

Joint action for the Alps - conserve, connect and restore

Alpine Biodiversity Conference, 12 June
ForumAlpinum 2024, 13-14 June

Kranjska Gora, Slovenia



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ALPENKONVENTION
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CONVENZIONE DELLE ALPI
Slovensko predsedovanje Alpski konvenciji 2023-2024
Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention 2023-2024



Alpine Biodiversity Conference by Slovenian Presidency

The aim of the Alpine Biodiversity Conference is to present the Alpine Convention's efforts to strengthen biodiversity conservation as a contribution to the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) adopted in 2022. Moreover, the goal is to gather feedback and proposals for forward-looking activities from relevant policymakers, experts, scientists, and representatives of Alpine networks. The Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention will present a draft policy brief which will serve as a basis for an in-depth interactive discussion between participants on the three areas of conservation, connectivity, and nature restoration. The conference will also bring in views from the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Carpathian Convention as a contribution to the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the three Conventions.

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TUESDAY, 11 June 2024

Arrivals and accommodation

20:30 Screening of the film "V kraljestvu Zlatoroga" (In the Kingdom of Zlatorog)

WEDNESDAY, 12 June 2024

9:00 - 17:00 Alpine Biodiversity Conference

9:00 - 9:30 **Welcome**
Mayor of Kranjska Gora, Henrika Zupan (tbc)
Minister for Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, Jože Novak (tbc)
Secretary General of the Alpine Convention, Alenka Smerkolj
Chair of the Alpine Biodiversity Board of the Alpine Convention,
Paolo Angelini (tbc)

9:30 - 10:30 **Global Biodiversity Framework and policy inputs**
Convention on Biological Diversity
Carpathian Convention
Youth Parliament to the Alpine Convention on the protection of natural areas
The Alpine Convention implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework – Policy Brief

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 - 12:30 **Parallel interactive sessions with policy and expert inputs**
Workshop 1: Fostering the conservation of biodiversity in the Alps
Workshop 2: Ensuring connectivity between the core Alps and their surroundings
Workshop 3: Restoring nature and habitats in the Alps

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 - 15:30 **Continuation of the workshops**

15:30 - 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 - 16:45 **Panel discussion and reflections**
Moderators of the workshops
Alpine Biodiversity Board of the Alpine Convention
Convention of Biological Diversity
Working Group on Biodiversity of the Carpathian Convention
EUSALP Action Group 7 on Ecological Connectivity and Green Infrastructure

16:45 - 17:00 **Conclusions and way forward**

Closing of the conference

19:30

Official reception

Address by the President of the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Conference, Emil Ferjančič

Address by the Director of Triglav National Park, Tit Potočnik, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Triglav National Park

Address by former ISCAR Managing Director, Thomas Scheurer, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of ForumAlpinum

ForumAlpinum 2024: The Alps – a Refuge for Bio- and Geodiversity?

by ISCAR

ForumAlpinum 2024 will focus on biodiversity and geodiversity that are under severe threat – worldwide and especially in sensitive ecosystems like the Alps. This ForumAlpinum will identify hot spots of bio- and geodiversity, their monitoring and management in the Alps, analyse land use conflicts and their impact on bio- and geodiversity, and assess the relevance of bio- and geodiversity protection in the regional, national or international context to discuss possible solutions.

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THURSDAY, 13 June 2024

8:00 *Registration*

9:00 - 18:30 **ForumAlpinum - ISCAR Scientific Conference**

9:00 - 10:15 **Welcome, Introduction and Key note speakers**

Janez Nared, President of ISCAR

Valerie Braun, President of Scientific Board

9:15 - 9:45 **Key note 1:** Kurt Hanselmann

9:45 - 10:15 **Key note 2:** Špela Čonč

10:15 - 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 - 12:30 **Interactive parallel sessions I -II-III-IV**

Topic I: Biodiversity I

Topic II: Grazing/Alpine pastures

Topic III: Historic changes Tourism

Topic IV: Tourism



12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 15:30 **Interactive parallel sessions V-VI-VII-VIII**

Topic V: Biodiversity II

Topic VI: New technologies

Topic VII: Water resources

Topic VIII: Spatial planning

15:30 - 16:30 *Coffee break & Poster session*

16:30 - 18:00 **Interactive parallel sessions IX-X-XI-XII**

Topic IX: Biodiversity and culture

Topic X: Ecological

Topic XI: Past, present and future ISCAR objectives

Topic XII: Geodiversity

18:00 - 18:30 **Report to the plenary, short reflections and conclusions, Closure of the conference**

FRIDAY, 14 June 2024

Two excursions will be organized:

8:30 - 13:00 Radovna River valley

8:30 - 15:00 Soča River valley

Details on excursions will be provided in detail on <http://forumalpinum.org/>.



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