MANDATE PROPOSAL*
NATURAL HAZARDS WORKING GROUP (PLANALP)
For the period until the XVI Alpine Conference

1. Introductory remarks

After the devastating avalanches and floods of 1999, the Alpine Conference established a Working group to develop common strategies and activity fields on the level of the Contracting parties to the Alpine Convention. Based on the recommendations of this Working group, PLANALP was appointed by the Ministers at the VIII. Alpine conference in 2004. Natural hazards are referred to in Article 2 of the Alpine Convention on objectives and are addressed in the Protocol Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development, but also mentioned in other Protocols and in the Action Plan on Climate Change in the Alps.

2. Tasks

Description of tasks

For the period until the XVI Alpine Conference PLANALP aims at focussing on the following topics:

1. Knowledge transfer and exchange of good natural disaster risk reduction practices among decision makers within the Alpine region (regular), including regular exchange on the implementation of the recommendations of the RSA7.

2. Contribution of prevention to contingency planning: challenges and synergies; including the consideration of residual risk and the case of overload.

3. Climate change adaptation on local level including risk communication and focussing on different social groups e.g. children and youth.

Description of outputs

The products of PLANALP are (numbers refer to core activities):

1. Minutes of the PLANALP meetings;

2. Activity reports by countries at PLANALP meetings;

3. Report;
4. Event for children and youth on natural hazard management (exhibition with natural hazards models, risk communication tools etc.).

## Work plan

- Meeting April 2019;
- Fair for children and youth - April 2019;
- Meeting Autumn 2019;
- Meeting Spring 2020;
- Finalising report (task 3) summer 2020;
- Meeting Autumn 2020.

## 3. Communication

### Communication activities of the Working Group

- PLANALP members will disseminate the results among their networks of experts and the Alpine community through respective websites and events and, as appropriate, working together with the Info-points of the Alpine Convention.

- PLANALP members ensure that the results produced and “mountain issues” in general are disseminated and well reflected in the international processes such as:
  - European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction;
  - Research Society Interpraevent;
  - Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations;
  - Implementation of the EU Flood Directive 2007/60/EC;
  - Network we4DRR.
4. Cooperation

Cooperation Activities of the Working Group

PLANALP will cooperate with other working bodies on a case by case basis by inviting experts from relevant Thematic Working Bodies.

PLANALP will cooperate with EUSALP Action Group 8 on the topic of risk communication for children and youth.

5. Link to the Multiannual Programme

Contribution to and coherence with the Multiannual Work Programme 2017-2022 of the Alpine Conference as well as the Convention and its Protocols

Within the topics of PLANALP, several points of the Multiannual Work Programme of the Alpine Conference for 2017 – 2022 are integrated by focussing on the changing processes such as climate change but also on risks that emerge through e.g. demographic change, transport infrastructures or tourism to enhance the resilience of societies.

6. Presidency

The Presidency of the Working Group is entrusted to Austria.