



Dear Friends,

The countdown towards the XIV. Alpine Conference has started and we have less than 6 months to the 'big day'. We have a busy schedule ahead of us and the planning for the Ministerial conference and the Alpweek in Grassau, Germany is a big part of this.

The Alpine Conference, as the political decision-making body of the Alpine Convention is the highest decision body we have; as per the article 5 of the Framework Convention it "shall be held to discuss the common concerns of and cooperation between the Contracting Parties", but it is much more! This meeting of the ministers actually reaffirms the commitment of the Alpine countries to work together for the protection and sustainable development of the Alps and stresses the importance of the work done by the Alpine Convention bodies!

The Alpweek actually puts the idea of the Alpine Convention in a broader perspective, including NGOs and civil society organizations active in our region, bringing the key stake-holders together and providing a platform to show the work being done, and for the exchange of experiences and development of new ideas.

But the two events in October are not the only ones keeping us busy these days; apart from the business as usually – planning of the Permanent Committee meetings, meetings of the Working groups and platforms, communication work etc. We are also planning the 2016 edition of the We are Alps tour that will be focusing on the topic of Green Economy, we are working on the Young Academics Award and we are starting the preparations of the next edition of the "Reading mountains" initiative, and working on the release of the film dedicated to Alpine literature.

In the meantime, we have finalized the open recruitment processes and the open positions of the secretariat will be filled within the next weeks.

I wish you an enjoyable read of our newsletter!

Best regards,

Markus Reiterer, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention



The 60. Permanent Committee meeting as well as a workshop for the chairs of Working Groups and Platforms took place from 24 to 26 February in the Tyrolean Landhaus. The meeting focused, inter alia, on the following issues: implementation of the German Presidency program, preparations of the XIV. Alpine Conference, the outcomes of the dialogue of the chairs of Working Groups and Platforms, spatial planning, the preparations for the MAP, etc. In addition, the Permanent Committee made a decision on a number of legal adjustments to the Convention's secondary legal framework.

This Permanent Committee meeting also had a special focus on climate change, including green energy and water. The meeting therefore benefitted from an excursion to the combined drinking water and energy plant in Mühlau, close to Innsbruck. Also a briefing was organized on the EU-Project SINFONIA "Smart INitiative of cities Fully cOmitted to iNvest In Advanced large-scaled energy solutions". The pioneer cities of the project are Innsbruck and Bolzano/Bozen.

After the 58th Permanent Committee meeting in Bolzano/Bozen (Going Green Event) and the first Alpine Poetry Slam in the scope of the International Mountain Day in Innsbruck (Green Event Tirol) this was the 3. certified green event organised by the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention under German Presidency.

As such attention was drawn to:

- information on public transport and organised shuttle transfers;
- accessible venues with high ecological standards;
- responsible use of resources;
- catering and meals with high environmental aspiration;
- waste management;
- communication about the approach.



German Alpine Convention Presidency project: 'Assessment of the Alpine Convention Soil Conservation Protocol'

With reference to the 2015 "International Year of the soil", it is an important activity of the German Presidency to assess the effectiveness of the Soil Conservation Protocol. This project is supported and implemented by the German Federal Environmental Agency (UBA) as part of its Environmental Research Plan (UFOPLAN).

The key aspect is to evaluate the implementation status of the Soil Conservation Protocol by assessing soil protection measures regarding their effectiveness in the Alps. The assessment of the Soil Conservation Protocol is carried out through an Alps-wide expert online questionnaire which is open until mid-April 2016. If you would like to participate in this online survey, please send us an [email](#).

The results will be presented and discussed during a soil workshop, which takes place on the 23 and 24 June 2016 in Bad Reichenhall, Germany. The official agenda and invitation will be disseminated in April 2016. To pre-register, please [contact](#) Ms. Nina Kuenzer.

The project is realised on behalf of the German Federal Environmental Agency by a consortium consisting of "blue! advancing european projects GbR", CIPRA Austria, University of Innsbruck, ARP alpen.raum.planung and LAND-PLAN. It runs from November 2015 to September 2016.

