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Dear Colleagues,
Dear Friends,

Now that the temperatures returned back to more comfortable levels, it's time to present the newest edition of our newsletter.

The summer of 2018 will be remembered, inter alia, for its high number of tropical days and drought damage in large parts of the Alpine arc and beyond. Already in 2006, the IX. Alpine Conference adopted the [Declaration on Climate Change](#) and mandated the Permanent Committee with the task of preparing an Action Plan recommending measures of specific alpine character and long-term initiatives. The Action Plan was adopted in 2009 and currently the Alpine Climate Board is elaborating a target system in regard to the perspective of a "climate neutral Alpine space" by 2050.

The priority "taking action on climate change" of the [MAP 2017-2022](#) will also be the core topic of the 66. Session of the Permanent Committee, which will take place in Innsbruck, on 06-07 November 2018. We are proud to present this meeting as Green Event Tyrol. This certification highlights that measures – in all kind of fields – have been taken to minimize the environmental repercussions of the event.

An exciting time is to come for those who participated in our 2018 Photo Contest. The 13 winners – which will be awarded with lovely prizes and a place on our 2019 Calendar – will soon be selected and the final winner will be announced on International Mountain Day, 11 December 2018.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the 4th edition of the Reading Mountains Festival. We warmly welcome initiatives to jointly celebrate the rich Alpine cultural diversity hinging on Alpine literature. Detailed information and registration instructions are given later in this newsletter. And there is plenty more to discover about the Presidency, the Thematic Working Bodies, the Contracting Parties and Observers and the Infopoints of the Alpine Convention.

Wishing you a colorful fall in the Alps,

Ambassador Markus Reiterer
Secretary General of the Alpine Convention



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News from the Austrian Presidency
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27. Session of the Compliance Committee in Carinthia

The third meeting of the Compliance Committee under Austrian Presidency took place in Drobollach, southern Austria, on 10 and 11 July 2018. The Compliance Committee had a first exchange on the draft report regarding the in depth review of the topic "Economical use of soil" prepared by the Permanent Secretariat. Furthermore a lively discussion on the scope and timing of the next ordinary compliance procedure led to the conclusion that the next national compliance reports on the implementation of the Alpine Convention and its Protocols have to be submitted by 1 September 2019 at the latest. The Contracting Parties are free to report only about changes to previous national compliance reports. The same procedure applies to reviewing compliance with the Declaration on "Population and culture".

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Head of Delegations Meeting: Shaping the future work of the Alpine Convention

The first week of September was dedicated to the question of how to best organize the future work of the Alpine Convention. Prior to an informal Head of Delegations meeting (see below) the Austrian Presidency invited the Observer Organisations to discuss proposals for an effective continuation of the work within the Alpine Convention. The discussion followed the priorities of the Multi Annual Working Programme 2017-2022. Guiding considerations have been: be as concrete and relevant as possible, concentrate on Alpine issues, develop concrete projects, adopt a transversal approach to topics and have the courage of leaving gaps.

An informal Heads of Delegation Meeting followed the Observers Meeting. The primary objective was getting a clearer view on the structure of working bodies and possible elements for their mandates, following the priorities of the Multi Annual Working Programme 2017-2022. Taking into account the discussions at these meetings the Presidency and the Permanent Secretariat will present a proposal for the future orientation of the work of the Alpine Convention to the next Permanent Committee in November in Innsbruck.

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News from the Secretariat

66. Permanent Committee certified as Green Event Tirol

The Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention is pleased to present the 66th Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention as [Green Event Tirol!](#) In order to obtain the certificate of Green Event Tirol, several efforts and measures in different fields have been introduced. With regard to catering, the food will exclusively



come from regional suppliers and is organic, Fair Trade or direct trade. Care is also taken to ensure that the location is easily accessible and barrier free. Sustainability does not only include ecological, but also social and cultural concerns.

The organization of events and meetings has environmental repercussions in all its components (communication, catering, waste, mobility, accommodation, etc.). That is why the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention strives for all its events to be designed, organized and carried out with high sustainability standards – e.g. as '[Green Events](#)'. "By making sure that our events meet the sustainability criteria, we also strengthen the local economy and take into account social aspects", Ambassador Markus Reiterer underlines the added value of green events. "With the certification as Green Event Tirol, the 66. Session of the Permanent

Committee emphasizes once again the standard we want to have for our events". The 66. meeting of the Permanent Committee will take place in Innsbruck on 05-07 November 2018. Stay informed via our website and social Media (facebook: [@alpineconvention](#), Twitter: [@alpconv](#)).

