

Multiannual Work Programme of the Alpine Conference 2017-2022

Roadmap 2017-2018

Proposed joint initiatives and projects for the implementation of the MAP priorities:

Priority 1: Focusing on people and culture

- Support and implement initiatives regarding young people in the Alps to promote the Alpine Convention and raise awareness; such initiatives include:
 - Youth Parliament, Young Academics Award, Youth Alpine Express, Youth at the Top, etc.
- Jointly celebrate the International Mountain Day through alpine-wide events, e.g. by supporting and implementing the Reading mountains initiative.
- Support and implement initiatives promoting the role of women in mountain areas, including through a global ministerial conference on this topic and through activities related to the recognition of the role of women in disaster risk reduction, for instance in the 7th Report on the State of the Alps “Natural Hazard Risk Governance”.
- Support and implement initiatives on population and culture on regional and local level, e.g. through an enhanced cooperation with the Alliance in the Alps municipalities network and the Alpine Town of the Year association.

Priority 2: Taking action on climate change

- Elaborate the 7th Report on the State of the Alps on the topic of Natural Hazards Risk Governance.
- Support and implement initiatives aiming at promoting energy efficiency and savings in buildings as well as innovative and sustainable building design and culture, including through the continuation of the Alpine Building Conference, and the architecture competition “Constructive Alps”.
- Support and implement initiatives aiming at promoting mitigation and adaptation measures in the tourism and hotel sector.
- Strengthen mitigation and adaptation measures on local and regional level through an enhanced cooperation with CIPRA, Alliance in the Alps and Alpine Town of the

Year, also through supporting a forthcoming Climate alliance of municipalities.

- Establish and participate in an Advisory Board on the Alpine Climate, which will bundle initiatives on climate change from the Alpine region and work towards developing targets and objectives on climate change action in the Alps.

Priority 3: Conserving and valuing biodiversity and landscape

- Support and implement initiatives promoting the conservation and valuation of biodiversity and landscape inside and outside protected areas, such as establishing and strengthening pilot regions for ecological connectivity.
- Continue cooperation on sustainable spatial development, including through the open expert group.
- Initiate a structured transboundary dialogue towards establishing a technical soil conservation working group or platform in the future.

Priority 4: Greening the economy

- Disseminate the results of the 6th Report on the State of the Alps “Greening the Economy in the Alps” to selected target groups.
- Prepare until 2018 a comprehensive Action Programme for Greening the Economy in the Alpine Region following the recommendations of the RSA 6.
- Support and implement initiatives on the contribution of mountain agriculture to a sustainable Alpine economy, including through an international conference on “the future of mountain agriculture”.
- Implement the “Recommendations for Sustainable Organisation of Meetings and Events of the Alpine Convention” when organising Alpine Convention meetings and events.

Priority 5: Promoting sustainable transport

- Strengthen the cooperation between development and environmental sustainability in the view of transport management and policies for inter- and trans-Alpine traffic, by coordinating the Zurich Process, EUSALP Action Group 4 and the Alpine Convention Working Group as well as with regional cooperation like the iMonitraf Network.
- Support the Transport WG to further improve the alpine wide exchange on internalizing external costs in transport pricing, for the stepwise introduction of HGV-fees on the main alpine crossings.

- Support the Transport WG to discuss future incentives for low-carbon transport modes e.g. by encouraging the introduction of low-carbon vehicles in public transport fleets.
- Implement and participate in the conference on “Sustainable tourism and mobility”, also in the framework of the UN International Year of Sustainable Tourism 2017.
- Support initiatives for the implementation of policies and measures aimed at promoting alternative fuels deployment throughout the Alpine territory.

Priority 6: Playing a leading role in EUSALP

- Ensure contributions to the institutional EUSALP bodies (General Assembly, Executive Board and Annual Forum).
- Support and carry out activities under the Working Programme of EUSALP Action Group 6 to ensure an effective lead of EUSALP Action Group 6 by the Land of Carinthia and the Permanent Secretariat.
- Provision of significant inputs to other Action Groups relevant for the Alpine Convention.
- Support new and already approved joint projects in the framework of the Alpine Space Programme.