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**ATTIVITÀ DEGLI OSSERVATORI IN ATTUAZIONE DEL PROGRAM-
MA DI LAVORO PLURIENNALE**

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Allegato

**I. Realized and planned activities and projects of the observers of the Alpine
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A Relazione degli Osservatori

Durante il periodo di Presidenza Austriaca 2016-2019, sono state molteplici le iniziative da parte degli Osservatori della Convenzione delle Alpi realizzate per la messa in atto della Convenzione e del suo programma Pluriennale 2017-2022. In allegato viene riportata una descrizione dettagliata delle iniziative degli Osservatori nonché dei progetti e degli eventi da essi organizzati.

B Proposta di decisione

La Conferenza delle Alpi prende atto della relazione degli Osservatori della Convenzione delle Alpi e ringrazia per il lavoro svolto.

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ANLAGE/ANNEXE/ALLEGATO/PRILOGA

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Realized and planned activities and projects of the observers of the Alpine Convention 2016 -2019

The list of the reports is in alphabetical order. The report of the Association Alpine Towns of the Year and the Interreg Alpine Space Programme can be found at the end due to the layout.

Alliance in the Alps

- **dynAlp-nature (2013 – 2016)**

Alliance in the Alps for nature protection

There are no administrative boundaries to nature. Therefore, 25 members of the Community Network *Alliance in the Alps (AidA)* are working together beyond national borders for more biodiversity and a better quality of life. In the context of the *dynAlp-nature* program, four cooperation projects were launched in January 2014, each of them dedicated to a specific topic: visitor management, ecologically valuable green space in urban areas, wetlands and the marketing of regional products.

The *dynAlp-nature* projects enabled municipalities to “think outside the box” and to initiate projects with a small financial incentive and the expertise of other *AidA* partners. In the past ten years, there have been three such *DYNALP* programs for members of *Alliance in the Alps*. Source and further information: <http://www.alpenallianz.org/de/projekte/dynalp-nature/projekte>

- **AlpenZukunft gestalten (2014 – 2016)**

Alliance in the Alps for sustainable development of Alpine communities

The project *Shaping the Future of the Alps* addressed the effects of demographic change in German Alpine communities. In general, *AidA* offered a platform for an exchange of experiences between all German Alpine communities.

For sustainable development, the Alpine communities need the long-term safeguarding of balanced social structures. After reviewing the situation in *AidA*’s German member municipalities, these important challenges were identified: affordable housing, especially for young families, securing local supply, mobility and location marketing for the municipalities. Following the presentation of pilot projects, their transferability with the project managers was discussed. At the closing event in April 2016 at the Alpweek, the concrete project results

were presented and some topics were taken up again and dealt with in depth.
<https://alpenallianz.org/de/projekte/alpenzukunft-gestalten>

- **Zusammen.Leben in den Alpen (2015 – 2016)**

Alliance in the Alps for promoting mutual understanding and cooperation between Alpine and extraAlpine populations

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 influence of refugees adds a new aspect to the situations, as it involves people who have not necessarily come to the Alpine area voluntarily, and first have to get to know this special environment, with all its unique characteristics and customs.

In the frame of the project *Living Together in the Alps* a large number of municipalities, knowing about the challenges Alpine communities face nowadays in times of diversity, successfully worked on long-lasting solutions for the various thematic fields: labour-market situation, social balance, communication, handling conflicts, welcome-culture, services, and many more. The result are strategies and findings which need to be spread, shared and implemented elsewhere in the Alpine region.

<http://alpenallianz.org/de/projekte/zusammen-leben-in-den-alpen>

- **youTurn (2016 – 2017)**

Alliance in the Alps for the indigenous young population to guarantee their living standards

The project *youTurn* gathered young people, workers, political and administrative representatives of municipalities in the Alps. The project was empowered young people to actively take part in political decision making on a local level and to engage in communal life.

Furthermore *youTurn* aimed at promoting cooperation and knowledge transfer on youth participation across the municipal, regional and national boundaries. The project objectives were to gather good practices in youth participation, to exchange experience and, inspired by this exchange, to jointly implement a concrete project in every municipality. Thereby municipal youth policy will be strengthened and young people will be motivated to get active. *Alliance in the Alps* has conducted this project together with CIPRA International, Alpine Town of the Year and the nature park Nagelfluhkette.

<https://alpenallianz.org/de/projekte/jugendbeteiligung-in-gemeinden-staerken>

- **Alpweek 2016 Grassau/D**

The Alpweek 2016 was held from 11 to 15 October in Grassau/D: 20 market stands, 25 sessions and several different excursions offered the approximately 300 visitors the opportunity to exchange information and opinions in the fields of demography, culture and quality of life with lectures, panel discussions and workshops. The motto was "Alps & People".

25 years of the Alpine Convention with living culture were celebrated at an evening event. AidA participated in the Alpweek with the closing event of the project *Living Together in the Alps*: "Diversity wins! Migration in Alpine communities: Municipalities are called upon to play an active role in dealing with this diversity and thus to contribute to a good cooperation between new residents and the local population". After the first part with contributions on the topic from Vorarlberg/AT, Heidelberg/DE, Ostana/IT, Rankweil/AT, the participants were able to clarify open questions and deepened individual topics in a panel discussion.

<https://alpenallianz.org/de/aktuell/alpen-menschen-das-war-die-alpenwoche-2016>

- **Stadt und Land im Fluss (2016 – 2018)**

Alliance in the Alps for high living standards in the Alpine space

The project was implemented within the scope of the Austrian Presidency of the Alpine Convention.

The project objective was to develop an understanding of the necessity, requirements and success factors of urban-rural relations. Examples of different existing models for successful cooperation were to support and motivate the first steps in a cooperation topic.

The outcome of the project is a support tool in the format of an interactive website making the collected knowledge about cooperation accessible to municipalities and regions in the Alpine space. <https://www.alpenallianz-stadt-land-fluss.org/>

- **PlurAlps (2016 – 2019)**

Alliance in the Alps for quality of life in Alpine municipalities

In the coming years, the Alpine region will experience the combined challenges of an ageing population and new migration models. However, this also creates opportunities for social innovation through diversity and consciously pursued pluralism. Above all, rural regions and mountain areas need new approaches for a well anchored welcoming culture.

PlurAlps aims to support communities, businesses and civil society in developing a welcoming culture, thereby strengthening the attractiveness and social cohesion of rural areas. In this project *Alliance in the Alps* is working on the development of the social planning instrument (SPI), an instrument for medium and long-term social planning in municipalities.

<https://alpenallianz.org/de/projekte/pluralps>

- **speciAlps (2017 – 2020)**

Alliance in the Alps for natural diversity

The aim of the "speciAlps" project is to recognize, preserve and value natural treasures. It appeals to regions to strengthen cross-municipal natural diversity in the Alpine region and to enable nature experiences as everyday opportunities. Nature diversity teams are being formed in five pilot regions. Specially trained, local supervisors accompany and advise the nature diversity teams during implementation. For example, green spaces can become biotopes or rough meadows, nature trails can be designed or flower meadows can be sown along fields. <https://alpenallianz.org/de/projekte/specialps>

- **BeeAware! (2018 – 2021)**

Alliance in the Alps for bee protection

BeeAware! aims to inspire municipalities in the Alps to protect bees and thus improve the livelihoods of both, honey and wild bees. Bees depend on an intact biodiversity. The different bee species need different plants, nesting and drinking places in order to survive. Holistic bee protection must therefore mean securing, improving and enlarging the habitat of these important pollinators. <https://alpenallianz.org/de/projekte/beeaware>

- **EUKI (2017 – 2019)**

Alliance in the Alps for climate protection

Regional, national and transnational networks, umbrella organisations and other cooperation structures in the field of climate protection and energy efficiency are joining forces to work more closely together in the future and to better support municipalities and local

governments in the Alpine region in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, an international conference was held in November 2018 with the topic "Make Climate Visions become Reality". In this conference, the kick-off for the Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action (ALPACA) was laid and the outcome has been incorporated in an own project.

<https://www.euki.de/euki-projects/konferenz-climate-partnership-of-alpine-municipalities/>

- **ALPACA(2019)**

Alliance in the Alps for climate protection

The Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action (ALPACA) is based on the idea that municipalities and local authorities play a key role in climate protection and adaptation to climate change. They are strongly supported by various organisations such as climate and energy agencies, networks and researchers.

A feasibility study and the preparation for the launch of *ALPACA* (2017-2018) identified key issues to better support municipalities and small regions in their engagement. The results of the *ALPACA* Kick-off Conference "Make climate visions become reality", which took place on 7-8 November 2018 in Innsbruck, Austria, are part of this project.

A central question for *ALPACA* is: how can municipalities and local authorities and their partners better communicate climate change in order to get policy-makers, public authorities, entrepreneurs and residents to act?

In 2019 the focus of the activities will be the exchange within the *ALPACA* core group on innovative mediation approaches, based on current scientific and practical knowledge and experience, collecting, experimenting and further developing successful approaches in the regions of the respective *ALPACA* partners and dissemination of Alpine experiences through mediation approaches in the field of climate protection and adaptation through various media and events. <https://alpenallianz.org/de/aktuell/klimakonferenz-2018-lassen-wir-klimavisionen-wirklichkeit-werden>

- **Alpweek Intermezzo 3-4 April 2019**

Like its bigger sister, the quadrennial AlpWeek, Alpweek Intermezzo is an international event on sustainable development and related Alpine issues, jointly organised by key Alpine organisations. For 2019 the event is conceived as a lunch-to-lunch conference which will bring the main Alpine stakeholders together to meet and exchange views on the topic "Tomorrow in the Alps". <http://alpweek.org/2019/en/welcome/welcome/>

ALPARC (The Alpine Protected Areas)

Between 2016 and 2019, ALPARC carried out the following activities related to the Alpine Convention and sustainable Alpine development:

- Alpine Space Interreg Project **ALPBIONET2030** to improve the ecological connectivity in the Alpine Space. The main objectives of the project, which runs until October 2019, are the definition of strategic priority areas for ecological networking in the EUSALP and Alpine Convention area, the development of a wildlife management strategy for this area, the provision of a detailed cartography on the topic and an overview of possible mediation formats in nature-human conflicts.