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The Alps from Space Workshop (EO4Alps)

The Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention contributed to the [EO4Alps](#) workshop, which took place on 27-29 June 2018 at the Villa Blanka Conference Center in Innsbruck, Austria. During this workshop, the opportunities for Earth Observation (EO) research and development were assessed, as well as downstream activities that may be the basis for future investments of the European Space Agency (ESA) to address some of the key information needs relevant to the Alpine Region. A presentation about the Alpine Convention, its work on data as well as an overview of the possible topics to which earth observation can contribute, was given by the Secretary General, Ambassador Markus Reiterer. The main findings and recommendations for dedicated scientific activities, applications development, service innovation and underlying ICT capabilities will be summarized in a report, addressing a wide spectrum of users and launching a dedicated Alpine initiative later this year.

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Secretary General Markus Reiterer visits the Bavarian State Minister Dr. Marcel Huber

On Monday, 3 September the Bavarian State Minister of the Environment and Consumer Protection, Dr. Marcel Huber welcomed Secretary General, Ambassador Markus Reiterer in the State Ministry for Environment and Consumer Protection in Munich, Germany. On this occasion, the Secretary General presented an update of the activities of the Alpine Climate Board, those concerning the 7. Report on the State of the Alps and issues connected to soil conservation. Connected also to climate protection and yet another priority topic which was discussed in depth is the protection and options of use of moorlands. In addition, the work of the current Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention on the topic of soil conservation was highlighted.

Particular attention was devoted to the actions taken by the Bavarian State in the follow-up of the operative recommendations for a coherent implementation of Article 11(1) of the Protocol on Nature Protection and Landscape Conservation in the Alps. Finally, the meeting also comprised an exchange on mountain biking in the Alps and the initiative of Mountaineering Villages (Bergsteigerdörfer).

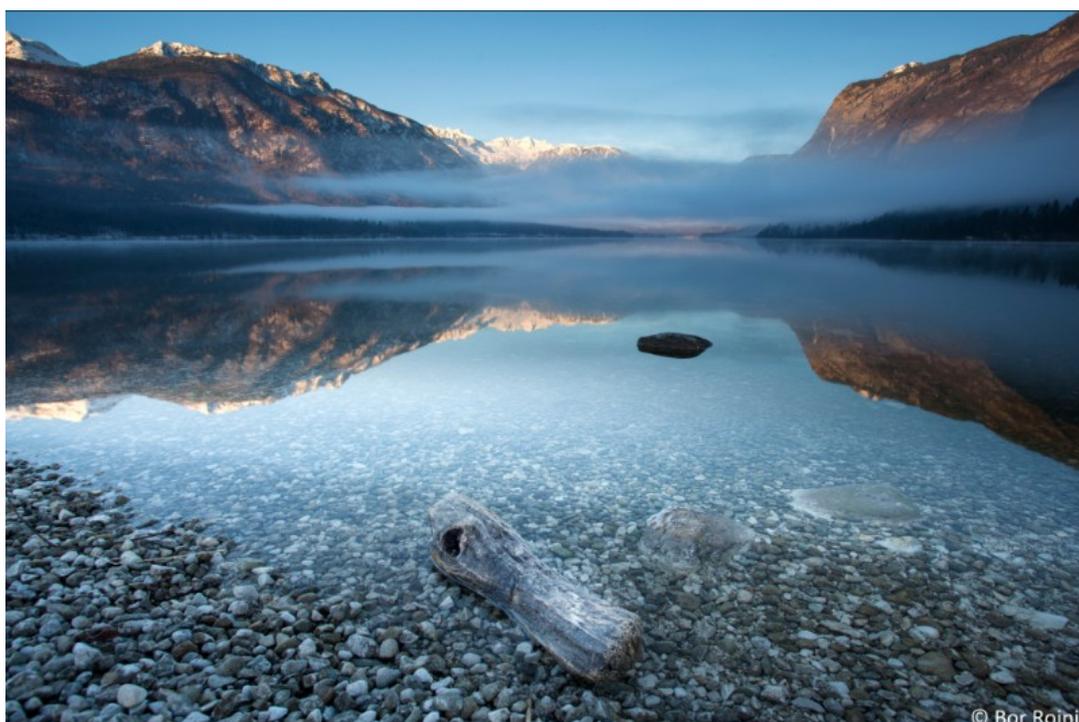
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4. edition of the Reading Mountains Festival

For the 4. year the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention invites partners from all across the Alps to celebrate alpine literature and alpine culture on the International Mountain Day (11 December). The events vary from cultural exhibitions to hikes with reading on a mountain peak to poetry slams or simply a reading circle about Alpine literature. There are many ways to participate in the festival and therefore being part of a huge group who pursues the sustainable development and protection of the Alps. You are very welcome to register your event on our [website](#). After your registration you receive bookmarks, stickers and posters to promote the festival. In case you are not interested in organizing an event check out the [map](#) for the events close to you – new events are added daily!

