

THE EU REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALPINE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS (COMPLIANCE REPORT) 2019: BACKGROUND INFO

This is an informal document which briefly explains how the EU Report is structured in order to facilitate its reading. The document is based on the original French version of the Report.

1ère partie : partie générale

A. Introduction

No specific explanations are required for this part.

B. Obligations générales de la Convention alpine

For each area of intervention of the Convention:

- Under question 1 are included the most relevant EU legal Acts which contribute to the implementation of the Alpine Convention obligations and the legal requirements of these Acts which concern specifically mountain areas and the Alps (where available). Please note that in order to simplify and to keep the document as concise as possible, there is a short description of the legal Act only when the contribution of the Act to the implementation of the obligation is not clear already from the title of the Act.
- Under the last section «Emplacement prévu pour vos éventuelles remarques supplémentaires» are included: a standard sentence which clarifies that the questions other than question 1 refer to measures which are taken at Member States level; the main initiatives which contribute to the implementation of the obligations other than legal Acts (EU Strategies/Action Plans - indicating the references to mountains/Alps where available - and processes or guidance documents which concern specifically mountain areas or the Alps); the most important updates concerning the EU legislation relevant for each Convention's area of intervention.

C. Obligations débordant de la Convention alpine et des protocoles d'application

Also in this part, under the last section «Emplacement prévu pour vos éventuelles remarques supplémentaires», there is a standard sentence which clarifies that the questions refer to measures which are taken at Member States level and are included examples of particularly significant EU initiatives which contribute to the implementation of the Alpine Convention obligations in this field.

D. Questions complémentaires

No specific explanations are required for this part.

2ème partie: partie spécifique, dédiée aux obligations particulières résultant des protocoles

No inputs are provided to this second part because the questions concern measures taken at Member States level and because a repetition of the legal Acts/initiatives included in the general part of the report would be redundant. Therefore, at the end of the section of the Protocols which have been ratified by the EU (Mountain farming, Soil, Energy, Tourism and Transport), under “Emplacement prévu pour vos éventuelles remarques supplémentaires”, there is a standard sentence which clarifies this approach.