpine Convention; MARCO ONIDA -Secretary General Alpine Convention; RICCARDO RIGON - Platform Water Management President)

16.20 The Platform on Water Management of the Alpine Convention - Activity Report

(KARL SCHWAIGER - Austrian delegation for the Platform Water Management)

16.40 The mandate of the Platform of Water Management in the Alps and the working objectives

(RICCARDO RIGON - Platform Water Management President)

17.00 The impacts of climate change on hydrological cycle

(ALBERTO BELLIN - University of Trento)

17.20 The impacts of climate change on ecosystems and biosphere

(ROBERTA BOTTARIN - Eurac Research)

17.50 Round table: “Climate change: threat or opportunity? Changing business in a changing climate”

(HEIKE BACH - Guest coordinator)

18.40 Discussion and conclusions

(RICCARDO RIGON - Platform Water Management President)

Poster Session by Adige River Basin Authority