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Young Academics Award 2018: the deadline is coming closer!

There are just a few days left to seize the opportunity to apply for the 2018 edition of the Young Academics Award, the contest of the Alpine Convention that grants 7 prizes (up to the value of 1.000€!) to original Master's theses. Its aim is to foster young research as well as to stimulate and promote innovative young research on Alpine topics. The prizes have been made available by the Permanent Secretariat and the Austrian Presidency, as well as the four infopoints of the Alpine Convention.

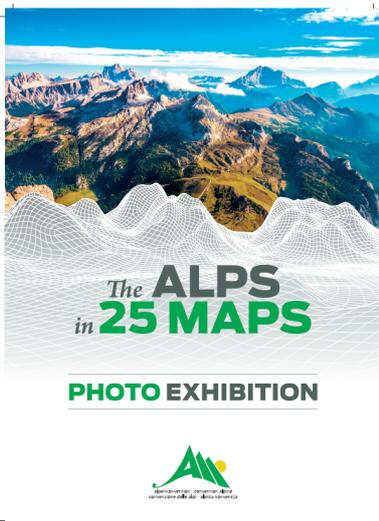
This year's topic is [Sustainable water management in the Alps](#): it includes aspects such as solutions for conflicting uses of water among different sectors, abundance of water and scarcity of water, efficient use of water and much more! Master's students from natural, technical or social sciences are welcome to apply!

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Preparation of the French Presidency

The French Committee of the Alpine Massif (Comité de massif des Alpes) is an institution composed of local elected representatives, members of parliament and representatives of the economic actors and of civil society, environment or sustainable development associations. It is consulted on relevant policies, involved in planning processes and can develop proposals. In preparation of the incoming French Presidencies of the Alpine Convention (2019-2020) and EUSALP (2020) the Committee instituted a dedicated international group. The Permanent Secretariat was invited as a permanent guest and attended the first meeting of the group in Grenoble on 11 September, where the French Focal Point presented the structures and the topics of the Alpine Convention. French stakeholders expressed both a strong interest in getting involved in Alpine-wide cooperation and a need to know more about the work of the Convention.

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New exhibition "The Alps in 25 Maps" inaugurated

The Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention inaugurated its new exhibition "The Alps in 25 Maps" in the occasion of the 39. edition of the AISRe – Italian Association of Regional Science, which took place in Bolzano/Bozen on 17-19 September 2018. The 16 maps, pictures and captions show and interpret spatial impacts and different phenomena taking place in the Alps: from the rural to the urban, from the population to the economy, climate change and much more. The exhibition is based on the publication "[The Alps in 25 Maps](#)", which was carried out in cooperation with EURAC.

The Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention was also invited to display its new exhibition "The Alps in 25 Maps" in the framework of the events and activities organized on the occasion of the XIX Edition of the "BITTM – Le Giornate del Turismo Montano (Mountain Tourism Days), which took place in Trento from 25 to 28 September 2018.

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New staff members

In the past quarter, the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention welcomed two new interns. Ms. Živa Novljan is holding a Bachelor's degree in Geography and is preparing her master thesis on the topic of karst geomorphology. She will support the Permanent Secretariat until the end of 2018. Mr. David Brunner is holding a Bachelor's degree in Geography as well and joined the team in August 2018 as organizational support officer for the "Reading Mountains Festival".

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NEWS FROM THE THEMATIC WORKING BODIES



IV. WISO Platform Meeting

On 26 and 27 September 2018, the Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society Platform (WISO) met for the last time in the mandate period 2019 – 2010 under the chairing of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention. The meeting was organised in cooperation with the German Delegation in the WISO platform, involving the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and

Nuclear Safety and the Bavarian Environment Agency and was hosted in the "House of the Mountains" of the National Park Berchtesgaden. Several topics were discussed; among them, the exchange of information between the Contracting parties, the final draft of the study containing an analysis of the existing use of the Agricultural Fund for Rural Development for financing damage prevention measures (EAFRD fund) in the Alpine countries and regions and its further potentials and the cooperation with the LIFE DINALPBEAR project. Before the WISO Platform meeting, a meeting of the experts on lynx part of the SCALP group (Status and Conservation of the Alpine Lynx Population) took place. The Platform had the possibility to visit during an excursion a sheep farm working with guarding dogs; the excursion was connected with a short hike through the impressive gorge "Wimbachklamm".

