

Decision of the XIth Alpine Conference (un-official translation)*

Item B3 Future of the Alpine Convention and debate about a European strategy for the Alps

The Alpine Conference

1. in view of the objectives of the EU Treaty for territorial cohesion, is in favour of the current debate on the future European strategies and decided to make its own contribution to a possible strategy for an Alpine macro-region,
2. emphasised the fact that the long-term framework and juridical and political function of the Alpine Convention fully fits with the objectives and policies of the EU and that it is characterised by:
 - a. a broad area of application which takes in the aspects of preservation and development, helps to ensure an integrated approach and stimulates innovation
 - b. a clear geographic extension, based on the specific features of the Alpine territory and on its shared challenges
 - c. the extensive use of transnational cooperation, in response to the mutual needs and resources of the mountain territories
3. in order to further increase the contribution of the Alpine Convention to the debate on a possible future European strategy for the Alpine area, has established a Working Group, presided over by Slovenia, Switzerland and Italy,
4. asked the Permanent Committee to approve the mandate of this Working Group in its 46th session,
5. approved the enclosed declaration,
6. acknowledged and expressed satisfaction for the creation of the Network of Alpine Regions and expressed the wish that, in the future, this network works closely with the bodies in the Alpine Convention

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