Links: <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/alpbionet2030/en/home>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T89WD5CN678&feature=youtu.be>

- Alpine Space Project **YOuRALPS** on Education for Sustainable Development in the Alps. The aim of the project is to promote young people's identification with the Alpine habitat.

Links: <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/youralps/en/home>

Video: <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/youralps/en/project-results/deliverables-download/communications-materials>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwin4XimDN1enA1XBdKcqlA/videos>

- Alpine Space Project **GaYA** on the participation of young people in the local political life in the cities and rural areas of the Alps. The young generation was more involved in the democratic processes of their home regions within the framework of this project (12/2016-02/2019) in order to shape the developments of their immediate living space.

Links: <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/gaya/en/home>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLruN5JFIQI4SK-wo0_97d9V80m6tx9b65

- **Memorial Danilo Re** (2016,2017, 2018, 2019): Rangers and protected area employees from all Alpine countries and the Carpathians compete against each other in a sporting competition. Within the framework of a thematic seminar, the participants will learn interesting facts about specific topics of their daily work (e.g. effects of outdoor sports on fauna in winter) and about the Alpine Convention.

Links: <http://www.alparc.org/danilore/index.php/fr/>

- **Youth at the Top YAT** (2016,2017,2018): Groups of young people set off on a common day of the year for an active and civic action with a symbolic and imaginative approach in the mountains to experience mountain nature up close.

Links: <https://youth-at-the-top.org/de/>

Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj6DaLp6mZE&list=PLruN5JFiQI4RQZyQ8fLGBlkOp4-0xkxjT>
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLruN5JFiQI4RnvpLCLFCTJLshf2_gvnFX

- **Alpine Parks 2030:** the project aims at proposing solutions how to address the gaps in the network of protected areas of the Alps and to promote a stronger cooperation of the Alpine protected areas towards a coherent network of protected areas with largely harmonized and thus efficient management measures.
- **Destination Parks:** In order to come closer to vision of a common Alpine Park Tourism, the exchange between park regions on the topic of sustainable tourism, especially in the areas of product development and marketing, will be carried out.

Links: <http://www.alparc.org/news/news-from-the-network-alparc/item/938-destination-parks-working-towards-a-common-vision-of-alpine-park-tourism>

- **WeWild** and **Be Part of the Mountains** Campaign: Individual outdoor sports, especially in winter, are enjoying increasing popularity. However, these leisure activities can have serious effects on flora and fauna. Various Alpine initiatives are actively working to sensitise users to these issues. WeWild connects the alpine initiatives and offers harmonised approaches.

Links: <https://bepartofthemountain.org/en/>

Video: www.alparc.org/videos/bpm

- ALPARC **Conference** to the topic **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) in protected areas:** The new technology of the drones offers a great potential for the daily work of the protected areas. However, improper use of the technology can also have negative consequences in the protected areas. At an international conference, experts had the opportunity to exchange views on this topic.

Links: <http://www.alparc.org/resources/item/894-unmanned-aircraft-systems-drones-in-protected-areas-i-conference-presentations>

- **Ecological Network Platform** (Mandate 2016-2019): ALPARC coordinates the activities of this working group on behalf of the Franco-German Presidency of the Ecological Network Platform of the Alpine Convention. The main focus of this mandate was the exchange with the pilot regions of the Ecological Network and the coordination of the report on the consideration of ecological networking in spatial planning in the Alpine countries.

Links: <http://www.alpconv.org/de/organization/groups/wgecologicalnetwork/default.html>

- **GreenConnect:** The implementation of Ecological Network measures can have interesting socio-economic impacts in the pilot regions of the Alpine Convention. The project shows the possible contribution of such measures to an Alpine Green Economy.

- **Conference „The Wolf in the Alpine Cultural Landscape“** (2016): Expert exchange on the topic "The wolf in the alpine cultural landscape" and how to react to it.

Links: <http://alparc.org/news/news-from-the-network-alparc/item/802-conference-the-wolf-in-the-alpine-cultural-landscape-registration-open>

- **International meeting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the reintroduction of the Bearded Vulture** in the Alps.

- **ADCnet:** Network to promote exchange between the protected areas of the Carpathians, the Danube and the Alps. Signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) and preparation of a joint action plan.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ULcUSGMB3I>

- **InnovAlps:** Innovation in alpine nature park regions. Innovative approaches and projects investigated and success factors identified.

Links: <http://www.alparc.org/our-actions/economy-and-life-quality/innovalps>

CIPRA / Commission Internationale pour la protection des Alpes

CIPRA is an umbrella organization located in Schaan, Liechtenstein, with 8 national and regional offices in Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Slovenia, South Tyrol and Switzerland. Its aim is to promote sustainability and environmental protection in the Alpine region.

CIPRA International has strong connections to the Permanent Secretariat and other bodies of the Alpine Convention. It participated within the last three years as observer in the Alpine Conference, Permanent Committee, Compliance Committee as well as in different Working Groups and Platforms: Transport, Ecological Network, Water Management, WISO, MAP, Sustainable Tourism.

AlpWeek & AlpWeek Intermezzo

Together with other organisations CIPRA is organising the event AlpWeek and AlpWeek Intermezzo. AlpWeek is an international conference week on sustainable development and related Alpine issues, which takes place every four years. The AlpWeek conferences bring the main Alpine stakeholders together to meet and exchange views. The last AlpWeek has been executed in 2016 in Grassau with the topic “Alps & People”. The next AlpWeek Intermezzo will be held in April 2019 in Innsbruck on the topic “Tomorrow in the Alps”. More information: <http://alpweek.org/2019/en/>

CIPRA International structures its work in three teams, each of them taking care of a specific subject area: Economic transition, Nature & People, Social Innovation. CIPRA and its member organisations implemented different projects and activities with regard to the Alpine Convention since 2016.

Subject Area: Economic transition

Cross Border Mobility (2018-2019)

Tens of thousands of commuters move across national borders every day in the Alpine region. Existing traffic routes, however, were mostly built with a purely national perspective and are not geared to cross-border commuter flows. This holds particularly true for public transport systems. Most of the commuter's transport flows across borders are by car. Congested roads with a negative impact on economy, society and the environment are the consequence.

The aims of the project Cross Border Mobility are:

- To establish an overview of cross-border mobility across the Alpine Region with a focus on daily commuting;
- To identify gaps of cross-border mobility with respect to infrastructure and soft factors;
- To identify solutions for facilitating daily cross-border passenger flows by sustainable transport modes through new opportunities offered by digitalisation;
- To provide a basis for future activities of AG4 and AG5 of EUSALP;
- To implement the findings in several hotspots for cross-border-commuting in the Alpine Region.

This project relates to the activities of the “Transport Working Group” of the Alpine Convention and supports the main objective of the Transport Protocol of the AC as well as the [Multiannual Work Programme 2017 – 2022](#). More information under: https://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/cross-border-mobility?set_language=en

PEMO (Pendlermobilität) (2016 – 2018)

Also the project PEMO was about commuter traffic across national borders. The project finished by the end of 2018. Further information under: <https://www.cipra.org/de/cipra/international/projekte/laufend/pemo>

AlpInnoCT - Alpine Innovation for Combined Transport (2016-2019)

This project relates to freight traffic. The Alps are a sensitive ecosystem to be protected from pollutant emissions and climate change. Continued growth in freight traffic volume leads to environmental problems. These trends reinforce the need to review existing transport and develop innovative models to protect the Alpine Space. The objectives of the project and further information can be found under: <https://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/alpinnoct>.

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EUKI (European Climate Initiative EUKI) (2017 – 2019)

CIPRA was also active in the conference “Make Climate Visions become Reality”, as mentioned above. The EUKI is a project financing instrument by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). It is the overarching

goal of the EUKI to foster climate cooperation within the European Union in order to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. It does so through strengthening a cross-border dialogue and cooperation as well as exchange of knowledge and experience. CIPRA International is working with Alliance in the Alps and Alpine Town of the Year on a project that aims to foster climate protection at the local and regional level. <https://www.euki.de/euki-projects/konferenz-climate-partnership-of-alpine-municipalities/>

ALPACA (Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action)

EUKI financed a conference that was held in November in Innsbruck and that marked the launch of ALPACA - Alpine Partnership for Local Climate Action. After a feasibility study that was carried out between 2017 and 2018 and the EUKI conference, the ALPACA project will start its activity in 2019. Further information:

<https://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/climate-partnership-of-alpine-communities>

Sustainable Tourism Workshop

CIPRA was also active in the field of **sustainable tourism** with the following project:

<https://www.cipra.org/de/cipra/international/projekte/laufend/fachworkshop-tourismus>

Constructive Alps (2017)

The prize for sustainable architecture Constructive Alps was awarded the third time in 2017:

<http://www.constructivealps.net/>

Green Economy Action Programme (GEAP) and GEAP - Sectorial (2017 – 2020)

The Green Economy Action Programme - Sectorial project aims to develop further the Green Economy Action Programme (GEAP) for the Alps with a focus on specific sectors and topics, which will be elaborated in detail in selected pilot areas. The selection of the topics and pilot areas will take place in the first half of 2019. In autumn 2019 stakeholder workshops will be held in the pilot areas. Together with the actors from the pilot areas the consortium (blue!, Spatial Foresight and CIPRA International) will develop implementation plans and options for joint follow up activities (e.g. in a European project).

