

## Information note for journalists at the XVIII Alpine Conference

**Location: Brdo Congress Centre (Predoslje 39, 4000 Kranj)**

**Date: 22 January 2025**

The XVIII Alpine Conference (ACXVIII), the political decision-making body of the Alpine Convention, will mark the transition between the Slovenian and Italian Presidencies. The Conference will focus on the three priorities of the Slovenian Presidency: quality of life, climate change education, and biodiversity, with a political debate on natural hazards.

For press coverage of the Conference, media representatives are invited to be at the location on 22 January 2025 at 12:00. The location is 10.5 km from Ljubljana airport and easily accessible by car.

*Registration is not necessary in advance and will be done on site but we would appreciate any information regarding intended participation. A press release in English and the Alpine languages as well as links to the main documents and photos of the Conference will be made available [here](#) upon conclusion of the Conference.*

### Logistics

11:30 Press registration (foyer)

12:00 Press briefing (in Alpine languages and English) (press room)

12:45 Conclusion of the ACXVIII and ceremonial handover of the Presidency from Slovenia to Italy (conference hall)

**13:00 Official press conference (press room)**

The best time for approaching the ministers/high representatives for statements will be during or immediately after the press conference.

### Topics

The ministers will discuss the products of the Slovenian Presidency as well as the programme of the incoming Italian Presidency. The following main outputs are up for approval:

#### **Tenth Report on the State of the Alps on Quality of Life in the Alps (RSA 10)**

The RSA 10 introduces a common concept of quality of life and provides new knowledge on it. It identifies major challenges, topics, and elements that shape quality of life in the Alpine region.

#### **Recommendations on climate change education in the Alps**

The aim of this priority topic was to address the Alpine region's vulnerability to climate change by giving special importance to climate change education, especially in the formal school systems. The expert recommendations offer guidance for future work in this area.

#### **Policy Brief on Biodiversity in the Alps**

The Policy Brief provides strategic guidance for the process of translating the global biodiversity goals to the Alpine level, specifically in the fields of nature conservation, connectivity, restoration, and monitoring.

Following these points, there will be a policy debate on the question of *how we can prevent natural disasters from affecting the quality of life in the Alps*.

The winners of the **Young Academics Award** for the best master theses on 'Responding to environmental changes and maintaining high quality of life in the Alps' will also be announced in the framework of the Alpine Conference.