Multi-Annual Work Programme of the Alpine Conference 2017-2022

Priorities
WHAT IS THE MULTI-ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ALPINE CONFERENCE?

The Multi-Annual Work Programme 2017-22 (MAP) defines joint priorities to foster the implementation of the Alpine Convention and its Protocols. It provides a framework for actions and offers strategies and tools for addressing the challenges facing the Alpine area.

A VISION, ONE PROGRAMME, SIX YEARS, SIX PRIORITIES

The MAP 2017-2022 contributes to the overarching long-term vision of establishing the Alps as a pioneer region for sustainable living in the heart of Europe, as expressed in the Declaration on the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2017-2022, adopted by the XIVth Alpine Conference in Grassau (Germany). It identifies six priorities.

FOCUSING ON PEOPLE AND CULTURE
This priority seeks to promote a high quality of life in the Alps by making use of local and traditional knowledge, addressing demographic change as well as improving governance structures and adapting them to future needs of the population in order to make Alpine societies resilient and innovative.

TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
This priority focuses on increasing efforts in climate change adaptation, reducing greenhouse gases emissions, implementing renewable energy and energy efficiency measures, as well as developing a carbon-neutral economy and lifestyle. The work of the Alpine Convention offers an excellent basis for developing a comprehensive climate neutrality strategy. Such a strategy should aim at increasing regional adaptation and mitigation towards an ideal goal of overall climate neutrality in the Alps by 2050.

CONSERVING AND VALUING BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPE
This priority aims at maintaining and valuing biodiversity in its comprehensive sense. This includes the diversity of species, of ecosystems and habitats and their spatial connections, as well as the unique cultural and natural landscapes in the Alps.
Additionally to the MAP 2017-2022, a comprehensive roadmap has been developed. It will be updated by the Alpine Conference every two years. The aim of the roadmap is to identify specific joint short-term actions within the MAP priorities. This facilitates and promotes a pragmatic and hands-on approach to the implementation of the MAP.

**PARTNERSHIP**

Successful implementation of the MAP requires strong partnerships. Partnerships are crucial for exchanging experiences across different fields and knowledge groups, thus strengthening the Alpine Convention’s ties with various stakeholders and providing better visibility of the Convention itself.
More Information

For the full text of the Multi-Annual Work Programme of the Alpine Conference 2017-2022, the Declaration of the Alpine Conference and the current road map, visit www.alpconv.org.

The Alpine Convention is an international treaty between the Alpine Countries (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Slovenia and Switzerland) and the EU for the sustainable development and protection of the Alps.