

**MANDATE OF THE
Alpine Climate Board
FOR THE PERIOD 2023-2024
(BETWEEN THE XVII AND XVIII MEETINGS OF THE ALPINE
CONFERENCE)**

1. Introductory remarks

Importance of the issues selected and relevance of the proposed way to tackle them

The Climate Action Plan 2.0 focuses on the medium-term horizon and proposes detailed implementation pathways to be further developed until 2030. Therefore, the implementation of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050 and the Climate Action Plan 2.0 will again be at the centre of the Alpine Climate Board's (ACB) activities in the mandate period 2023-2024. Activities in the ten sectors of activity (*Transport, Energy, Tourism, Natural Hazards, Water, Spatial Planning, Soil, Mountain Agriculture, Mountain Forests, Ecosystems and Biodiversity*) and the two cross cutting sectors (*Municipal Action, Research Development*) shall be further pursued. While the sectoral approach advances many relevant issues, it can also lead to gaps on issues *between* different sectors. Therefore, in this mandate period and among other activities, a focus shall be set on promoting networks and cooperation *between* specific sectors to create and strengthen synergies and propose solutions to potential conflicts (see objectives below).

2. Objectives

Description of the objectives to be achieved until the XVIII Alpine Conference

1. Continued implementation of the Climate Target System 2050 with a particular focus on its prioritised implementation pathways, definition of potential gaps as well as options for stronger involvement of lead institutions and support by potential donors
2. Focus on cross-cutting areas of the Climate Target System 2050 and enhancement of cross-sectoral cooperation between the established communities, including the promotion of new project ideas and a stronger focus of the activities on "blind spots" of the sectoral approach and potential conflictual aspects (e.g. renewable energy production/environment)
3. Further development of the implementation communities for example through further developing the online exchange platform to the needs of the communities

4. Furthering of the uptake of the topic climate-neutral and climate-resilient lifestyles in appropriate ways
5. Continued exchange on new developments, e.g. impacts and consequences of the war in the Ukraine, with the focus on the need for an energy transition in compliance with the Alpine Convention and its Protocols, and emerging trends at transnational and global level (e.g. IPCC reports) and elaboration of subsequent proposals for adjustments to the implementation pathways in collaboration with the other TWBs, if necessary.

3. Planned outputs

Description of the planned outputs, with reference to the objectives

1. Monitoring of the progress of the implementation pathways and continued update of the stocktaking report of climate activities in the Alps
2. Guidance and pilot activities on cross-sectoral action/approaches
3. Organisation of regular exchange meetings with the implementation community, including regular Caretaker meetings
4. Follow up activities on climate-neutral and climate-resilient lifestyles (e.g. providing a platform for further exchanges)
5. Update or adaptation of the implementation pathways according to new developments and the work undertaken by other TWBs, if appropriate, as well as webinars on issues of relevance for all implementation communities, including latest scientific evidence.

4. Work plan

Outline of the foreseen timetable (meetings and other activities, main milestones scheduled)

- ACB meetings: at least 2 per year
- Caretakers meetings: at least 2 per year.

5. Cooperation

Description of the planned cooperation with other Alpine Convention bodies and further relevant partners and processes, and the expected benefits

- Continued involvement of TWBs (e.g. for a more targeted outreach) in the relevant implementation communities to join forces for climate action within the Alpine Convention

- Enhanced cooperation with the Contracting Parties and Observers as well as with relevant international organisations, other mountain regions and further partners to increase the outreach and uptake of the activities of the ACB.

6. Communication

Description of the communication goals, targets and respective planned measures

- Increased awareness raising and strengthened communication about the work of the ACB by maintaining and further developing www.alpineclimate2050.org (regular news articles, publication of webinar results etc.)
- Promoting showcase actions (e.g. follow-up activities on climate-neutral and climate-resilient lifestyles), in cooperation with the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention
- Awareness raising on mountain issues through UNFCCC COP side-events and at other events.

7. Link to the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2023-2030 of the Alpine Conference

Description of how the proposed objectives and activities shall contribute to some or all of the priority areas of the MAP 2023-2030 (biodiversity and ecosystems / climate action / quality of life / interlinkages, synergies, and trade-offs of the aforementioned areas)

- The implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2.0 is at the heart of priority area “climate action” of the MAP 2023-2030, and the need for cross-sectoral activities is also mentioned: the ACB will directly contribute to both aspects in this mandate period.
- Progress in the realisation of the implementation pathways in the sector of ecosystems and biodiversity shall contribute to the respective MAP priority.
- The ACB’s activities related to the promotion of climate-neutral and climate-resilient lifestyles aim at contributing to the quality-of-life MAP priority.

8. Chair

The Chair will be held by Austria.