<https://www.cipra.org/de/cipra/international/projekte/laufend/gruenes-wirtschaften-im-alpenraum>

Subject Area: Social Innovation

GAYA (Governance and Youth in the Alps) (2016 – 2019)

The project GaYA offers help for participation processes with its toolbox for youth participation. Further information under: <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/gaya/en/home>

Whatsalp Youth (2017 – 2018)

With the project whatsalp youth CIPRA empowered young adults to implement own projects such as workshop, excursions or volunteer work:

<https://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/whatsalps-youth>

Living Labs (2018 – 2020)

Young people are creating with politicians, NGOs and the national CIPRAs new approaches to topics like tourism and landscape in the frame of the project Living Labs:

<https://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/living-labs>

Youth Alpine Interrail Ticket (YOALIN) (2018 and 2019)

Sustainable travelling was the main topic of the project **Youth Alpine Interrail**. In the summer 2018 young people travelled by train, bus or on foot through the alps. A 2nd edition will take place in summer 2019: www.yoalin.org

Sustainable Lifestyle in the Alps (2018-2019)

What we eat, what we throw away, how we live and move around - in short, our **lifestyle** - affects our environment, our fellow human beings and the climate. With this project, CIPRA aims to make a contribution to achieving sustainable development goals in the Alps by promoting sustainable consumption patterns and lifestyles oriented towards a good life in the

Alps. Together with our research partner, the Swiss Federal Research Station WSL, Birmensdorf/ CH we prepare an overview on recent scientific concepts, we making good examples and pioneers visible in the Alps and carry the results into relevant Alpine political bodies. More: https://www.cipra.org/en/cipra/international/projects/current/sustainable-lifestyles-in-the-alps?set_language=en

PlurAlps (2016-2019)

This project aims to develop and promote such a welcoming society and to increase the territorial attractiveness and social cohesion of Alpine areas through innovative services and practices for the integration of migrants. The project will enable municipalities to engage better in social planning considering aspects of cultural diversity and quality of life of all citizens. Further information: <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/pluralps/en/home>

youth.shaping.EUSALP

This project gives young people a voice in the discussion of Alpine issues that directly concern their living and working environment. Young people's voices should not only be heard from time to time. Young people should become well renowned and highly acknowledged stakeholders with impactful opinions and considerations. Building on ideas collected at the first EUSALP youth congress in Munich in November 2017, the Tyrolean presidency 2018 has invited young people to take part in a workshop on 19th November in Innsbruck in the frame of the EUSALP Annual Forum. A second workshop is planned for 29th and 30th March 2019 in Liechtenstein. The long term goal an Action Plan that will be endorsed by the EUSALP General Assembly, the political level of EUSALP, and anchored in the future activities of EUSALP. CIPRA International and "Alpine Town of the Year" are supporting the development of this project together with the Region Tyrol, the Office for Foreign Affairs in Liechtenstein and the Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development (ARE). Further information: <https://www.eusalpforum2018.com/index.php/en/side-events/youth-shaping-eusalp>

Subject Area: Nature and people

Bee aware! (2018-2021)

From nesting aids for wild bees and honeybees to information events: As part of the Bee Aware! project, pilot communities across the Alps are testing bee protection measures for three years, with a blog accompanying the project:

<https://www.cipra.org/de/cipra/international/projekte/laufend/beeaware> and beeaware.blog.

SpeciAlps (2017-2020)

Together with the association Alliance in the Alps, CIPRA is leading the SpeciAlps project, in which five pilot regions are concerned with natural diversity in municipalities:

<https://www.cipra.org/de/cipra/international/projekte/laufend/specialps>

AlpES (Alpine Ecosystem Services) and SPARE (Alpine rivers as society's lifelines) (2015-2018)

The Alpine Space projects AlpES and SPARE were completed in autumn 2018. Ten partner organizations collected ecosystem services over three years and summarized them in a web map and the online encyclopedia WikiAlps:

<https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/alpes/en/home> and project partners from five pilot regions developed methods for sustainable river management at youth summer camps, personal meetings, thematic commissions, public forums and workshops: <https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/spare/de/home>

Activities of national CIPRAs from 2016 – 2019

in connection with the Alpine Convention

CIPRA Slovenia

- Co-financing of Timetables in the Alps:
<https://www.cipra.org/sl/cipra/slovenija/aktivnosti-v-teku/vozni-redi-v-alpah/vozni-redi-v-alpah-2018>
- Co-operation and co-organization of Annual Conference in Bled in 2018
- Co-operation at the panel for expert basis for mountain areas Strategy of spatial development for Slovenia:
http://www.mop.gov.si/fileadmin/mop.gov.si/pageuploads/podrocja/prostorski_razvoj/gorska_obmejna_obmocja_zakljucki.pdf
- Co-organization of Alpine Convention Days in 2016, 2017 and 2018:
http://www.mop.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/mednarodno_sodelovanje/alpska_konvencija/dan_alpske_konvencije/
- Co-operation with YPAC high schools (Maribor, Kamnik)

CIPRA Italia

Cipra Italia is part of the National Coordination Board instituted by the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention. In addition to its participation in the Coordination Board, CIPRA Italia has collaborated with the Italian Presidency in the preparation of the 13th Alpine Conference held in Turin in November 2014, in particular through the implementation of the seminar "Population and culture: the Alps of today", a seminar on the theme of inhabited mountains, starting from an updated reading of the declaration "population and culture" of the Alpine Convention. The activities carried out in collaboration with the Italian Presidency are reported in a publication produced by CIPRA Italia with the support of the Ministry of the Environment and the Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention. Further information: <https://www.cipra.org/it/pubblicazioni/popolazione-e-cultura-le-alpi-di-oggi>

The Alpine Lab for Sustainable Development: The Alpine Lab for sustainable development is a work path started in Susa Valley in the year 2014, financed by the Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation. Important recognition of this activity was then obtained from the Italian Ministry of the Environment which, through the General Secretariat of the Alpine Convention, made it possible to disseminate the format and produce a hard-copy publication (Italian/English) that incorporates the various editions of the laboratory (activity completed in the year 2017). https://www.cipra.org/en/publications/the-alpine-lab-experience-carried-on-by-cipra-in-the-susa-valley?set_language=en

Activities with the Community Network Alliance in the Alps: CIPRA Italia, through its director, is in charge of the animation of the Italian municipalities of the Network Alliance in the Alps and of the coordination of international cooperation projects. The *SpeciAlps* program (2018-2019, concerning the protection of biodiversity) and *Bee Aware* (2018-2020, regarding the protection of bees) are currently underway. CIPRA Italy is in charge of the task of animating the pilot municipality of Budoia as part of the *Pluralps* Interregional Alpine Space project (2018-2019).

During the year 2017, CIPRA Italy collaborated with the Italian Ministry of Environment and the Permanent Secretariat on a project that involved the Italian municipalities of the network in the implementation of strategies for adaptation to climate change, resulting in the Charter of Budoia. <https://alpenallianz.org/it/attualita/la-carta-di-budoia-adattamento-ai-cambiamenti-climatici> (It/Ger/Fr)

Sustainable Alpine Tourism: a laboratory of sustainability practices in the Italian Alps:

This is an ongoing project for which CIPRA Italia has a contract for scientific support in the framework of the activities of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Italian Ministry for the Environment and the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention for “Co-operation on the implementation of the Protocols to the Alpine Convention in the territory of the Republic of Italy”. The goal is to take stock of sustainable tourism practices, not intended as experiences per se, but rather as an element that integrates and is integrated into a complex economic system that enhances local resources with a view to respect for and re-production of the territory itself.

CIPRA Austria

With its Alpine Convention Bureau CIPRA Austria has continued information and communication work in order to ensure a stable and up-to-date basic knowledge of the Alpine Convention and its implementation in Austria. 7 more issues of the since 1994 published journal "Die Alpenkonvention. Nachhaltige Entwicklung für die Alpen" were produced and widely disseminated, e.g. to all municipalities within the scope of the Convention, as well as 12 more editions of Alpine-Convention-focused „Alpen-Newsletter“. Several specialized events on topics from the conflict areas between spatial planning - nature protection - tourism - traffic highlighted the preservation of alpine open spaces as an important scientific and political issue, joined by a book publication of ARL together with science and regional planning representatives.

CIPRA Austria repeatedly made critical public comments on conflict issues in Alpine protection, including further endangering of alpine open spaces and protected areas by cable car and energy projects, plans for high-level roads in contradiction to the transport protocol

and the traffic consequences of intensive tourism.

To the still threatening Alemagna highway a decision in favour in European Parliament could be prevented, and the 2017 "Memorandum of Kartitsch" fixed a broad public bottom-up alliance of mayors, citizens' initiatives, NGOs and individuals from Veneto via South, East and North Tyrol to Carinthia calling for an end to all Alemagna plans. The volunteer "Rechtsservicestelle Alpenkonvention", coordinated by CIPRA Austria, has issued several statements – which for instance prevented planned touristic development of the Warscheneck nature reserve in Upper Austria – and organized highly sought-after workshops on the legal application of the Energy, the Spatial Planning and the Traffic Protocol joined by juridical documentation volumes.

In the book "25 Years of the Alpine Convention - Insights and Views", published for the anniversary in November 2016, 22 authors documented the implementation and called for more punch in Alpine (Convention) politics.

Club Arc Alpin

The **Club Arc Alpin (CAA)**¹ was founded as umbrella organization of the eight leading mountaineering associations of the alpine arch in 1995. The CAA coordinates and represents the common interests of these associations in the fields of mountaineering, nature protection and alpine spatial planning on an international level, particularly in the organs of the Alpine Convention, and promotes the exchange of information. Main components are the three expert commissions "Mountaineering, training and safety", "Nature protection and alpine spatial planning" and "Huts and trails". The CAA represents more than 2.3 million mountaineers in the alpine countries, but has a very small structure with only one part-time employee and very restricted resources.

CAA participated actively in the Compliance committee, Permanent Committee and the Alpine Conference of the AC, e.g. with a written comment to the internal process of reorganization of the working groups and platforms of the Alpine Convention. Furthermore, representatives of CAA took part actively in different working groups and platforms: transport, mountain agriculture, PLANALP, Alpine Climate Board (ACB) and MRS.

