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## THE ACTION PLAN ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE ALPS



Source : Centre de Recherches sur les Ecosystèmes d'Altitude (CREA)

**Main Objectives**  
adopted by the Xth Alpine Conference,  
(Evian, March 2009)



## 1. Spatial and land planning

Ensure efficient space management, promote urban densification

Promote CO<sub>2</sub> efficient urbanisation and planning

Promote an integrated approach to adapt Alpine space to new climatic conditions and more particularly to:

- Better control natural hazards and limit their consequences
- Ensure sustainable development in terms of housing and economic activities

## 2. Energy: heating energy, a key sector in the Alpine space

Significantly reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Promote the use of renewable energy sources

## 3. Transport: shift traffic towards more eco and climate-friendly means of transportation

Significantly reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions linked to transports

## 4. Tourism

Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced by tourist activities and ensure travel professionals offer the option of sustainable transports

Promote Alpine holidays offers that are «climate neutral»

Adapt winter tourism and diversify the tourism offer

## 5. Enhancement of mountain forests and development of forestry

Favour the adaptation of forest stands to climate change by keeping the Alpine forests in a good ecological state and by increasing their biodiversity

Develop forestry so that wood can be used as a material and as an energy source that would benefit the economic development of local populations

Reinforce the role played by the forests in preventing natural hazards

## 6. Preservation of biodiversity

Create an ecological continuum in order to facilitate the migration of Alpine fauna and flora species

Preserve the biodiversity of protected areas and maintain ecosystem services

Ensure habitat preservation for species that are representative of the Alps

Support quality agriculture which contributes to the protection of the environment and to the stability of biodiversity

Maintain peatlands as CO<sub>2</sub> sinks and biodiversity reservoirs

## 7. Water and water resources

Reinforce the implementation of the Water Framework Directive

Prevent water shortage

Steer the development of hydropower plants according to the ecology of water streams

## 8. Mountain farming

Support mountain farming as a contribution to the environment, the maintenance and the attractiveness of Alpine territories

## 9. Applied research & Awareness-raising

Improve knowledge to better understand the impact of climate change on a local level, particularly as far as water, natural hazards and socio-economic balance are concerned

Reinforce cooperation in order to gain common knowledge of the existing risks

Reinforce public awareness, especially among the youth

Check the complete text of the Action Plan on Climate Change in the Alps, and learn more about the measures that will contribute to achieve those objectives at:

[www.alpcnv.org](http://www.alpcnv.org)

