

**ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
ALPINE CLIMATE BOARD
FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE XV AND XVI MEETINGS OF
THE ALPINE CONFERENCE (April 2019 – December 2020)**

1. Overview of the mandate or relevant decision of the Alpine Conference

Summary of the main tasks according to the 2019-2020 mandate (for Working Groups) or decision ACXV/A6 of the XV Alpine Conference (for Boards)

The working programme of the ACB was adopted by the Alpine Conference in April 2019:

The Alpine Conference:

- commissions the ACB to present an updated Climate Action Plan for adoption at the XVI. Alpine Conference
- commissions the ACB to support the operationalisation of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050
- invites the Parties to support the Alpine Partnership for local climate action (ALPACA) whenever possible.

2. Meetings

Summary of the meetings (date, place, main topics and outcomes)

- 6th meeting: 16/17 September 2019, Lyon (FR): Development of implementation pathways for water and tourism; agreement on methodology for factsheets and collection of information of implementation pathways
- 7th meeting: 29/30 January 2020, Torino (IT): Discussion of implementation pathways, methodology of prioritisation and communication activities; including a joint session during the meeting of the Alpine Biodiversity Board on 28/29 January in Torino
- 8th meeting: 13 May 2020, virtual: Finalisation and prioritisation of the implementation pathways; agreement on structure of Climate Action Plan 2.0
- 9th meeting: 9/10 September 2020, virtual: Finalisation of chapters 1 and 2 of the Climate Action Plan 2.0 and further discussions on chapters 3 and 4

3. Activities carried out

Synthetic report on activities carried out (including outreach and communication activities)

- Initial Workshop “Implementation of the Alpine Climate Target System of the Alpine Convention” on 13 May 2019 in Salzburg (AT): This Workshop aimed at testing the method of implementation pathways. Several pathways for the sectors energy and transport have been defined. Also, the workshop included brainstorming sessions on target groups, formats and key messages for more effective communication of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050 and its implementation.
- Development of 30 implementation pathways for ten sectors of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050 in a participatory and inclusive process: After finalising the implementation pathways, a prioritisation process has been established, focusing on those pathways with an Alpine value added, a transformational character and political relevance. 16 of 30 pathways have been prioritised.
- Development of the Climate Action Plan 2.0: The ACB members discussed the draft Climate Action Plan 2.0. The document will be forwarded to the XVI Alpine Conference and contains the 16 prioritised implementation pathways, a strategy for communication activities and implementation.
- Launch of a new website of the Alpine Climate Board: www.alpineclimate2050.org: The new website shows the targets and challenges for the different sectors of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050 as well as information on all 30 implementation pathways. News and events are promoted on this website and a community platform for interested stakeholders has been established to facilitate the exchange and the teaming up for climate action. The launch of the website has been celebrated at an informal online event on 2 September 2020.
- Organisation of a Kick-off Matchmaking Workshop on 15/16 September 2020, virtual: The workshop aimed at building implementation teams for the 30 pathways. 60 stakeholders from nearly all Alpine states participated in the workshop. Webinars and Follow Up events will be organized.
- Presentation of the ongoing work of the ACB at the following events:
 - Interactive sessions in different meetings of TWBs of the AC, autumn 2019 until spring 2020, physical and virtual
 - 6th meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change, 9 October 2019, Budapest (HU)
 - Alpine-wide conference on water resources and alpine rivers: adaptation to the challenges of climate change, 18/19 February 2020, Annecy (FR)
 - 7th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change, 15 May 2020, virtual
 - Enerb’alpes closing webinar, 18 June 2020, virtual
 - Communication Conference of ALPACA, 30 June/1 July 2020, virtual
 - Workshop of the Working Group on Mountain Agriculture and Mountain Forests, 16 July 2020, virtual
 - EUSALP Conference “Climate, risks, energy”, 30 September 2020, Chamonix (FR) & virtual

4. Results and outputs

Description of main results and outputs achieved

- Climate Action Plan 2.0 (focusing on 16 prioritised implementation pathways and including all 30 implementation pathways in the annex)
- New website of the Alpine Climate Board: www.alpineclimate2050.org
- Matchmaking Workshop on 15/16 September 2020

5. Cooperation

Description of cooperation initiatives and activities with other Alpine Convention Thematic Working Bodies and other relevant bodies and processes (e.g. EUSALP)

- Cooperation with Working Groups and the Alpine Biodiversity Board of the Alpine Convention during drafting process of the implementation pathways and the Matchmaking Workshop
- Support from observer organisations and a broader network of Alpine stakeholders in the drafting process of implementation pathways and the Matchmaking Workshop
- Invitation of EUSALP Action Groups to different events
- Exchange with UNEP and the Carpathian Convention – especially with the Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

6. Attachments

List of the documents attached to this report, such as papers proposed for approval by the XVI Alpine Conference (thematic reports, guidelines, statements etc.) and supporting documents (workshop proceedings, survey reports etc.).

- Draft Climate Action Plan 2.0 including implementation pathways (EN) – *attached to the meeting document specifically dedicated to the Climate Action Plan 2.0.*