CAA updated its position paper of the Alpine associations concerning the protection and the value of cultural and natural alpine landscape in 2017 https://www.club-arc-alpin.eu/fileadmin/downloads/Positionspapiere/neues_Layout_ab_2013/Update_position_Landscape2017.pdf.

Furthermore was created an update of the joint position concerning Via ferratas in nature and landscape:

https://www.club-arc-alpin.eu/fileadmin/downloads/Positionspapiere/neues_Layout_ab_2013/Via_ferrata-reviewed_2017.pdf

In 2018 new versions of the joint papers concerning climate change have been developed and approved: one with political demands https://www.club-arc-alpin.eu/fileadmin/downloads/Positionspapiere/neues_Layout_ab_2013/Demands_Climate_change_2018.pdf, a second one with a strategy including a self commitment of the alpine associations: https://www.club-arc-alpin.eu/fileadmin/downloads/Positionspapiere/neues_Layout_ab_2013/CAA-climate_change_strategy2018.pdf

¹ Please note that, due to the current restructuring of the website, the report by CAA will be amended with updated links. The document with the amended links will be uploaded on the PSAC Intranet, as soon as available.

In 2017, the CAA initiated an internal process for the exchange of views between its three commissions on MTB and E-MTB. The initial result was a common position on pedelecs that was relatively general, but included the areas of nature conservation, sport and trails:

<https://www.club-arc->

[alpin.eu/fileadmin/downloads/Positionspapiere/neues_Layout_ab_2013/PositionPedelecs2017.pdf](https://www.club-arc-alpin.eu/fileadmin/downloads/Positionspapiere/neues_Layout_ab_2013/PositionPedelecs2017.pdf).

However, the issue is still relevant in the CAA: e.g. the hut commission organized a conference on the issue in the framework of a tourism fair in Ljubljana in January 2019.

In 2018, the CAA conducted an elaborate and extensive survey of its member associations on the significance of the Alpine Convention for them and on the role of the CAA as an observer. The results confirmed on the one hand that the Alpine Convention continues to be a very important reference point for the Alpine associations in terms of content, but that there is also a certain dissatisfaction with the implementation, which is still perceived as sluggish. The CAA will therefore continue to be active in its work as an observer in the interests of its member associations.

The CAA is a partner organization of the Alpweek –Intermezzo 2019 and as such involved especially in the preparation of the planned political discussion.

In the field of Tourism the CAA-member associations work continuously for a more sustainable tourism in the Alps, promoting environmentally friendly hiking, mountaineering, ski mountaineering and so on, and maintaining hundreds of huts and thousands of kilometers of hiking trails. Often in collaboration with local and regional organizations and institutions, often also as “lawyer for nature” against the economical exploitation and/or the enlargement of skiing areas.

EUROMONTANA

I-Euromontana is a European network dedicated to improving the quality of life in mountain areas. Created in 1996 by representatives of 14 states, about 70 members in 20 countries are now members of Euromontana.

The purpose of the international association is:

- Expression, promotion and defense of the cultural, economic, political and scientific interests of the mountain population,
- the valorization of research on mountain areas,
- Information of public opinion on the problems of mountain areas
- Encouragement to training and research in mountain areas,
- The development of international cooperation to reduce inequalities between Europe's mountain regions.

II-Work themes

Euromontana has common working topics related to the Alpine Convention (Agriculture, Forestry, Energy, Sustainable Tourism, Environment and Climate Change, Mobility ..).

III-External cooperation

Euromontana has regular links with the European institutions (Parliament, Commission), experts in Civil Dialogue Groups and networks (Alpine Convention, EUSALP, ENRD, EIP Agri, Partnership for the Mountain ...).

Various European actions provide information on European policies, communicate and share good practices.

- Euromontana is involved in European projects (INTERREG Program, LIFE, Horizon 2020 ..).
- Euromontana organizes Conferences with other European partners.
- Euromontana organizes every two years a "European Conference of the Mountain" on a theme related to the work topics chosen by the members of the structure.

Euromontana has been an observer of the Alpine Convention for more than 20 years and involved in various working groups (Standing Committee, GW Agriculture, Large Carnivores and SMR). Its various works provide avenues for reflection to the members of the Alpine convention.

IV-Suggestions for future links with Observers:

Euromontana welcomes this initiative to collect feedback on the activities of Observers. It is desirable to further strengthen the relationship between States and Observers through the General Secretariat. Observer Initiatives to present at a Standing Committee a Study or the results of a Conference related to the themes of the Alpine Convention should be more organized (eg in the form of hearings registered with the General Secretariat).

V-Selection of reports related to the themes of the Alpine Convention (links on the Euromontana website)

1 In connection with the Agriculture working group:

Euromontana has invested a great deal in the field of mountain farming and the development of the optional quality label "mountain products" in Europe, notably with:

- A charter on mountain food products that has collected more than 600 signatories (2016)
- Monitoring of the implementation of the optional quality label in the various Member States (study available on request, last updated, January 2019)

- An event on how to better value mountain food products (October 18, 2017)

- *The european charter for mountain quality foods products : [charte sur les produits agroalimentaires de montagne](#) ;*
 - *[comment mieux valoriser les produits agroalimentaires de montagne](#).*

2 In connection with the Alpine Climate working group

Euromontana organized its X European Mountain Summit on Climate Change, "The vulnerability of mountains to climate change: how can mountain people adapt and mitigate the effects? »In Bragança (Portugal) in October 2016, document communicated at the Alpine Conference in Grassau (Germany) in November 2016. Euromontana published its final declaration:" Face the challenge of climate change: adaptation for future generations "and good practices for the mountain as well as the proceedings of the conference.

- « [La vulnérabilité des montagnes face au changement climatique : comment les montagnards peuvent-ils s'adapter et atténuer les effets ?](#) » ;
- *Final declaration : « [Face the challenge of climate change: adaptation for future générations](#) »*
- *Good practices : [bonnes pratiques](#) ;*
- *Proceeding of the conference : [actes de la conférence](#).*

3 In connection with the ad hoc group of experts on spatial planning

Euromontana organized with DG REGIO the Conference on Future Cohesion Policy in Mountain Areas after 2020, "How to improve mountain contribution and benefits for mountain territories? In June 2017 in Brussels (Belgium). The proceedings of the conference as well as a press release have been published, calling in particular on the management authorities to take better account of the characteristics of the mountains in the implementation of the cohesion policy.

- « [Comment améliorer la contribution des montagnes et les bénéfices pour les territoires de montagne ?](#) » ;
- Proceeding of the conference : [actes de la conférence](#) ;
- Press release : [communiqué de presse](#).

4 In connection with the large carnivorous, wild ungulates and society platform

Euromontana organized a conference: "What future for Pastoralism in Europe?" Cohabitation with large carnivores and the attractiveness of the pastoral professions in question, in March 2018 in Moûtiers (France) to better understand the situation of the 4 major elders carnivores in Europe and the challenges posed to pastoralism in Europe in the face of increasing numbers of these large carnivores. The proceedings of the conference are available.

- « [Quel avenir pour le Pastoralisme en Europe ? La cohabitation avec les grands carnivores et l'attractivité des métiers pastoraux en question](#) » ;
- Proceeding of the conference : [actes de la conférence](#).

5 In connection with the Tourism Working Group

Euromontana organized its Xth European Assises of the Mountain, "Cultural heritage: an asset anchored in the territory of Europe in September 2018 in Vatra Dornei (Romania). in the territory synonymous with attractiveness for the future of our mountains ", Euromontana calls for better recognition and preservation of mountain cultural heritage, as a source of innovation and attractiveness for the territories. available.

- « [Le patrimoine culturel : un atout ancré dans le territoire synonyme d'attractivité et d'avenir pour nos montagnes !](#) ». « [Patrimoine culturel : un atout ancré dans le territoire synonyme d'attractivité pour l'avenir de nos montagnes](#) » ;
- Proceeding of the conference : [actes de la conférence](#) ;

- Press release : [communiqué de presse](#) ;
- Good practices : [bonnes pratiques](#).

6 Related to the Mountain Forests / Green Economy Working Groups

Euro Montana organized a conference in Skrad, Croatia in November 2016 on "Innovation and circular economy in the mountain forest sector : how to close the loop?". The proceedings of the conference are available. This conference finalized a study on the same theme, including good practices and recommendations for a more circular economy in mountain forests (March 2017).

Euromontana participated in the PEGASUS research project on a better valuation of ecosystem services (2015-2018) with several case studies in the Alps.

- ["L'innovation et l'économie circulaire dans la filière sylvicole de montagne : comment boucler la boucle?"](#) ;
- Proceeding of the conference : [actes de la conférence](#) ;
- A study : [une étude](#) ;
- [PEGASUS](#) ;
- Several case studies : [plusieurs études de cas](#).

F.I.A.N.E.T.

FIANET members realized the following projects and activities that were linked to the Alpine Convention or the sustainable development of the Alpine regions:

Italy

1. Carta di Cortina

The Cortina Charter is a document proposed by the Ministry of the Environment and signed by the Italian Winter Sports Federation and other stakeholders. It is the result of the willingness of various municipalities in Alpine resorts to take measures to reduce the impact of winter sports on areas with rich biodiversity, which constitute an important natural and cultural heritage.

The Cortina map was drawn up in preparation for the 2021 World Alpine Ski Championships, an international event held in the Dolomites, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in mountain areas with exceptional landscapes. This event could be an important instrument for the improvement of mountain areas in environmental, social and economic terms.

The aim of the document is to promote the identification and implementation of strategies that combine economic sustainability with environmental sustainability, in particular by promoting the development of sustainable tourism based on efficient use of resources such as water and land, limiting emissions and energy costs, eliminating waste and environmental education in an area of exceptional value, beauty and universal heritage. This requires the involvement of institutions, local communities and in particular schools, while at the same time taking measures to encourage and facilitate the active participation of enterprises.