Successful 1. Alpine Building Conference

More than 200 participants from 8 countries attended the 1. Alpine Building Conference in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 16 and 17 March 2016. The event was organised in the framework of the German Presidency of the Alpine Convention by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the Bavarian Chamber of Architects and the Technical University of Munich. As outlined by Dr. Hans-Dieter Hegner from the German Ministry, this conference is hoped to be the start for a regular exchange between relevant stakeholders to bring forward sustainable, near-zero energy building in the Alps, taking into account the rich Alpine architectural culture and the specific environment. Adapting to the landscape, making use of local natural resources, taking the whole life cycle of buildings into account, especially considering renovation before new building, and last but not least encouraging participative processes to shape the future of communities, were some of the main guiding principles of successful Alpine Building discussed throughout the conference. Secretary General Markus Reiterer thanked the organizers and participants for this important contribution to the implementation of the Energy protocol and expressed its confidence that the results of their work would be brought in front of the Alpine Convention's bodies.

Workshop on 20 and 21 April: Climate Mitigation and Energy Efficiency in Hotel and Restaurant Industries

Tourism, as one of the most important economic sectors in the Alps, is characterized by a hard competition. The demand for offers of sustainable tourism is rising. One of the key factors to adapt tourism in the Alps to these challenges is energy efficiency. Additionally energy efficiency can contribute to climate change mitigation. Since the Alps are responding extremely to climate change, hotel and restaurant businesses as key players in the tourism industry have special responsibility for climate protection measures.

What good experiences and best practices in the implementation of energy efficiency measures can be shared alpine wide and what starting point of joint initiatives can be developed? These and further questions will be discussed in a

workshop, initiated by the German Presidency that will take place on 20 and 21 April 2016 in Oberschleißheim (near Munich) at the venue of Kurfürst Restaurant am Schlosspark. Programme and registration can be found [here](#).

Conference - Sustainable tourism in the Alps

As contribution of the German Presidency and back-to-back to the next Permanent Committee meeting at the international conference “Sustainable tourism in the Alps: challenges (without Alternative)” is being organized in Sonnhofen on Wednesday 8 June 2016. The conference will address the topics of sustainable tourism in the context of current challenges for tourism in the Alps such as environmental problems such as climate change, increasing road traffic and resource use and social changes that influence tourism, focusing especially on innovative approaches towards more sustainable touristic strategies and products.



The “Reading mountains” initiative

It is with great pleasure that we inform you about the successful conclusion of the “Reading mountains” initiative 2015. We would like to express our warm appreciation to all the partners organizing the 100 events across the Alps and beyond. Thanks to this engagement the Reading Mountains Initiative has become a celebration of alpine literature and alpine culture on International Mountain Day. We have gathered some of the impressions in our [photo-gallery](#) and in the film “People, books and mountains – the Quest for Alpine Literature” that will be launched on World Book Day (23 April). Stay tuned!

We are already preparing the 2016 edition of the Reading Mountains Initiative. Consider joining us for an event. Or better still: organize one!

We are Alps 2016

In the light of the upcoming VI. Report on the State of the Alps the “We are Alps” press tour 2016 will be dedicated to the topic of green economy in the Alps. The call for interested journalists to apply was published and disseminated to the Alpine media stations. If you know a journalist who may be interested, please disseminate the information further.

The tour will take place between 29 June and 5 July 2016 on a route linking Innsbruck (A) and Gorizia (I). Activities on the topic of Green Economy in the Alps, including energy efficiency in buildings, renewable energy production, sustainable use of natural resources, ecosystem services and natural capital-based economy, and overall economic development as the basis for a good quality life in the Alps, will be carried out in Austria, Germany, Slovenia and Italy.

More about the tour can be found [here](#).

Meet the new team



The Permanent Secretariat concluded the selection procedures for all the open positions and is looking forward to work with our new colleagues! Ms Nathalie Morelle has already started with 1 March and will, amongst other things be covering the topics of Transport, Climate Change and Energy.

Two more colleagues will be starting in April and May respectively and will be introduced in the next edition of the newsletter.

All the staff members of the Secretariat are presented on the [webpage](#) of the Alpine Convention, where you can also find our contact information.

Alpine Convention and EUSALP

The WG MRS met on 12 January 2016 in Innsbruck and discussed current matters of the involvement of the Alpine Convention in the EUSALP. As regards its co-leadership of Action Group 6, particular attention was given to the coordination between the WG MRS and Action Group 6, to the recruitment of members for Action Group 6 and to collecting ideas for intended outputs for the three subtopics of Action Group 6, namely spatial planning and soil conservation, contribution of farming and forestry to nature protection and biodiversity preservation and integrated and sustainable water management. Furthermore the participants were updated on the planning of the resources available and on the involvement of the lead of Action Group 6 in the ETC project AlpGov, which should help to set up the EUSALP governance and support the Action Groups in implementing the Action Plan. The first meeting of the Action Group Leaders on 21 January 2016 in Brussels saw primarily information on the role the Action Group Leaders will have to play within their Action Groups and within the general governance of EUSALP.