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27. PLANALP meeting

The 27. meeting of the Natural Hazards Platform took place on 28 September 2018 in Hinterstoder, Austria. The meeting was particularly important since the Platform approved the text of the 7. Report on the State of the Alps after almost two years of work. The report covers the topic of natural hazards risk governance, an innovative and holistic approach to the management of natural hazards that fosters the involvement of the citizens through participatory processes, allows developing integrated and effective measures for hazard prevention. The text will be presented to the 66. Permanent Committee with a view to its approval. Another item on the agenda was the discussion of the 2019-2021 mandate of the Platform.

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Week of EUSALP Events in Carinthia

The AG6 members met for their 5th meeting on 3-4 July 2018 in Latschach ober dem Faaker See in Carinthia to discuss the next steps regarding the implementation of their work programme. Sara Schaar, newly appointed member of the regional government of Carinthia for Environment, Energy and Nature protection, National parks, Women and Generations as well as Society and Integration, welcomed the Action Group 6 (AG6) members and participated in the afternoon of the first day. One of the highlights of the meeting was the adoption of the draft Declaration "Sustainable Land Use and Soil Protection – Joining Forces for Nature, People and the Economy". A public consultation to collect the feedback of interested institutions and civil society organizations was scheduled for September. During the meeting the current status of the two AG6 governance studies in the fields of water management and of spatial development and quantitative soil protection, which are commissioned by the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention within the framework of the AlpGov project, was presented. In addition AG6 co-leader Carinthia informed the members that a financing study will be elaborated and a subsequent financing workshop for Action Groups 6-7-8-9 will be organized. The meeting was concluded with an excursion to the organic hay-milk cooperative cheese factory Kaslab'n Nockberge in Radenthein.

Representatives of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention and AG6 Leaders participated at the Synergy Brunch organized by the Alpine Space Program on 5 July 2018 in Klagenfurt. The meeting was based on interactive workshops which helped establish new connections to ongoing Alpine Space projects.

In the afternoon the project partners of the Interreg Alpine Space project AlpGov met in Pörtlach am Wörthersee to discuss the progress of the single work packages, communication activities and the possibility of a prolongation of the project. At the end of the meeting, the project partners had a common session with the EUSALP Executive Board, which met at the same time to prepare the EUSALP Annual Forum in November 2018 and to get an overview of the programme of the upcoming Italian

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Second exchange workshop Alpine Convention - EUSALP

The chairs of the Alpine Convention's Working groups and Platforms as well as the leaders of the EUSALP Action groups met on 10-11 September 2018 in Vienna for the 2nd Alpine Convention – EUSALP exchange workshop. After a presentation of the experiences and lessons learned from the cooperation between the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River the participants discussed possible synergies and cooperation fields of both structures in five interactive sessions segmented along the thematic priorities of the Multiannual Work Programme 2017-2022 of the Alpine Convention. The results of this workshop will serve as a basis for a document shaping the future cooperation of both Alpine Convention and EUSALP.

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Workshop Networking for Ecological Connectivity and Green Infrastructure

