



TURIZEM
BOHINJ

Schools for climate action in the Alps

International conference

28-29 September 2023, Bohinj (Slovenia)

PROGRAMME



WEDNESDAY, 27.9.2023

- until 18:00 Individual arrivals
- 18:00 Meeting in the hotel lobby
- 18:00 Joint walk to the Triglav National Park Centre**
Walk with Maja Fajdiga Komar, a pedagogue and a biologist, and practical presentation of the work of the Centre.
Shuttle transfer also available. In case of rain, the walk will not take place and the meeting time is 18:45 in the hotel lobby.
- 19:00 Welcome by **Jože Sodja**, mayor of Bohinj, and **Tit Potočnik**, director of Triglav National Park, followed by an informal get-together reception
- 20:00 Tour of the Triglav National Park Centre**
- 21:00 Joint walk/shuttle transfer to the hotel

THURSDAY, 28.9.2023

- 8:45 Meeting in the hotel conference room for welcome remarks; briefing on the morning activities and transfer
- 9:30 ALL-ROUND ACTIVITIES (1)**
Experiencing outdoor education in practice: group activities on climate change education, carried out by the teachers at the Centre for School and Outdoor Education CŠOD (as is normally done for schools).
This activity will take place outside in all weather conditions, please dress accordingly.
- 13:00 Lunch (self-service)
- 14:00 WELCOME AND KEYNOTE SPEECH**
Uroš Brežan, Minister of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, Chair of the Alpine Conference
Alenka Smerkolj, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention
Gregor Torkar, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Education, Slovenia,
Keynote: Getting climate-ready: Outdoor education and climate action

14:45

PANEL 1: The CŠOD example from different perspectives (1)

This panel will focus on Slovenia's initiative to support the development of learning environments that change the habits, behaviour and values of children and at the same time promote a connection with the natural environment. Panellists will outline the governance of the project and its focus on developing educators' competences as well as how outdoor education can influence pedagogical practices.

Emma Perme, Ministry of Education, Slovenia

Saša Kregar, National Education Institute of Slovenia, Slovenia

Branko Kumer, Centre for School and Outdoor Education: CŠOD, Slovenia

Co-moderation: Domen Uršič, Centre for School and Outdoor Education - CŠOD, Slovenia

15:45

Coffee break

16:15

PANEL 2: Formal climate change education in the Alpine countries

Climate change education is now part of every Alpine country's formal school curriculum. This panel will offer an insight into the legal framework at national or regional level, didactics and methods used as well as the different stakeholders involved within the school and communities. Examples of cross-disciplinary approaches, participatory processes, labels as well as the link with the schools' own ecological transition will be outlined.

Coralie Noël, Ministry of National Education and Youth, France

Stefania Fontana, Lombardy Foundation for the Environment, Italy

Alexandra Weber, Bavarian State Institute for School Quality, Germany

Ursula Schlegel, Realschule Balzers, Liechtenstein

Co-moderation: Katharina Zwettler, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria

17:30

PANEL 3: Informal climate change education at school in the Alpine countries

Informal climate change education at school is being carried out in the classroom or outdoors, during or outside school time and with the support of different stakeholders. This panel will demonstrate the wide spectrum of tools used in the Alps, from digital learning environments to performances and competitions, often focusing on creating a personal experience of climate action for pupils and students.

Michael Landau, Department of National Education, Youth and Sports, Monaco

Silke Ramelow, Federal Ministry for the Environment and Consumer Protection and **Ella Schott and Johanna Niermann**, Youth of the German Alpine Club, Germany

Stefania Fontana, Lombardy Foundation for the Environment, Italy

Elke Kastner, Climate Alliance, Austria

Co-moderation: Marko Pretner, Triglav National Park, Slovenia

18:30

WRAP-UP

19:30

Dinner (self-service)

FRIDAY, 29.9.2023

8:30

Introduction activity

9:00

WORLD CAFÉ

Taking into account the interplay between climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as the Alpine specificity, participants will reflect further in small groups on the following topics: formal and informal education, complementarity of indoor and outdoor education, age-specificities in climate change education as well as teacher training.

11:30

PLENARY DISCUSSION, WRAP-UP AND CONCLUSIONS

After reports by the moderators of the World Café tables, further input will be gathered via an interactive survey. The following open discussion will identify the main learnings and ways forward at Alpine-wide level.

12:30

Lunch (self-service) and departures

Coordination of the event and overall moderation: Lenča Humerca Šolar, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention 2023-2024

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