

MANDATE PROPOSAL*

TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

For the period until the XVI Alpine Conference

1. Introductory remarks

Based on its previous work, the Transport Working Group shall contribute to the achievement of the Alpine Climate Target System 2050, which sets out the following targets for 2050 in the field of transport: Tr1/ Modal shift of Alpine freight transit; Tr2/ Reduced car dependency (inner-Alpine and transalpine passenger transport); Tr3/ Reduced transport demand (passenger & freight); Tr4/ Decarbonised transport fleet.

The Transport Working Group shall also contribute to the proposed 8th Report on the State of the Alps (RSA8) on Air Quality.

2. Tasks

Description of tasks

1. Based on previous work by the Alpine Convention and other organisations, including studies on the internalisation of real costs and on innovative logistics solutions, draft a position paper to be considered at the XVI Alpine Conference on the **modal shift of Alpine freight transit** by 2050 (Transport Protocol art. 10 & 14, Climate Target Tr1).
2. Collect and analyze good practices in **reducing transport demand** through transport-saving spatial structures, new working solutions, pooling of shipments, regional distribution chains and changed mobility and behavioral patterns (Framework Convention art. 2 (2) j, Climate Target Tr3).
3. Study the potential of existing and new **technologies for sustainable passenger transport** in the Alps, such as hydrogen-powered trains (Transport Protocol art. 9, Climate Target Tr2).
4. Provide for RSA8 an alpine-wide overview of the **impacts of transport in the Alps on air quality** and the effectiveness of **impact mitigation measures** (Framework Convention art. 2 (2) c).

Description of outputs

1. Draft position paper of the Alpine Conference.
2. Study report with good practice examples and recommendations (Task 2).
3. Study report with good practice examples and recommendations (Task 3).
4. Contribution to RSA8.
5. Communication plan regarding the results.

Work plan

The group foresees up to four meetings and the following milestones:

- By end of 2019: first drafts of all papers.
- Until 3 months before the XVI Alpine Conference: final papers and communication plan.

3. Communication

Communication activities of the Working Group

- Dissemination of the results by each member within national administrations and other fora.
- Preparation of a communication plan.
- Possibly other outreach activities, depending on opportunities.

4. Cooperations

Cooperation activities of the Working Group

- Cooperation with the Ad-hoc Working group in charge of the preparation of the RSA8.
- Cooperation with the Alpine Climate Board (ACB): regular exchange with the ACB on the achievement of the Alpine Climate Targets related to Transport.
- Cooperation with EUSALP AG4 (Mobility): reciprocal Observer status (Permanent Secretariat in AG4, AG-Lead in WG) and regular reporting on activities at meetings.
- Cooperation with the Zurich Process, as appropriate, including through reciprocal reporting.

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

The Transport Working Group will contribute to Priority 5 “Promoting sustainable transport” and Priority 2 “Taking action on climate change” and will focus on the implementation of articles 2 (2) c and j of the Framework Convention and the Transport Protocol.

6. Presidency

The Presidency of the Working Group is entrusted to France.