

**ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
NATURAL HAZARDS WORKING GROUP – PLANALP
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 PLANALP) or decision ACXV/A6 of the XV Alpine Conference

- Knowledge transfer and exchange of good natural disaster risk reduction practices within the Alpine region (regular)
- Contribution of prevention in contingency planning: challenges and synergies; including the consideration of residual risk and the case of overload
- Climate change adaptation on local level including risk communication and focussing on different social groups e.g. children and youth

2. Meetings

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

- 24 – 25 April 2019 in Seggau, Austria
 - Main Topics: Review of Ending PLANALP Mandate and RSA7, Handover of Chairmanship, Presentation of new mandate, Natural Hazard Model Exhibition and Workshop
 - Outcomes: Decision on renewing the mandate and continue PLANALP, new Chairman Florian Rudolf-Miklau, presentation of the content focus of the new mandate, agreement to focus contingency planning on the needed information and preparation for civil protection actors, decision to prepare dissemination material for RSA7
- 15 – 16 October 2019 in Vitznau, Switzerland
 - Main Topics: Contingency planning (CP) and Alpine Climate Target System 2050 (CTS 2050)

- Outcomes: Presentation of the six key questions on CP and their feedback, Decision on how to continue CP including a timetable, PLANALP chair presented draft version on the pathways for the Alpine CTS2050, Discussion about new topic “Nature-based solutions” (NbS) for PLANALP
- 27 May 2020 Virtual Meeting
 - Main Topics: Contingency Planning and new topic Nature-based solutions”
 - Outcomes: Presentation of project consortium responsible for the study “CP in the area of natural hazards” and the timeline, initiation of a stakeholder analysis for CP online survey, decision that only one workshop on CP per country is necessary, discussion on main challenges regarding NbS
- 16 October 2020 Virtual Meeting
 - Main Topics: Contingency Planning and Nature-based solutions
 - Foreseeable outcomes: Presentation status quo of the CP study. Results of the workshops about good implementation practice to address stakeholders and draft version of final report.

3. Activities carried out

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

- Event for children and youth on natural hazard (Exhibition and Workshop)
- Knowledge transfer and exchange of best-practices as well as current natural hazard events was carried out at all meetings of PLANALP (e.g. collection existing practises for CP, risk communication for journalists, good-practises on NbS)
- Support the development of implementation pathways for natural hazards for the Alpine CTS2050
- Online survey in each country on CP
- (Foreseeable Activity: Workshops on CP in each country to validate the results of the online survey)

4. Results and outputs

Description of main results and outputs achieved

- Dissemination material for RSA7 in all five Alpine languages
- Minutes of the PLANALP meetings
- Content for new mandate

- Stakeholder analysis on CP in every country
- Results of the online survey for CP
- (Foreseeable result: Executive Report/Guidebook for CP to foster planning & management exchange in contingency planning and natural hazards)

5. Cooperation

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

- EUSALP AG8
- Working Group Soil Protection
- Alpine Climate Board (Alpine Climate Target System 2050)

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.).

- Interim Report *Contingency Planning in the Area of Natural Hazards*
- Workshop Documentation Heimschuh.pdf