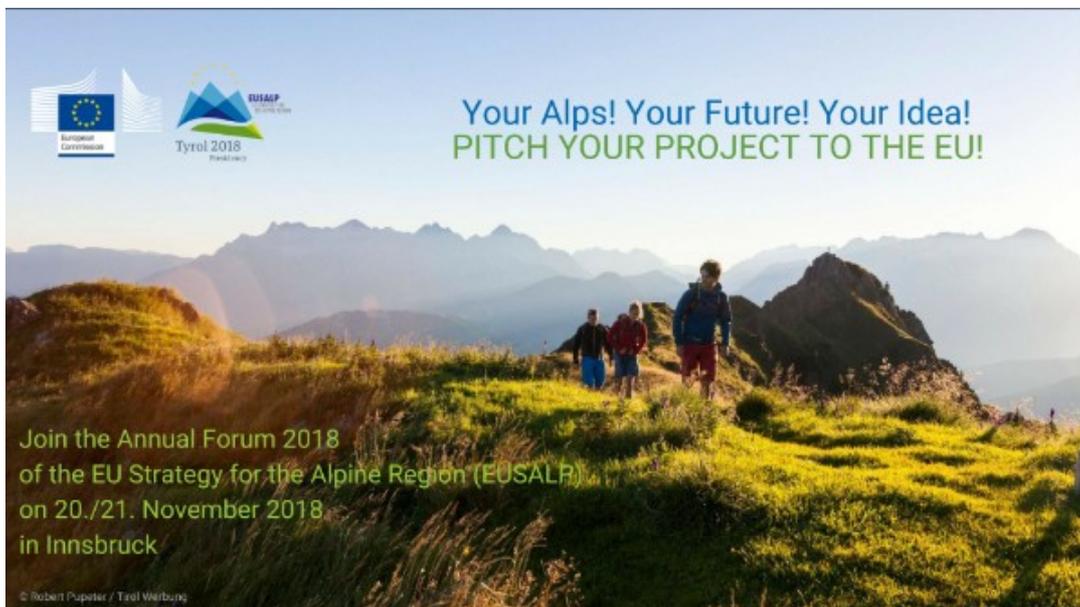


ACTION GROUP 7

To develop ecological connectivity
in the whole EUSALP territory

In the framework of the Mediterranean Coast and MRS Week 2018 the Workshop "Networking for Ecological Connectivity and Green Infrastructure" was organized by the Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation and EUSALP Action Group 7, in cooperation with the Slovenian Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning. The workshop, which took place in Izola (Slovenia) on 19 September, aimed at fostering the dialogue, building on the results from previous discussions and to further develop the identified proposals into tangible project ideas and strategic initiatives backed with relevant partnerships. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Pitch your project to the EU!

Did you come up with a brilliant idea for the Alps as a modern, attractive and sustainable living space and you have the ambition to become the future ambassador of your region? Then seize the opportunity to pitch your project to the EU during the 2. Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP). The initiative is open to everyone between 16 and 25 years living in the Alps. The best five candidates may present their project as a pitch at the Annual Forum in Innsbruck on 20-21 November 2018 and stand a chance of financial support (5.000, 3.000 and 2.000€) for their implementation! All information about the pitch session and the application process can be found [here](#).

Your Alps! Your Future! Your Idea!

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News from Delegations, Observers, Partners

ALPIONET2030 Midterm Conference

Contribution by Alparc



Identifying the Strategic Alpine Connectivity Areas (SACA) and proposing some concrete actions to safeguard their role for an alpine ecological network – these are one of the main challenges of the ALPBIONET2030 project. During the project Mid-term Conference that took place on 2-3 July 2018 in the Project Working Region (PWR) Berchtesgaden [first results](#) of the mapping of these areas could be presented to the interested public.

An excursion in the region offered the possibility to get an idea about what different types of SACA

could look like – and how to conserve or improve their functionality regarding ecological connectivity.

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Youth at the Top: the effects of climate change in mountain territories at the heart of the 4th edition

Contribution by Alparc

During its fourth edition on 12-13 July 2018, the Youth at the Top project brought together more than 450 young people in 43 destinations in the Alps and in the Carpathians. By means of actions as diverse as they were varied the younger generation was able to have mountain experience as well as enhancing their knowledge in favour of the protection and conservation of nature. During most of the events an action on the theme of climate change was also organised in order to raise young people's awareness about this subject. The international project is led by ALPARC – The Alpine Network of Protected Areas and is open to all the protected areas of the Alps and the Carpathians as well all the organisations working in the educational field. For further details click [here](#).

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YOUrALPS project: first milestones on Mountain-oriented education reached

Contribution by Alparc

Mountain-oriented education plays a key role to instil the sensibility and the knowledge of Alpine cultural and natural heritage in the young generation. A stronger coordination between formal and non- formal education therefore represents a big potential for sustainable valorisation in the Alps. During more than one year, the YOUrALPS project partners worked in this sense: developing a framework for Mountain-oriented education being grounded on local experience.

In this context, research - involving educators, young beneficiaries and other key stakeholder - has been undertaken to give supports to diverse needs of the multiple actors. The main results and conclusions of the survey and comparative analysis are now available in the "[Comparative report on Mountain oriented education](#)", which has been coordinated by the Institute of Geography, University of Innsbruck. Furthermore, in order to improve the coordination between formal and non-formal education in the Alps the multilingual web platform ouralps.org has been developed. The portal aims at the promotion of Mountain-oriented education, connecting stakeholder throughout the Alps and providing tools and supports for education and mountain professionals as well as young people. For further information about this Interreg Alpine Space project, please visit the [YOUrALPS website](#).