Further information:

<http://www.minambiente.it/pagina/carta-di-cortina-sulla-sostenibilita-degli-sport-invernali/>

<http://www.minambiente.it/sites/default/files/archivio>

[immagini/Galletti/Comunicati/Carta%20di%20Cortina 24gen. pdf/](http://www.minambiente.it/sites/default/files/archivio/immagini/Galletti/Comunicati/Carta%20di%20Cortina%2024gen.pdf)

<http://www.cartadicortina.com/>

2. General conditions of mountain tourism "CARTA DELLA MONTAGNA BIANCA ITALIANA"

The "Carta della montagna Bianca Italiana" is intended to be a strategic instrument containing the main points on which all state measures for the development of tourism in the Italian White Mountain should concentrate. The positions identified have been shared by stakeholders throughout the supply chain that affect the sector, both in terms of visions and best practices and in terms of tools and implementation methods.

A vision that must take into account the international context, the critical aspects of the system, social and cultural values, sensitive sustainability issues, the wealth of material and immaterial heritage, the rural knowledge network, etc. It is a complex context that involves and finds strength in elements such as landscape, environment, traditions and can limit the demographic decline of most mountain and Apennine areas.

The "Map of the Italian White Mountain" is intended to provide the public-private system with useful tools for the correct planning of the tourist development of the Italian winter mountains:

- to raise awareness and knowledge of the values of the area understood as a "heritage",
- to disseminate the concepts that form the basis for sustainable tourism development,
- to increase the benefits of an appropriate interaction between the local communities and the guests.

For more information: <https://www.skipass.it/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Carta-Della-Montagna-Bianca.pdf>

France

Here is a short report from DSF Domaines Skiabiles de France:

1. Skizzez: information campaign on the environmental impact of snowmaking in ski resorts:
please read the following link http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/de/2a/de2ab386-0e90-4c48-a6cc-b17f839f8316/skizzez-neige-de-culture.pdf
2. DSF annual indicators report on French ski areas:
[2018 http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/5d/7c/5d7ca35e-4167-4b27-8824-d6f5b1059533/indicateurs-et-analyses-2018.pdf](http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/5d/7c/5d7ca35e-4167-4b27-8824-d6f5b1059533/indicateurs-et-analyses-2018.pdf)
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[2016 http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/ab/b2/abb2010a-b368-4e2e-8cf1-ed54e9ac8abd/indicateurs-et-analyses-2016.pdf](http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/ab/b2/abb2010a-b368-4e2e-8cf1-ed54e9ac8abd/indicateurs-et-analyses-2016.pdf)
3. Analysis of sustainability of ropeway operators' expenses: BIOM
[2018 http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/f7/32/f7324da0-1ced-4686-af56-e94726944cca/indicateur-biom-mention-excellent.pdf](http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/f7/32/f7324da0-1ced-4686-af56-e94726944cca/indicateur-biom-mention-excellent.pdf)
4. [Propositions](#) for sustainable real estate in French ski resorts
[2018 http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/3b/3e/3b3efe43-7919-43d7-ba57-1c36937a986f/extrait-mag-47-dossier-immo.pdf](http://www.domaines-skiabiles.fr/fr/smedia/filer_private/3b/3e/3b3efe43-7919-43d7-ba57-1c36937a986f/extrait-mag-47-dossier-immo.pdf)

Austria

We have been thinking of projects in Austria that could fit. These two could be of interest for the request.

1. Fachverband der Seilbahnen (Austrian Ropeway association)

The Austrian federal office for the environment <http://www.umweltbundesamt.at> has published the study „Vergleichende Treibhausgasbilanz typischer Arten von Urlauben“ (green gas balance of different types of holidays) in December 2018. The study was commissioned by the Austrian Ropeway association but other stakeholders (tourism, environmental organisations) have been involved in the starting process.

2. Schmittenhöhebahn AG (Zell/See)

The Schmittenhöhebahn AG had a big project concerning ecological sustainability in connection with the construction of a ropeway installation, earning them an EMAS certification and the prize for the best environmental statement in 2016. The project was escorted by environmental experts.

<https://www.schmitten.at/de/service/presse/presstexte/nachhaltig-erfolgreich-die-schmitten-in-zell-am-see3152> <https://www.schmitten.at/de/aktuelles/schmitten-blog/die-umwelt-im-blick-bb3167>

ISCAR

AlpWeek 2016 & Intermezzo 2019

Organisation with the Observers and the Alpine Convention Secretariat, with ISCAR contributions as workshops or posters (more information see report by CIPRA).

ForumAlpinum 2018 “Alpine water– common good or source of conflicts?”

The ForumAlpinum – <http://2018.forumalpinum.org> – was organised jointly with the 7th Water Conference. The collaboration with the Water Platform of the Alpine Convention and subgroup water of EUSALP action group 6 was a success. The conferences addressed current and upcoming conflicts in water use in the Alpine region and strategies to prevent them. The results are published in the proceedings, that are available online:

Füreder L., R. Weingartner, K. Heinrich, V. Braun, G. Köck, K. Lanz, T. Scheurer (eds) (2018) Alpine Water - Common Good Or Source Of Conflicts? Proceedings of the ForumAlpinum 2018 and the 7th Water Conference, 4-6 June 2018, Breitenwang (Tyrol). Austrian Academy of Sciences Press. ISBN-Online: 978-3-7001-8353-2. DOI: 10.1553/forumalpinum2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1553/forumalpinum2018>)

The key messages of this conference are summarized in a Policy Brief addressed to the Alpine Convention and EUSALP, entitled: „Action needed to prevent future conflicts over the use and management of water in the Alpine region in times of climate change and growing demand“.

ISCAR Workshops

ISCAR- Workshop 2017 (in Tolmin, Slovenia) on “Exploring Alpine Landscapes as Potential Agricultural Heritage Systems and Their Contribution to Human Wellbeing” was organised jointly with the Slovenian Academy of Sciences. The report is published.

Thomas Scheurer, Mauro Agnoletti, Matthias Bürgi, Mateja Šmid Hribar, Mimi Urbanc (2018) Exploring Alpine Landscapes as Potential Sites of the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) Programme. Mountain Research and Development, 38(2):172-174.

The results were also presented to the Platform Mountain Agriculture of the Alpine Convention.

Further, ISCAR contributed to a transnational „Inn dialogue“ (CH, AT, D) organised by WWF Austria and the University of Innsbruck in September 2017 in Innsbruck. The report is published.

Research in protected areas

ISCAR was engaged, in co-operation with ALPARC, in promoting research in Alpine protected areas. They supported as Scientific Board the organisation of the Symposium on Research in Protected Areas in November 2017 in Salzburg by National Parks Austria. The proceedings are published online: http://www.oeaw.ac.at/?arp=np_symposium2017

ISCAR is also part of the Editorial Board of the journal eco.mont (2 issues per year), edited by the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the university of Innsbruck. Many articles on Alpine protected areas provide information for science and management: <https://ecomont.mountainresearch.at>

Further, the results from the ISCAR Workshop in 2015 on Research Councils of protected areas has been published:

Arpin I., Wallner A., Scheurer T. & Braun V. (2016) Recommendations for establishing or renewing scientific councils in protected areas. eco.mont Vol. 8, No. 1 62-65.

Arpin I. Wallner A., Scheurer T. & Braun V. (2016) The scientific councils of Alpine protected areas: an overview and analysis of their contribution to linking science and management. eco.mont Vol. 8, No. 2:5-12

Strategic Research Agenda for European Mountains

ISCAR supported the new Network on European Mountain Research (NEMOR) in developing a strategic research Agenda. The Agenda was presented at the meeting of the Presidency of the Alpine Convention with the Observers in Grassano. Publication:

Drexler C. et al (2016): Mountains for Europe's Future. A Strategic Research Agenda. Berne, DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.2903.1282

ProMONT-BLANC

The tri-national umbrella NGO ProMONT-BLANC (alpine clubs and environmental organizations) has been engaged for better **transfrontier protection and a tri-national management plan** of the franco-italian-swiss massif since 1991 and is insisting on the most sustainable development possible within the prosperous tourism region of "Espace-Mont-Blanc", the alliance of the 40 municipalities of the three countries around Mont-Blanc.

For the last 20 years ProMONT-BLANC has recommended to the local politicians of Espace Mont-Blanc to envisage a tri-national **World Heritage** nomination for the massif and its surrounding valleys, more urgently so since France has inscribed Mont-Blanc on its tentative list (as mixed site) in 2000 and Italy as natural site in 2008. But this proposal had always been rejected as premature.

Our member organizations represent ProMONT-BLANC in local, regional and international **networks**, as for instance Mountain Wilderness France in the "Comité du Massif" des Alpes Françaises, les WWF in WWF's trans-Alpine programme, ARSMB in "Réseau Air 74" and in other anti-pollution initiatives and the 3 Alpine clubs in CAA and UIAA. They all actively participate in **CIPRA** France, CIPRA Italy and CIPRA Switzerland. We also participate in various networks of IUCN International (transfrontier protected areas, Mountain protected area specialists, environmental education and communication) and in the Mountain partnership since its foundation.

ProMONT-BLANC disseminates the priorities of the MAB, climate change, meetings and working groups, publications, initiatives among member organizations and local municipalities of 3 regions

2016

Youth at the top: ProMONT-BLANC guided a group of local school children to different mountain huts with overnight stays in 2016, 2017 and 2018

Since 2016 numerous protest demonstrations, political initiatives and expert meetings on **Transport and Air Pollution** were co-organized by our member ARSMB together with different local networks.

ProMONT-BLANC has been Observer in the **Connectivity Plateforme** since its outset and has facilitated Italian and Swiss cooperation with ASTERS (Haute Savoie Protected Areas) on the Mont-Blanc part of the **AlpBioNet 2030** Alpine Space project.

Participation in the preparatory sessions for the ALCOTRA **climate change** project "AdApt Mont-Blanc". Establish connection between VAO (Virtual Alpine Observatory) discussed in the Convention with CREA, the Mont-Blanc Centre for the research of alpine ecology.