The official launch of the Strategy took place at the EUSALP-Kick off Conference on 25 and 26 January 2016 in Brdo, Slovenia. The high level part included the constituting General Assembly, where the Alpine Convention was represented by Deputy Secretary General Marianna Elmi as Secretary General Markus Reiterer was not able to participate due to a pressing family issue. The Joint Statement adopted at the Conference endorsed the leaderships of the Action Groups. As a key player for the success of the EUSALP the Alpine Convention contributed substantially to the panels "Partnership with stakeholders" and "Cooperation for green opportunities and challenges".

The Steering Committee meeting on 26 January 2016 in Brdo was dedicated to a clarification of additional elements of the governance structure of the EUSALP. In this respect, the EC announced to draft common rules of procedure for all Action Groups. The EC will not act as a full member of the Action Groups, but will continue providing expertise. The Italian Ministry of the Environment will take care of the EUSALP website with the support of EURAC.

In line with the corresponding decision of the 59. Permanent Committee, the Permanent Secretariat carried out a selection procedure for a project officer for EUSALP affairs. Ms Lisa Ellemunter will start her work at the Permanent Secretariat mid-April 2016.

The partner meetings of the AlpGov project on 27 January 2016 in Ljubljana and 10 March 2016 in Munich were chaired by the Lead Partner Bavaria and served to define the Work Packages and the resulting activity scheme of the project as a precondition for preparing the AlpGov draft application form to be submitted on 8 April 2016 at the latest.

Action Group 4 “To promote inter-modality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport”, led by the EGTC EUREGIO Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino, held its kick-off meeting on 9 March 2016 in Innsbruck. The Alpine Convention, which has an observer role in this Action Group, was represented by both the Presidency of the Transport Working Group and the Permanent Secretariat. The group agreed to focus its work on the following four topics: Infrastructure charges and tolls, collecting technologies and tariffs, harmonisation as regards technology and rates, detours and modal imbalance, “Eurovignette” Directive; Environmental and social problems due to excessive traffic flows; Secondary networks (road and rail) and their interconnection with TEN-T; Improved public transport network, shorter intervals and synchronised transfer, improved service in peripheral regions (e.g. valleys).

An informal preparatory meeting of Action Group 6 takes place on 31 March and 1 April 2016 in Bolzano/Bozen to discuss achievable elements of a work program aiming at implementing the EUSALP Action 6 “To preserve and valorise natural resources, including water and cultural resources” as well as possible forms of involvement of different stakeholders in the Action Group’s activities. The informal preparatory meeting of Action Group 6 is preceded by a meeting of the WG MRS on 30 March 2016.

Contribution of the Permanent Secretariat to the European Environmental Agency online portal

The Permanent Secretariat, in the framework of a cooperation agreement with the European Environment Agency – EEA and with the support of Alparc on the topic of biodiversity – has published on the EEA website a contribution on the environmental status in the Alpine Region. The contribution was drafted according to the format of the report “The European environment – state and outlook 2015” and follows the contributions of other European regions, such as Arctic and Mediterranean. The overview on the different regional contributions, as well as the Alpine-specific one can be found [here](#).

New Maps of the Alps

A new edition of the popular maps of the Alps has been printed. They are displaying the whole Alpine Convention Perimeter in one map and thus are a handy tool for traveling in the alpine regions, incl. by sustainable means of travel. By climate compensating the CO2 equivalent of the 4.524 kg, which emerged through the printing, a forest protection project in Papua New Guinea was supported.

The maps are available at the premises of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention. Additionally, the focal points and partner organisations were provided with a requested amount of maps. The reprint has been made possible through a contribution by the German Presidency.



News from the Working Groups and Platforms

The last meeting of the WISO Platform in this mandate period took place on 20 and 21 January in Parco naturale Alpi marittime back to back to a Life DinAlp Bear Workshop and a Life Wolfalps Conference "The Wolf Population in the Alps: Status and Conservation Actions" that took place on 22 January. At the meeting several projects and updates to the projects were presented, amongst them: "The new genotyping approach to monitor the Bear and Wolf alpine population (and not only)", Life WolfAlps project and Life DinAlp Bear, whose results might be further discussed by the WISO Platform. The mandate proposal for the period 2017-2018 was elaborated and will be presented to the next Permanent Committee meeting.