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The role of women in the development of sustainable tourism in mountain areas

Contribution by the Italian Delegation

In the framework of the recent Declaration on "The Role of Women in Mountain Regions" promoted by the Austrian Presidency of the Alpine Convention, the Italian Delegation organized the event "The role of women in the development of sustainable tourism in mountain areas", which took place on 22 August 2018 in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. The event aimed at exploring the role of women in the promotion of tourism and sustainable development in the Alpine area, promoting a debate among women directly involved in this field.

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Kreuth is the new Bergsteigerdorf in Germany

Contribution by Deutscher Alpenverein e.V.

Lush green alpine meadows, clear blue skies, ringing cow bells and Bavarian traditional music echoing from the mountain tops: what sounds like a scene from a nostalgic movie, became reality on 13 July this year in the Bavarian Alps. The village of [Kreuth](#) signed the declaration and officially became a member of the international network of the "Bergsteigerdörfer". More than 150 people from different countries came together to hike up to the alpine meadows of the "Königsalm"; among the guests were three Bavarian ministers (environment, economy, building and transport), representatives from all involved Alpine associations, all mayors of the other three Bavarian "Bergsteigerdörfer" as well as the Alpine Convention. For the mayor of the town, Josef Bierschneider, the acceptance to the "Bergsteigerdörfer" is a strong motivation to continue and strengthen the policy of sustainable development and environmental friendly tourism in his community.

Together with Ramsau b. Berchtesgaden, Schlechting and Sachrang, Kreuth is the fourth Bergsteigerdorf in Germany.

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Lungiarü: The Ladin Mountaineering Village in the Dolomites

Contribution by Österreichischer Alpenverein

On 5 August 2018, the Ladin town of [Lungiarü](#) joined the Mountaineering Villages' network. The Mountaineering Villages initiative supports sustainable tourism and aims at vitalising networks in the villages, securing local amenities, and improving sustainable mobility. As a Mountaineering Village, Lungiarü wants to preserve its originality and emphasise its distinctiveness. By observing the development of tourism in the region of the Dolomites, Lungiarü appears to be similar to a "Gallic village" secluded from the touristic hubs of the Val Badia. The peacefully located village of Lungiarü is situated at 1.400 m above sea level and is surrounded by the Dolomite summits of the Puez, Geisler, and Peitlerkofel mountain groups. The valuable natural and cultural landscape of Lungiarü can be experienced by a wide range of diverse touring possibilities throughout the year.

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Youth Alpine Interrail

Contribution by CIPRA International



"For me, living and experiencing the mountains means preserving not only a beautiful environment, but also having strong values and aiming at important things, like genuineness or the deep connection with other living beings and nature, which is impossible to obtain in big cities, where people are all disconnected from one another. Alpine people fight in order to preserve those traditions from the homogenizing forces of globalization." — [Alexandra Schindler](#)



REMI'S JOURNEY

"Being a hobbyist mountain hiker, I would like to tour the Alps, going from North to South and then continue my way to the Southern regions. I want to discover the country, but also to see the beautiful landscapes and great living places. On my way there, I want to stop in Switzerland, a neighbour to my home country, France, which I have known and liked since I was a child. I will continue towards Munich, famous city close to the Alps, where I have got my roots. From there, I can visit Bavaria, a land of mountains and forests. Then, I will visit Austria and particularly the region of Tyrol on my way to Innsbruck, being near to the mountains. I would like to visit the capital, Vienna, and the national park of Hohe Tauern, which I am sure to find some of the best. The end of my trip is not yet defined, but I would like to discover the great lakes of Northern Italy, which I have heard of since I was a child, and which I am sure to discover with my own eyes. I believe this trip will be a wonderful experience, even though I cannot see anything in some days of real, I am very much looking forward to it!" — [Alexandra Schindler](#)



"Why wander around in the distance, when good things lie nearby? By travelling through the Alps, I want to get to know better our neighbouring mountain areas and want to feel the myth of the Alps." — [Alexandra Schindler](#)



On September 20, the final event of the initiative [Youth Alpine Interrail](#) (YOALIN) took place in the Alpine Museum in Bern, Switzerland. Thirty of the overall one hundred young people, who participated in the initiative, traveling this summer through the Alps for one month with a reduced fare ticket, came to Bern to

celebrate; the best pictures and travel reports were awarded with prizes.

The Swiss Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard, in her opening speech, recalled her role in launching the project and making it happen, underlined the importance of sustainable mobility and praised the role of engaged young people in the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. The Alpine Convention, as another main promotor of the initiative was represented at the event by the current President of the permanent Committee, Ewald Galle, and the Deputy Secretary General, Marianna Elmi, who had the possibility to exchange with the participants on their experiences with sustainable mobility and ways forward for improving it. CIPRA and representatives of the CIPRA Youth Council, which were a driving force in setting up and implementing the initiative, co-moderated the event. You can find more information on the YOALIN [here](#).

