

**ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
Natural Hazard Working Group (PLANALP)
FOR THE PERIOD 2021-2022
(BETWEEN THE XVI AND XVII MEETINGS OF THE ALPINE
CONFERENCE)**

1. Overview of the mandate given by the XVI Alpine Conference

Summary of the objectives according to the 2021-2022 mandate or work programme

- Identify Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for the reduction of risks and prevention of major disasters related to natural hazards in the Alpine Region and collect best practice examples; taking into account the principles of biodiversity, sustainability and climate adaptation.
- Knowledge transfer and exchange of good practices in disaster risk reduction of natural hazards within the Alpine region (regular). Disseminate and communicate about the results and findings of the Report on the State of the Alps 7 and the study on challenges and synergies in contingency planning and raise awareness on these topics.

2. Meetings

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

- 25th March 2021, virtual meeting:
 - Main topics: Contingency Planning (CP) and Mandate 2021 – 2022
 - Milestones: Presentation of the final report on CP and decision on dissemination through fact sheet; discussion on the approach of the new mandate, definition of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and define content and common questions for policy paper on NbS
- 21st June 2021, virtual meeting:
 - Main topics: Workshop on NbS and exchange on information
 - Milestones: Elaboration of the predefined questions for NbS policy paper; presentation and discussion of past events, new tools and projects and policy recommendations from the member countries

- 12th October 2021, virtual meeting:
 - Main topics: NbS, meeting with Carpathian Convention and fact sheet
 - Milestones: Presentation and discussion of the first draft on NbS; Presentation of the results from the joint meeting with the Carpathian Convention; discussion of the approach and preparation of the template for the fact sheet
- 29th March 2022, virtual meeting:
 - Main topics: New mandate 2023 – 2024 & policy brief NbS
 - Milestones: Development of the new mandate 2023 – 2024; Presentation and discussion of the second version of the NbS policy brief
- 17th May 2022, Rosenheim, Bavaria:
 - Main topics: policy brief NbS & new mandate 2023 – 2024
 - Milestones: Presentation and finale feedback loop of the policy brief on NbS and discussion of the procedure and the milestones for the mandate 2023 – 2024
- Planned October 2022, Bolzano, Italy:
 - Planned main topics: Outputs of Mandate 2021-2022 & first steps regarding new mandate 2023 – 2024
 - Planned Milestones: Presentation and discussion regarding dissemination of outputs from mandate 2021 – 2022 and first steps regarding new mandate 2023 – 2024

3. Activities carried out

Synthetic description of further activities carried out (including outreach and communication activities)

- Knowledge transfer and exchange of best-practices as well as discussion of current natural hazard events was carried out at all meetings of PLANALP (e.g. exchange of new knowledge/information, collection of existing best practices for dealing with natural risks, risk communication, good-practises on NbS)
- Support of the Alpine Climate Board and the natural hazard implementation pathways
- Workshop on NbS
- Joint-Workshop on Climate resilient spatial planning with EUSALP AG8

4. Outputs and results

Description of the main outputs and results achieved

- Policy brief on Nature-based Solutions
- Dissemination material in form of fact sheet for Contingency Planning report
- Content for new mandate
- Minutes of PLANALP meetings

5. Cooperation

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

- Alpine Climate Board
- EUSALP AG8

6. Attachments

List of the documents attached to this report, such as papers proposed for approval by the XVII Alpine Conference (thematic reports, guidelines, statements etc.) and supporting documents (workshop proceedings, survey reports, communication materials etc.). *Please kindly provide a PDF file of each attachment. Do not include the minutes of regular meetings!*

- *Nature-based solutions in the context of natural hazards – Policy brief*
- *Contingency Planning – Factsheet (EN, DE)*