Sustainable tourism

The Working Group Sustainable Tourism met in Milano on 2 February, 2016. The meeting was hosted at the premises of the Bocconi University and co-chaired by Italy and Germany. During the meeting, the outcomes of the working group were discussed: in particular, the results of a series of in-depth interviews carried out Alps-wide with representatives of successful sustainable tourism projects were presented. These results, together with additional content derived from the Working Group research, will be summarized in a report on governance for sustainable tourism which is in preparation by the Working Group.

Working Group Transport and the Zurich Process meetings

Working Group transport met on 8 February 2016 in Paris on its 33. meeting to discuss main agenda items: Working programme on art. 14., Innovative logistics solutions and Alternative fuels. For each of the points a presentation was prepared by responsible members of the group. This was the first meeting under the new chair – Mr Jean Pierre Garino.

The EnvALP working group of the Zurich Process, in which the Permanent Secretariat is an observer, met on 18 March 2016 in Zurich. Its report on environmental effects of traffic on air pollution is in its final stages and shall be submitted to the Conference of the Ministers of Transport on 31 May 2016, which will also decide on the potential future mandate of the working group.

Multiannual Programme

As a concrete step in the elaboration of the new Multiannual Programme of the Alpine Conference (MAP), the ad-hoc Working Group met in Munich on 14 and 15 March. During the fruitful discussion with the Working Group members, chaired by the German Presidency, the foundations were laid for a selection of the priorities for the next 6 years of work in the framework of the Alpine Convention. The MAP is a key instrument in order to thematically coordinate the joint efforts in a longer timeframe and to ensure coherence; specifically, the upcoming MAP aims at setting objectives until 2022. While waiting for the new Programme, why not recap and take a look at the [past MAPs?](#)

RSA 6 ad hoc expert group meeting

The ad hoc expert group established under the German Presidency and dealing with the topic of "Greening the economy in the Alpine Region" held its fourth meeting on 16-17 March in Munich at the Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Consumer Protection. The special focus of this meeting was the harmonisation and improvement of conclusions and recommendations on the first draft of the sixth Report on the State of the Alps (RSA6). The already developed draft was discussed by the Working Group and consensus persists on the relevance of the four selected topics of the RSA6: Energy-efficient and low-carbon economy, resource-efficient economy, ecosystem services and natural-capital-based economy, and economy supporting quality of life and well-being. During the meeting, the outcomes of a workshop with the Alpine Towns of the Year and of expert interviews were presented. Finally, the draft communication plan (which foresees also an international conference in the first half of 2017) and the main outputs of the work of the Working Group, such as the Report itself and an executive summary were introduced and discussed.



AlpWeek 2016

The preparations for the AlpWeek 2016 that will take place between 11-15 October 2016 in Grassau, Germany under the slogan "Alps & People, Living culture!" are fully under way. Check out the [webpage](#) dedicate to the initiative and learn more about the events planned – including the celebration in the scope of the 25 years of the Alpine Convention! Registration will open soon – we look forward to seeing you in Grassau in October!

ISCAR Alpine Research: Meeting conclusions

(Contribution by ISCAR)

Conclusions from ForumAlpinum 2014 and a Swiss meeting on mountain strategies in 2015 have been published on the mountain platform of the journal Mountain Research and Development:

- Giorgi A, Scheurer T (2015) Alpine Resources: Assets for a Promising Future – Conclusions from the ForumAlpinum 2014. [Mountain Research and Development 35, 4.](#)

- Scheurer T (2015) Strategy Development for Mountain Areas in Switzerland: Toward a new "Mountain Pact". [Mountain Research and Development 35, 4: 410-413](#)
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Interreg Alpine Space second call for project proposals open!

(Contribution by Alpine Space)

The two-step call is open for all four priorities of the programme.

Expressions of interest (EoIs) can be submitted until 8 April.

In early June, the programme committee will decide which proposals to invite for the second step of the application process.

The final selection of new projects will take place in October.

Details on the call, including the terms of reference and the exact timeline can be found [here](#).

24 January 2016, the "Charter of Cortina" is signed to reduce environmental impacts of winter sports events.

(Contribution by Italy)

In the framework of the assignment of the Alpine Ski World Cup 2021, the City of Cortina and the Italian Ministry for Environment promoted the signature of a "[Cortina Charter](#)", a document in 12 points by which the promoters take the commitment to protect the territory reducing the environmental impacts of winter sports large events.

The objective is to strengthen a model of touristic development based on efficiency in the use of resources, such as water and soil, on the limitation of greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs.