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alpMonitor: How ideas grow and prosper

Contribution by CIPRA International

Marko wants to move to the countryside, but he lacks courage and prospects. Susanne wonders what to do with the many empty buildings. Arzu remembers her second home Turkey because of the local products, the regional cuisine and the traditional customs. In the project alpMonitor, CIPRA shows how social innovation is preparing the way for the future. How must people in the Alps organise themselves in order to develop new ways of life and the local economy? What do people need to engage with innovative approaches, and how can such initiatives contribute to sustainable development within a community? CIPRA International's new interactive presentation "[Social innovation - How ideas grow and prosper](#)" takes users on the road to sustainable development. Different characters within this story show how new thinking can lead to solutions for old problems. Locals and guests meet challenges together and develop solutions for the fictitious remote region "Alp-valley": How to revive fallow pastures, how to secure local supply, and how to value local traditions? A web dossier deepens the questions and proposed solutions. Join Marko, Susanne and Arzu into the Alp-valley and let yourself be inspired! All content available in German, French, Italian and Slovenian [here](#).

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Involving young people, but how?

Contribution by CIPRA International

More youth participation in the Alps is needed: the goal has been set, but the process is often slow to get off the ground in towns and municipalities. The "Toolbox for Youth Participation" developed thanks to the GaYA project offers start-up assistance.

Many approaches to youth participation attempt to involve young people in existing bureaucratic procedures. However, young people are often not involved in party politics, but are politically active in social media and in various cultural, sporting and social organisations.

In the Interreg Alpine Space project GaYA - Governance and Youth in the Alps - the project partners have developed a toolbox for youth participation. The "GaYA's Toolbox for Youth Participation" shows new ways and approaches of participation to meet the needs of both young people and politicians. The toolbox and its contents can be downloaded [here](#).

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Morbegno is awarded Alpine Town of the Year 2019

Contribution by CIPRA International

Morbegno in the Italian region of Lombardy is awarded "[Alpine Town of the Year](#)" in 2019. The committed small town in the Veltlin Valley near Lake Como is rich in history and culture and an insider tip among "slow tourism" lovers. It has dealt with the topics of the Alpine Convention and has identified important themes for the future. The town with around 12,000 inhabitants promotes regional agriculture and sustainable energy supply from district heating. Its long-term and environmentally friendly spatial planning, the renovation of historic buildings, modern green energy development and the promotion of mountain agriculture makes it an Alpine town par excellence.

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SILVER SMEs has been launched!

Contribution by EUROMONTANA

The new Interreg Europe SILVER SMEs project was launched in June 2018. SILVER SMEs aims to support regional policies in rural and mountainous areas by enlightening the potential for small- and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to develop new innovative products and services of benefit and joy for a senior population and for growth and competitiveness of the regions. More info [here](#).

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News from the Infopoints



Female Courage

On 7 September 2018, the Slovenian [Alpine Museum](#) in Mojstrana, which is also one of the Infopoints of the Alpine Convention, opened an exhibition titled "Female courage". It is the first exhibition on Slovenian alpinism, dedicated only to women with 20 extraordinary Slovenian female alpine climbers and their life stories in the centre of the exhibition and the opening event. The exhibition opening was also attended by Deputy Secretary General of the Alpine Convention, Marianna Elmi. She stressed the important role of women in the mountain regions, especially in the fields, which are considered predominantly male, such as alpinism. The exhibition will be open until the end of April 2019.

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Reading Mountain Info-Point Award 2018 at infopoint Domodossola

Infopoint Domodossola decided to organize a [literary contest](#) for the 4th edition of the [Reading Mountains Festival](#), the event that celebrates International Mountain Day. The title of the contest: "Mountain and Imagination. Let's free your creativity!", supports the aim of the project, *i.e.* promoting alpine literature, mostly through the active participation of kids. In fact only the students that are attending the third year of the middle schools in the Verbano Cusio Ossola Province can participate in the contest with their literary works. This project is possible thanks to the cooperation with "Parco della Fantasia" Gianni Rodari in Omegna and the local middle schools, but also with the contribution of Fondazione Cariplo. On 31 August 2018 the infopoint presented the initiative during a press conference in the Forum of Omegna, where also the awards ceremony will take place. The first three works selected by the panel of judges will win this first edition of Reading mountain Info-Point award and a collection of

books and a publication with their scripts.