After years of insistence from our side two major "installations **obsoletes**" in Espace Mont-Blanc have been destroyed with heavy machinery and political support: Col de l'Aiguille and Mont Lachat

pMB organized and shared a 5 day Tour du Mont-Blanc for University **students** from the 3 countries accompanied by different **experts** in glaciology, biology, ecology, geo-morphology, agriculture and tourism. The students informed about this experience at a joint public event celebrating the 25th anniversary of the **Alpine Convention, Espace Mont-Blanc and ProMONT-BLANC together**.

After participating in the Convention's working group on **World Heritage in the Alps** from beginning to its end ProMONT-BLANC took part in the follow-up of the Mercantour-AlpiMarittime candidate.

2017

On January 26th finally a concrete political decision in favor of a world heritage nomination was taken, at first by the municipal council of Chamonix. And on Octobre 24th 2017 local and regional politicians of all three Espace Mont-Blanc countries signed their joint commitment to go for it.

ProMONT-BLANC therefore renewed and intensified its contact with IUCN and UNESCO consultants and with the authorities of environment in the three countries.

ProMONT-BLANC also informed mayors, economic stakeholders (Compagnie du Mont-Blanc, Autoroute Blanche, Quechua), préfets and sous-préfets, other environmental institutions and agencies (CNM=Centre Nature Montagne and ASTERS, DREAL=representation of French Ministry of Environment in AuRA region) about the imminent World Heritage process.

E.g. we briefed and lobbied the respective Assessori del Ambiente of the 5 different regional govern-ments within 2017 and 2018 about the long-term importance of the World Heritage issue at stake.

Lire la Montagne/ 13 December: ProMONT-BLANC convinced Swiss (Médiatèque de Martigny) and Italian (Fondazione N.Sapegna in Morgex) institutions to complement the French participation in Chamonix around Mont-Blanc in this Alpine Convention initiative on the World Mountain Day.

2018

ProMONT-BLANC regularly informed local associations in France, Italy and Switzerland about the ongoing consultation concerning the category of World Heritage to choose and the respective issues.

In May we discussed with Espace Mont-Blanc the analysis of 8 UNESCO consultants concerning natural, cultural or mixed world heritage. On December 11 **Espace Mont-Blanc unanimously declared** to head for a nomination as cultural landscape.

June 7 in Courmayeur participation in **Italian public discussion** on World Heritage project.

June 14 Co-organisation with Petzl Foundation of the "**Sustainable Summits Conference**" in Chamonix with experts and managers from protected areas worldwide. During this event we held a **public discussion with local population and politicians**, experts and UNESCO consultants on World Heritage at Mont-Blanc.

Intensive discussions with experts and managers of UNESCO's cultural landscape sites and proposing them to Espace Mont-Blanc.

(Desperately) reminding influential personalities in France of the urgency to prepare the Convention's **French presidency** in continuation of the Multiannual Programme.

For **2019** ProMONT-BLANC is ready to:

- a) Monitor in particular the issues of nature and biodiversity, climate change, sustainable tourism and mountaineering, heli-skiing etc. during the preparation of the tri-national management plan and the dossier UNESCO of Mont-Blanc;
- b) Encourage the French presidency of the Convention through our French member organizations to take significant initiatives and engage for long-term solutions;
- c) Continue to inform the 40 municipalities around Mont-Blanc about good examples and projects in the Alpine Arc in order to have them apply similar solutions in their own area.

UN Environment

1. UN Environment Vienna Programme Office – Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention facilitated involvement of CIPRA International in a project proposal on exploring, promoting and protecting the richness of the cultural and natural heritage – “Carpathian Region” submitted to the first call of the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation (submitted June 2018). The project involves partners from all the Carpathian countries, Norway and the Alps through CIPRA International. CIPRA International will pool and contribute with expertise gathered by its member organizations in the Alps, support knowledge exchanges and transfer, participate in capacity building workshops, co-organize study visits of the Carpathian stakeholders to selected Alpine project areas perceived as the best practise examples, and organizations that could share experiences useful for the achievement of objectives of the "Carpathian Route" project. CIPRA International maintains close relationships and contacts with a broad network of actors within the Alpine Space, that put into practise sustainable development projects. The project proposal is currently under evaluation.
2. The Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA), the Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC) and the Danube River Network of Protected Areas (DANUBEPARKS) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on 12 October 2016. [Link to the MoC](#)
3. UN Environment, the Carpathian Convention in collaboration with the Austrian EU presidency, Poland partnered with the Alpine Convention, ICIMOD, Government of Albania, CONDESAN and others in organizing a high level side event on climate change adaptation in mountain regions which was held on 11 December 2018 at the margins of the COP24 UNFCCC in Katowice. At the event, UN Environment launched its Outlook for the Himalayas part of the Mountain Adaptation Outlook series as well as the Global Synthesis Report that also incorporates findings from the Alpine region.
4. The Carpathian Convention and UN Environment continued to participate and actively contribute to the regular meetings of the Alpine Climate Board, fostering inter-regional exchange of knowledge between the Alps and other regions.
5. UN Environment supported the organization of the "Women in Mountain Regions Conference" that was held under the auspices of the Austrian presidency in Alpbach from 18 to 19 April 2017. UN Environment actively contributed to the panel discussion and also helped to facilitate the participation of key experts from other mountain regions including Himalayas, East Africa and Andes.



Annex: Compilation of the Observer services for the years 2016 - 2019. The annex is at least a simple list of the projects/programme points linked to the working group (incl. links). It is briefly mentioned in the main section. If individual Observers enter a project description or other relevant information (max. 3 pages each), these are of course also welcome.

Project / activity name	Which Alpine towns of the year were particularly concerned?	Link to Alpine Convention Working Group / MAP Priorities / Delegations	Further description / dates...	Link for further info / responsible
Tour des Villes	Sonthofen, Idrija, Tolmezzo, Tolmin	Funding from Swiss delegation / ARE MAP Priority: Greening the economy (to be checked)	2016-2018 Visits to all participating town + common excursion to Basel/CH and Freiburg/DE	http://www.alpenstaedte.org/fr/projets/tour-des-villes/tour-des-villes?set_language=fr
Green Economy Action Plan	Villach/AT, all	MAP Priority: Greening the economy	Contribution to the Green economy action plan	https://www.cipra.org/en/events/workshops-green-economy-in-the-alpine-region http://www.alpconv.org/en/convention/workprogramme/pages/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1
Urbabio	Participating towns: Chambéry, Annecy, Trento,	Funding from German delegation / BMU MAP Priority: Conserving and valuing biodiversity and landscape	2017-2019 Visits to all participating towns	http://www.alpenstaedte.org/fr/projets/urbabio



	Belluno			
Preparation & implementation Alpweek 2016	All	MAP Priority: Focusing on people and culture, as well as other priorities	Participation in the organising committee of the Alpweek 2016, the Alpweek Intermezzo and the Alpweek 2020/2021	http://alpweek.org/2016/ http://alpweek.org/2019/de/
Preparation & implementation Alpweek Intermezzo 2019				
Preparation Alpweek 2020				
GaYA – Governance and Youth in the Alps	Chambéry, Brig-Glis, Sonthofen, Idrija	Co-funding from German delegation / BMU MAP Priority: Focusing on people and culture	ASP Project 2016-2019 Alpine towns who participated as pilot towns: Brig-Glis/CH, Chambéry/FR, Idrija/SL, Sonthofen/DE	http://www.alpenstaedte.org/fr/projets/jeunesse/gouvernance-et-jeunesse-dans-les-alpes https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/gaya/en/home
Participation in meetings of the AC	Secretariat and board	All MAP priorities	Permanent Committee meetings in Oct 2016, April 2017, June 2018, Nov 2018 Minister Conferences in Oct 2016, April 2019 Meeting with German	



			delegation in Berlin, Feb 2018 and Jan 2019	
Alpine Convention Info points	Several Info points established in member towns of Alpine Town of the Year Association: Chamonix, Morbegno, Villach, Tolmin,	All MAP priorities		http://www.alpconv.org/fr/convention/agreements/infopoints/default.html
ALPACA – Alpine partnership for local climate action		Funding from German delegation / BMU, Austrian delegation / BMNT In future possible support from other delegations MAP Priority: taking action on climate change	2016-2019 Together with CIPRA International, Alliance in the Alps Kick-off conference, Nov 2018	http://www.alpenstaedte.org/fr/projets/alpaca
We Are Alps	2017: Annecy 2016: Tolmin & Villach	All, with special focus each year		http://www.alpconv.org/EN/ACTIVITIES/WEAREALPS/WEAREALPS2017/default.html
Reading Mountain	2016 :	MAP Priority: Focusing on		http://www.alpconv.org/en/organization/



events in several Alpine towns of the Year	<p>Idrija/SL, Tolmin/SL, Belluno/IT, Bolzano/IT, Morbegno/IT, Chamonix/FR, Chambéry/FR, Sonthofen/DE</p> <p>2017: Idrija/SL, Tolmin/SL, Belluno/IT, Bolzano/IT, Morbegno/IT, Chamonix/FR, Chambéry/FR,</p> <p>2018: Idrija/SL, Tolmin/SL, Belluno/IT, Bolzano/IT, Trento/IT, Morbegno/IT,</p>	<p>people and culture</p>		presidency/DE2015/IMD/default.html
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Report on activities

Introduction

The Interreg Alpine Space programme and the Alpine Convention (AC) can look back on about 15 years of successful cooperation. The two organisations work in a geographical area that is widely overlapping and can benefit from a number of thematic links. Besides the strong cooperation at institutional level, many Alpine Space projects contribute directly or indirectly to the priorities and work of the AC. The respective activities carried out in the years 2016-2019 are presented below.