"With this signature" said Minister of Environment Gian Luca Galletti, "it begins an important route towards the World Cup in 2021, but it goes beyond that event, because it aims at making Cortina an excellence in the environmental issues. In the Charter we have identified 12 main points to meet the challenge of environmental tourism, and it is essential that it is rapidly translated into actions: we have a winning brand, a strong involvement ranging from administrators to citizens, extraordinary natural attraction. The challenge is wide: not only Queen of the Dolomites, Cortina has to be Queen of Sustainability".

Yet in the context of the Alpine Convention, the Italian Ministry for Environment has paid great attention to the issues of sustainability of activities that generate tourism and entertainment in the Mountain.

In the framework of the activities of the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention of 2013-2014, a task force on sustainable tourism has been promoted to the definition of sustainability indicators of tourism activities in mountain areas. Based on the work of the task force, in November 2014, the XIII. Alpine Conference of Turin decided to set up a group of experts designed by the Contracting Parties and gave it the mandate to deepen the theme of tourism as a driver for the enhancement of a green economy in the Alps.

The fifth report on the state of the Alps presented in Bruxelles and Rome by the Italian Delegation of the Alpine Convention

(Contribution by Italy)

The 5. Report on the State of the Alps on demographic change, prepared in the framework of the programme of the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention 2013-2014, has been presented on 10 February 2016 at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels and then in Rome at the Italian Minister for Transport and Infrastructure the 2 March 2016.



The Report was approved by decision of the Ministers of the Alpine Countries gathered in Turin at the XIII. Alpine Conference (November 2014), they also invited the Parties and the Secretariat to engage in the dissemination of the publication toward all the interested stakeholders. The meetings were occasions to present the publication to European Institutions and to the delegates of local and regional authorities.

Saverio Gazzelloni, from the Italian Institute for Statistics (ISTAT) that coordinated the ad hoc working group of the Alpine Convention for the drafting of the document, offered a complete overview of its contents by

presenting the comparison of data concerning demographic and employment trends in the Alps and using the cartographic maps improved by EURAC Research of Bolzano.

Along with the RSA5 the "Alpine Digital Agenda" has been presented, the document drafted in framework of the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention to deal with the needs of digitalization of Alpine territories.



Structurally characterized by difficulties in the access to digital services, as evidenced by the gap of penetration of the broadband to municipalities over 800 meters above sea level, mountain areas deserve a specific reflection for the definition of common priorities and objectives for enhancing the value of local resources starting from the needs defined by those living in there, the Alpine Digital Agenda, flanked by the analysis of demographic trends, aims at facilitating this reflection.

Great appreciation for the contents and scope of the publications has been recognized by guests attending the meetings.

The speakers attending the meeting in Brussel, from left to right:
Luca Cetara, Saverio Gazzelloni, on. Herbert Dorfmann, on. Raffaele Cattaneo, Paolo Angelini and Major Giacomo Lombardo.

In Brussel, Raffaele Cattaneo, President of the Lombardy Regional Council and the Commission for Territorial Cohesion of the CoR, wanted to highlight the importance of having direct elements of knowledge, like these provided by the Report, in order to implement effective policies for the Alpine region. Cattaneo spoke of the metaphorical value of the Alps, a meeting spot for different populations and cultures and a paradigm for a Europe that can and must reinforce its communion.

Following, MEP Herbert Dorfmann, member of the Commission for Agriculture and Rural Development and the European Parliament Intergroup for rural, mountain and remote areas, wanted to highlight how the study scientifically highlights the main perceptions raising from people living the mountain.

women exchange 4 Disaster Risk Reduction – we4DRR

From 2 to 4 March the launch symposium for the network we4DRR – women exchange 4 Disaster Risk Reduction was held in Hittisau, Austria. On this occasion numerous international female experts working in the context of disaster risk reduction, met to set the basis for a network in Europe.

During these 3 days the participants of the symposium shaped the future network for professional women and discussed gender issues in disaster risk reduction. This also included a short excursion to a close municipality that has been heavily affected by landslides, enabling the participants to exchange experiences and get to know each other.

The network we4DRR should enable professional and personal exchange of knowledge on an international level. The major topics will be gender issues in the context of disaster risk reduction and increasing the visibility of female experts in the field. The first contact point is the [website](#).