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Infopoint Domodossola hosted the exhibition "Constructive Alps"

From 7-28 September 2018, the infopoint in Domodossola hosted the exhibition related to Constructive Alps, International Prize of Sustainable Architecture, in the cloister of the Mellerio Rosmini College in Domodossola. During the first day the exhibition was inaugurated with a conference held by the Professional Association of Architects, Urban Planners, Landscapers and Conservators. Stefano Costa, President of Verbano Cusio Ossola Province, gave a speech during the opening ceremony after a brief introduction by Andrea Cottini, Project manager at the infopoint of Domodossola. The architect, Carlo Ghisolfi, explained the characteristics of the International Prize to the numerous participants, focusing on the projects that received the important recognition.

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Seminar on water resource and water scarcity at infopoint Domodossola

After the participation at the 7th Water Conference – Forum Alpinum 2018 – in Austria, infopoint Domodossola organized a technical seminar about the contents related to water resource and water scarcity. The seminar took place on 15 September 2018 in Verbania. The programme contained the following discussion topics and speakers: "The water resource" by Corrado Ciocca, "Statistics and water scarcity" by Giancarlo Chiesa, "Evaluation of the water means for the offshot planning" by Filippo Miotto, "The water resource: qualitative and ecological aspects" by Marzia Ciampittiello, "The capacity of the invasi related to the resource management problems and hydraulic and environmental security" by Gianluca Vezzù and finally, "The security of the barriers for the accumulation of the water resource" by Fabrizio Barpi.

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seminario tecnico - scientifico
RISORSA IDRICA e SCARSITA' IDRICA
L'UTILIZZO PIURIMO DELLA RISORSA IDRICA E LA VALUTAZIONE DELLA SCARSITA' IDRICA

SABATO 15 SETTEMBRE 2018
ore 9.30
Villa Giulia - VERBANIA

Ore 8.45 Accoglienza e registrazione dei partecipanti.
Ore 9.30 Salotti istituzionali e introduzione ai lavori, a seguire gli interventi:
- Gestione delle acque e della scarsità idrica nell'arco alpino - Ispoliti apprese e prospettive, Andrea Bonardi
- La risorsa idrica, Corrado Ciocca
- Scarsità e servizi d'acqua, Giancarlo Chiesa
- Valutazione della disponibilità idrica per la progettazione delle derivazioni, Filippo Miotto
- La risorsa idrica: aspetti qualitativi ed ecologici, Marzia Ciampittiello
- La capacità degli invasi in relazione ai problemi di gestione della risorsa e di sicurezza idrica e ambientale, Gianluca Vezzù
- La sicurezza degli sbarramenti per l'accumulo della risorsa idrica, Fabrizio Barpi
Ore 12.30 Conclusioni e Chiusura dei lavori

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Upcoming events

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Below you can find an overview of the upcoming events organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention and its Partners. An updated list of events is available on the [webpage](#) of the Alpine Convention.

October

01–02	Water Management in the Alps Platform Meeting	Turin/Torino, Italy
03–05	Mountain Oriented Education	Triglav, Slovenia
04–05	AlpFoodWay Midterm Conference	Innsbruck, Austria
10	Natural Hazards Event	Innsbruck, Austria
17	EUSALP meets Leader and internal Meeting of the EUSALP AG7	Turin/Torino, Italy
23–24	EUSALP AG6 Meeting	Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
24–25	EUSALP Executive Board Meeting	Innsbruck, Austria

November

05	Workshop: Sustainable tourism in the Alps. Who gets the job done?	Innsbruck, Austria
06–07	66 th session of the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Conference	Innsbruck, Austria
07–08	Conference: Make Climate Visions Become Reality!	Innsbruck, Austria
20	EUSALP General Assembly	Innsbruck, Austria
20–21	2 nd Annual Forum of EUSALP	Innsbruck, Austria
21–22	Final conferences: AlpES and SPARE	Innsbruck, Austria
27–28	Erfahrungsaustausch Mountainbike- und Fahrradwegenetze in den Alpen	Innsbruck, Austria
28–29	3 rd Green Economy Action Board Meeting	Berlin, Germany
30	Young Ideas for the Alps!: GaYA Conference on youth participation and governance	Chambéry, France

December

04	Transport Working Group Meeting	Paris, France
10–13	Alpine Convention at UNFCCC COP24	Katowice, Poland
11	Reading Mountains Festival	Alpine arc
13–14	Sustainable Tourism Working Group Meeting	Turin/Torino, Italy
13–14	AlpGov Project Partner meeting (EUSALP/AG6)	Turin/Torino, Italy