Cooperation between the programme and the Alpine Convention

Institutional cooperation

Both for the programme and the AC it is of great interest to keep informed on what is going on in the other organisation. In order to follow each other's activities and create synergy, the programme has an observer role in the Permanent Committee of the AC while the PSAC is an observer in the Alpine Space programme committee. Representatives of the managing authority (MA) and the joint secretariat (JS) are contact persons of working groups (WG) and platforms (PF) of the AC. Meetings or exchanges between MA/JS and PSAC take place on a regular basis.

Co-organisation of the AlpWeek 2016

The programme was among the co-organisers of the [AlpWeek 2016](#) in Grassau, Germany. The programme communication manager was responsible of the overall communication of the event. As the AlpWeek was closely connected to the Alpine Conference, coordination with the AC was crucial throughout the planning and execution of the event. Joining efforts with key Alpine organisations in the frame of the AlpWeek has been a very positive experience. To continue the good relationships built during the organisation of the AlpWeek 2016, the JS has also joined the organisation group for the [AlpWeek Intermezzo 2019](#), which will take place on 3-4 April in Innsbruck, Austria.

Promotion

Main events and achievements of the AC are promoted through the programme's communication channels. In addition, the programme contributes regularly to the newsletter of the AC on topics that are of interest to AC stakeholders, such as information on calls for project proposals, programme events and project achievements.

Contribution of Alpine Space projects to the Alpine Convention

Many projects co-financed by the programme are contributing to the work of the AC. Links to the AC are actively encouraged by the programme by asking projects for their contribution to wider Alpine strategies already in the application stage. The manifold contributions range from links to the priorities of the Multiannual Work Programme (MAP) and the work of the PF / WG to the involvement of AC bodies in the project activities as target groups, observers or project partners. For instance, a dozen projects of the 2007-2013 period have contributed to the climate-related activities of the AC, while four projects (GoApply, RocktheAlps, AlpBionet2030, Links4Soils) do so in the current period, as identified by the Alpine Climate Board.

Thematic Priority 3 “Liveable Alpine Space”

The links between projects and the AC are most evident in **priority 3 “Liveable Alpine Space”** due to its thematic focus.

Especially in specific objective 1, which deals with protection, conservation and ecological connectivity of Alpine Space ecosystems, there are a number of project contributions to AC working groups, platforms and protocols ranging from water management (e.g. SPARE, HyMoCARES) to mountain forests/Planalp (e.g. [RocktheAlps](#)), the ecological network (e.g. AlpES, AlpBionet2030) and soil conservation ([Links4Soils](#)).

In specific objective 2, which deals with the sustainable valorization of cultural and natural heritage, projects aim to contribute to e.g. the WG on sustainable tourism ([AlpFoodway](#)), the spatial planning and sustainable development protocol and soil conservation protocol respectively (trAILs).

The PSAC is a partner in SPARE, which feeds project results into the SOIA platform, and an observer in several projects of both specific objectives. Also, it has been identified as a target group and shall be involved in the activities of many projects, e.g. through consultations (e.g. CHEERS) and events (e.g. GreenRisk4ALPs).

Links4Soils

Linking Alpine Soil Knowledge for Sustainable Ecosystem Management and Capacity Building

Caring for soils – where our roots grow! The project aims to overcome gaps in sustainable soil management by linking Alpine soil knowledge, end-users and experts, elaborating sectoral soil information, creating best-case practices and promoting soil management. By this, it enhances the applicability of the AC Soil Conservation Protocol.

The PSAC is an observer in the project due to its interest in transnational results on sustainable soil management and the establishment of the Alpine Soil Partnership set up in the project. It supports Links4Soils e.g. through the facilitation of contacts to relevant AC WG and platforms.



RocktheAlps

Harmonized rockfall natural risk and protection forest mapping in the Alpine Space

Alpine forests are rock stars! RockTheAlps focuses on the preservation and enhancement of the protective role of forests against natural risks. The project will provide the first Alps-wide harmonised rockfall risk and protection forests map.

The PSAC is involved in the project as an observer, e.g. by participating in the assessment of project results and by helping contact Alpine regions for the provision of data. PSAC considers the first Alpine Space mapping of rockfall protection forests as an important step in the management of forest function and ecosystem services, which is also relevant for the Mountain Forests WG.



AlpFoodway

A cross-disciplinary, transnational and participative approach to Alpine food cultural heritage

Food heritage is a strong identity source for alpine populations. The project will create a sustainable development model for peripheral mountain areas based on the preservation/valorization of Alpine Space cultural food heritage and on the adoption of innovative marketing and governance tools.

The PSAC is an observer in the project, as it contributes to work undertaken in the AC Platform on Mountain Agriculture, the WG sustainable tourism and EUSALP AG6. It supports the transfer of project results to the relevant AC bodies and Alpine networks.



PROJECT & Lead Partner	LINK TO WG/PF/PSAC	PLANNED CONTRIBUTION	POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION
SPARE	SPARE aims at sharing, adapting and capitalising strategic planning and river management experiences across different regions and governance levels, fostering the adoption of a catchment-wide approach and of a transnational perspective.		
Universität für Bodenkultur Wien	AC PSAC is partner	PF water management, contribution to SOIA	Conference AT Presidency
AlpES	AlpES develops a transnational approach to ecosystem services and provides public authorities, policy-makers and NGOs with information, training and support to foster a shared understanding and management of environmental issues.		
European Academy Bolzano	AC PSAC is observer	PF ecological network, WG mountain forests	MAP P3, PF water management

LOS_DAMA!	As Alpine cities grow and transform, land use pressure is increasing. With a focus on green infrastructures for better quality of life in peri-urban areas, LOS_DAMA! proposes attractive green solutions for Alpine cities and their surroundings.		
Landeshauptstadt München		AC is target group	MAP P3, PF ecological network
YOUrALPS	In order to stop the decline of Alpine identity and knowhow, YOUrALPS develops educational and awareness raising activities for the youth about the natural and cultural heritage of the Alpine region.		
ALPARC		AC is target group	MAP P1
Links4Soils	Links4Soils aims at overcoming the main barriers to sustainable soil management in the Alpine region. To achieve this, it brings together stakeholders from cross-cutting sectors and sets up the first Alps-wide soil information system.		
Kmetijski inštitut Slovenije	AC PSAC is observer	MAP P3, Soil Conservation Protocol	Compliance Committee, Climate Action Board
ALPBIONET2030	ALPBIONET2030 enhances transnational cooperation in nature protection and sets up an Alps-wide system for biodiversity conservation. The project will identify areas with high connectivity potential, in which a wildlife strategy will be tested.		
ALPARC	AC PSAC is observer, BfN (DE) co-chair of PF ecological network		MAP P3, PF WISO, Climate Action Board
HyMoCARES	HyMoCARES fosters the conservation of Alpine rivers and related ecosystems by providing innovative basin planning and management tools based on the ecosystem services approach, while ensuring integration of local and basin levels.		
Agenzia per la Protezione civile		AC is target group, PF water management	Conference AT Presidency
RockTheAlps	RockTheAlps focuses on forests as a protection element against rockfall and fosters their employment in risk management and prevention policies. The project will provide an Alps-wide rockfall risk and protection forests map.		
Institut national de recherche en sciences et technologies pour l'environnement et l'agriculture	AC PSAC is observer	WG mountain forests, PF Planalp	Conference AT Presidency, Climate Action Board
AlpFoodway	AlpFoodway works to save Alpine food cultural heritage and turn it into a driver of sustainable development. To do so, after identifying the heritage worth preserving, it creates intergenerational transmission formats and new marketing tools.		
Polo Poschiavo	AC PSAC is observer	MAP P1, WG sustainable tourism, PF mountain agriculture	
ATLAS	Reaching climate targets and preserving Alpine cultural landscape is a challenge. ATLAS rises up to it by rediscovering, valorising and using historic buildings in a sustainable way, thus paving the way for a greener Alpine society.		
European Academy Bolzano			MAP P1
CHEERS	Cultural heritage shapes people's identity and contributes to Alpine economy. CHEERS devises national and transnational tools, governance schemes and intervention guidelines to safeguard it from natural hazards.		
Lombardy Found. for the Environment		AC is target group	MAP P1, PF Planalp
Eco-AlpsWater	Eco-AlpsWater improves the water quality and assessment of Alpine lakes and streams. It makes species identification more efficient thanks to next generation DNA sequencing and optimises data management through smart technologies.		
Edmund Mach Foundation		AC is target group	MAP P3, PF water management
GreenRisk4ALPs	Although their effectiveness is recognised, forests and ecosystem services have been seldom integrated in risk mitigation strategies. GreenRisk4ALPs develops ecosystem-based concepts to support risk governance.		
Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape	AC AT Presidency is observer	AC is target group, Mountain Forest Protocol	WG mountain forests
trAILS	The decline of Alpine heavy industry has left behind "Alpine Industrial Landscapes" (AILs), whose potential is still unexploited. trAILS generates knowledge about AILs and develops sustainable and transferable transformation strategies.		
Technical University of Munich	AC PSAC is observer	Spatial Planning and Sust. Dev. Protocol; Soil Conservation Protocol	

Table 1: Project contributions to AC in priority 3 "Liveable Alpine Space"

Thematic Priorities 1 “Innovative Alpine Space”, 2 “Low-carbon Alpine Space” and 4 “Well-governed Alpine Space”

DuALPlus

Increasing the attractiveness of dual education for skilled crafts and trades in the Alpine Space

Promoting excellence in dual education! DuALPlus aims to improve the career guidance of youngsters and the public recognition of dual education as valuable learning path, to promote innovation and quality in dual education and to improve the framework conditions for innovation by increasing the horizontal and vertical permeability of the dual education system.

PSAC follows DuALPlus as an observer, as training and educational systems constitute one priority area of the ministerial Declaration on Population and Culture. It intends to foster synergies, especially with the Green Economy Action Programme.



Also in the other thematic priorities of the programme there are numerous links to the work of the AC. In **priority 1 “Innovative Alpine Space”** most projects contribute rather indirectly to the AC, especially to priorities 1 and 4 of the AC Multiannual Work Plan. One project, SESAM, aims to contribute to the AC Mountain Farming Protocol. [DuALPlus](#) has involved the AC as an observer while INTESI has identified the AC as a target group.