Immigration in the Alps, Successful start of the project Living together in the Alps

(Contribution by Alliance in the Alps)

The Alpine area, in all its diversity, is greatly affected by both immigration and emigration. While on the one hand, some immigrants consciously opt for a more peaceful lifestyle in mountainous areas and appreciate the high quality of life offered by the Alpine area, other inhabitants leave the Alpine valleys and migrate to urban centres, where they can find better connections to the labour market and (digital) infrastructure. The current influx of refugees adds a new aspect to the situation, as it involves people who have not necessarily wished to come to the Alpine area, and first have to get to know this special environment, with all its unique characteristics and customs. Through the project, Living together in the Alps, the network of municipalities, "Alliance in the Alps", tackles a broad range of issues related to migration in the Alpine area, in order to assist inhabitants and contribute to the development of common solutions.

On the basis of the comprehensive and constructive discussions between participants at the opening event in Grainau, topics were identified which will be intensely focused on during the two follow-up events in the framework of the project (29th of April 2016 in Leutkirch, and during the AlpWeek in October 2016 in Grassau). Specific needs and

objectives were identified, for example:

- Providing housing at affordable prices
- Finding a balance between the interests and needs of immigrants, and those of the local population
- Uniform conditions for refugees
- Refugees to remain in rural areas for longer, with the aim of improving integration

Workshop "Marketing Forests and Water"

The Italian Delegation of the Alpine Convention organized on 22nd of March 2016 at the FAO headquarters in Rome the Workshop "Marketing Forests and Water". The workshop has been the occasion to debate about the macroeconomic, economic and financial aspects related to the mountain forests and water as, for example, the ecosystem services, that are now a very topical theme. The economic evaluation of these goods plays today a crucial role in the creation of markets related with actions and policies for the management of the ecosystem services.

During the round table the relators and the participants, coming from the academic and institutional world, faced the macroeconomic implications of ecosystem services management, the fiscal reforms to protect the ecosystem services as well as the regulatory perspectives and the economic instruments for an integrated approach to mountain watershed management.

The outcomes of the Workshop may contribute to the future activities of both the Alpine Convention and the FAO EFC Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds (WP-MMW).

At this occasion the Italian Delegation of the Alpine Convention presented also the publication "The Statement on the Value of the Alpine Forests and the Alpine Convention's Protocol on Mountain Forests in the framework of the international forestry policies beyond 2015", first report written by the Working Group "Mountain Forests" 2013-2014.



The list contains events organized in the framework of the Alpine Convention, as well as by Partners. Please bear in mind that this list may not be exhaustive. Updated list is available on the [webpage](#) of the Alpine Convention.

April

until Monday 4	Constructive Alps Exhibition at the Infopoint Morbegno	Morbegno, Italy
Tuesday 5	Workshop on Communication and Open Data by Water Platform and Planalp	Padua, Italy
Wednesday 6	Water Platform meeting	Padua, Italy
Wednesday 6	PLANALP meeting	Padua, Italy
Wednesday 6	Joint Water Platform and PLANALP meeting	Padua, Italy
Tuesday 12 Wednesday 13	Compliance Committee meeting	Berlin Germany
Wednesday 13 Friday 29	Constructive Alps Exhibition at the Infopoint Domodossola	Domodossola, Italy

Monday 18 Tuesday 19	Spatial planning ministerial conference	Murnau, Germany
Wednesday 20 Thursday 21	Workshop "Climate Action and Energy Savings in Hotel and Restaurant Industries"	Oberschleißheim, Germany
Wednesday 27 Thursday 28	Platform Econet meeting	Chamonix, France
Friday 29	Handling the cultural diversity	Leutkirch im Allgäu, Germany
Friday 29 Saturday 30	Klimaschutzsymposium – Impulse. Austausch. Kooperation	Kongresszentrum in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

May

Monday 9 Friday 13	YPAC meeting	Bassano del Grappa, Italy
Tuesday 10	MAP WG meeting	Berlin, Germany
Wednesday 18	Alpen Forum Innsbruck: Klimawandel und Gesundheit: Diagnose klar – Welche Medizin wirkt?	Innsbruck, Austria
Friday 27 Saturday 28	Alpine Convention Day	Slovenia
Tuesday 31	WG Sustainable Tourism meeting	Kempton, Germany

June

Wednesday, 8	Tourism Symposium	Sonthofen, Germany
Thursday 9 Friday 10	60. Permanent Committee meeting	Sonthofen, Germany
Thursday 23 Friday 24	Symposium on the Protocol Soil Conservation	Bad Reichenhall, Germany
Tuesday 28 Thursday 30	RSA 6, meeting of Expert Group	Berlin, Germany
Wednesday 29 (Tuesday 5 July)	We are Alps tour	Alps

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