PROJECT & Lead Partner	LINK TO WG/PF/PSAC	PLANNED CONTRIBUTION	POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION
CONSENSO	CONSENSO develops a new care model for elderly people in the Alpine space. It introduces the “family and community nurse”, who offers personalised services in order to allow the elderly to stay and live at home as long as possible.		
Regione Piemonte Direzione Sanità			MAP P1
INTESI	INTESI aims at ensuring the delivery of services of general interest in areas where demographic changes are making a sectorial approach no longer viable. It develops strategies and policies that build on synergies between different services.		
Swiss Centre for mountain regions SAB		AC is target group	MAP P1
PlurAlps	PlurAlps offers transnational solutions for the integration of migrants in Alpine municipalities. It includes pilot projects and a social planning tool to assess the demographics and needs of migrants and enhance the performance of municipalities.		
Regional Develop- ment Vorarlberg eGen			MAP P1
AlpBioEco	Bioeconomy offers great opportunities for the development of the Alpine area. AlpBioEco fosters the sustainability of local economies through the valorisation of bioeconomy along the bio-based food and botanical extract value chains.		
City of Sigmaringen			MAP P4
AlpLinkBioEco	AlpLinkBioEco works to develop a cross-regional circular bio-based economic strategy to assess, select and create innovative value chains for the Alpine Space wood, agriculture, food/pharma and chemistry sectors.		
Plastics Innovation Competence Center			MAP P4
ASIS	To foster innovation in the Alpine Space, ASIS promotes the cooperation of its key actors, develops new ways to address societal challenges and provides new knowledge and skills to public authorities and business support organisations.		
Lyon 2 University			MAP P1, MAP P4
DuALPlus	Despite a long-lasting tradition, nowadays Alpine skilled crafts and trades SMEs find it increasingly difficult to attract new apprentices. DuALPlus develops innovative ways to increase the appeal of dual education in this field.		
Regional Develop- ment Vorarlberg eGen	AC PSAC is observer	Green Economy Action Programme	MAP P4

SESAM	SESAM aims at introducing an innovative IT sensor-based framework for decision support tailored to small farm needs. This will foster competitiveness, animal wellbeing and decrease calf loss in the Alpine dairy farming sector.		
State Ass. of Baden-Württemberg for Performance and Quality Inspection in Animal Breeding		AC Mountain Farming Protocol, Green Economy Action Programme	PF mountain agriculture
SmartVillages	Through a smart village approach, SmartVillages brings together policy-makers, businesses, academia and civil society and fosters innovation through ICT based participatory tools to keep villages attractive to work and live in.		
Swiss Centre for mountain regions SAB			MAP P1

Table 2: Project contributions to AC in priority 1 “Innovative Alpine Space”


In **priority 2 “Low-carbon Alpine Space”** the projects contribute mainly to priorities 2, 4 and 5 of the AC Multiannual Work Plan. A number of projects – such as e-MOTICON, AlpInnoCT and [ASTUS](#) – plan to contribute to the WG Transport. The AC has been identified as a target group for the activities of GRETA and CESBA Alps.

ASTUS

Alpine Smart Transport and Urbanism Strategies

ASTUS aims to help local authorities to identify and implement long term solutions in both mobility and spatial planning to reduce the CO2 impacts linked to daily trips in the Alps. It assists local authorities in identifying and adopting an adequate local low CO2 strategy and action plan.

The PSAC is an observer in the project, as the AC is interested in the development of the ASTUS strategy and how to take into account the problems, experiences and practical mobility and planning solutions of Alpine municipalities and regions. The PSAC will transfer the project results to the bodies of the AC and in the Alpine networks, and consider them for the further work of the AC. The project contributes to WG Transport.



PROJECT & Lead Partner	LINK TO WG/PF/PSAC	PLANNED CONTRIBUTION	POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION
PEACE_Alps	In the Alps, many communities have adopted sustainable energy and climate action plans but find it hard to carry them out effectively; PEACE_Alps tackles this issue by developing inter-municipal implementation measures.		
Città Metropolitana di Torino			MAP P2
THE4BEES	Energy is consumed by people rather than by buildings, so the first step towards a low-carbon society is a change in behaviour. THE4BEES encourages such change through trainings, co-creation activities and innovative ICT applications.		
Consorzio per il Sistema Informativo			MAP P2
CESBA Alps	Extending energy assessment from buildings to whole territories, CESBA Alps develops the first assessment tool at territorial scale. This tool will support the decision-making process, from analysis to policy implementation and monitoring.		
Regione Piemonte		MAP P2 AC is target group	
GRETA	GRETA develops a shared knowledge base for the transfer and adoption of near-surface geothermal energy systems in the Alpine area. It will deliver tools to support decision making and encourage appropriate policy-making.		
Technische Universität München		MAP P2 AC is target group	WG Sustainable Tourism
IMEAS	IMEAS develops a methodology and guidelines for the creation and integration of multi-level sustainable energy models in the Alpine Space. The participatory method is based on the exchange of experiences and know-how among partners.		
Agenzia nazionale per le nuove tecnologie, l'energia e lo sviluppo economico sostenibile			MAP P2

e-MOTICON	e-MOTICON supports and coordinates Alpine administrations in the spatial planning of electric charging stations. Its integrated transnational strategy will enable a large diffusion of electric charging stations (E-CS) and wider interoperability.		
Ricerca sul Sistema Energetico		WG Transport	
AlpInnoCT	AlpInnoCT tackles the challenge of raising combined transport efficiency and productivity while respecting the Alpine environment. It offers solutions to strengthen ecological transport and establish more efficient freight transport corridors.		
Oberste Baubehörde im Bayerischen Staatsministerium des Innern, für Bau und Verkehr		WG Transport	
CaSCo	CaSCo strives to decrease the CO2 emissions related to the use of timber products. The project aims at developing and establishing policy guidelines and providing decision-makers with tools to promote climate-friendly timber products.		
BSC Kranj			WG Mountain Forests, MAP P4
GREENCYCLE	Greencycle promotes cooperation, mutual learning, capacity-building and exchange of experiences among Alpine public administrations to foster the implementation of circular economy and achieve a reduction in carbon emissions.		
Mestna občina Maribor			MAP P4
ASTUS	ASTUS helps local authorities identify and implement long-term mobility and spatial planning solutions to reduce the CO2 impacts of commuting in the Alps. Data from five regions will be used to develop solutions for different territorial types.		
Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	AC PSAC is observer	WG Transport	
BB-CLEAN	BB-CLEAN works to develop transnational policies for a sustainable use of biomass for domestic heating, minimising the impacts of biomass burning on natural ecosystems, human health and climate change.		
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart			MAP P2
MELINDA	MELINDA fosters multimodality and modal shift in mobility behaviour for a more sustainable mobility in the Alps. By providing an integrated set of mobility and behavioural data, it supports policy-making and service planning.		
Insiel S.p.A.			WG Transport, MAP P5
SAMBA	Sustainable mobility behaviours can only be achieved when people perceive public transport as convenient. SaMBA sets up reward and pricing policies related to transport costs in order to stimulate people to use sustainable mobility options.		
Regione Piemonte			WG Transport, MAP P5
Smart Altitude	SMART ALTITUDE helps overcome differences in territorial governance and infrastructure management in winter tourism destinations. The goal is to develop a shared approach to clean energy policy implementation in mountain areas.		
Municipality of Les Orres			MAP P2

Table 3: Project contributions to AC in priority 2 “Low-carbon Alpine Space”

All projects in **priority 4 “Well-governed Alpine Space”** contribute to the work of the AC: The PSAC (co-lead of EUSALP AG6) is a partner in AlpGov, which links to priority 6 of the AC Multiannual Work Plan, and an observer in [GoApply](#). GaYA has identified the AC as a target group, as the project aims to the youth parliament and the WG MRS. Furthermore, thematic links exist to priorities 1 and 2 of the Multiannual Work Plan.

GoApply

Multidimensional governance of climate change adaptation in policy making and practice

GoApply will contribute to the vertical and horizontal integration and further development of national strategies and action plans on climate change adaptation. It will foster and improve the interlinkage of the associated existing governance structures and strategies on all levels.

The PSAC follows the project as an observer, as the AC is interested in the activities fostering an alignment of national adaptation strategies to already existing transnational instruments. The PSAC will engage in activities concerning transnational cooperation, networking & exchange, and it will transfer information on transnational adaptation governance within the AC.



PROJECT & Lead Partner	LINK TO WG/PF/PSAC	PLANNED CONTRIBUTION	POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION
AlpGov <small>Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz</small>	AlpGov supports EUSALP by establishing harmonised mechanisms for action group organisation, by mapping institutional frameworks, actors and funding schemes and by identifying and promoting actions with high leverage potential.		
	AC PSAC is partner	WG MRS	
GaYA <small>Agenzia di Sviluppo GAL Genovese</small>	GaYA fosters the involvement of young people in regional governance and develops new approaches for decision-makers. Building on local experiences, the project will produce a participation toolkit and policy recommendations.		
		MAP P1, AC youth parliament, WG MRS, AC is target group	
GoApply <small>Umweltbundesamt GmbH</small>	Adaptation strategies are a highly necessary policy response to climate change in the Alpine area. GoApply tackles the issue by facilitating multi-level and transnational governance.		
	AC PSAC is observer	PF Planalp, MAP P2	Climate Action Board
ASTAHG <small>Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia</small>	ASTAHG focuses on the need for cooperation in policy-making for the elderly. It establishes a transnational governance board involving quadruple helix players to promote active and healthy ageing in each territory.		
			MAP P1

Table 4: Project contributions to AC in priority 4 “Well-governed Alpine Space”

An overview of all projects of the 2014-2020 period with links to the project websites can be found on the Interreg Alpine Space programme website www.alpine-space.eu/project-results/project-overview/overview