



Platform „Ecological Network“ of the Alpine Convention

**Ecological Networks: a model for focused multi action in the frame
of the Alpine Convention**



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Protocol « Conservation of nature and the countryside »

Article 12 - Ecological network

The Contracting Parties shall pursue the measures appropriate for creating a national and cross border network of protected areas, biotopes and other environmental assets protected or acknowledge as worthy of protection. They shall undertake to harmonise the objectives and measures with the cross-border protected areas.



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Mandate from the Alpine Conference 2006 and 2009

Objectives:

- **Group of exchange of information, experience and know-how**
- **Act as facilitator for the conceptualisation and implementation of project concerning ecological connectivity**
- **Convene the different alpine initiatives towards a holistic and alpine wide planning and implementation process**

Platform Members

The platform is composed of:

- **representatives from national and regional administrations**
- **scientific and technical experts**
- **representatives of the contracting parties**
- **representatives of protected areas (pilot regions)**
- **representatives from NGOs**
- **different persons that may contribute to its activities**

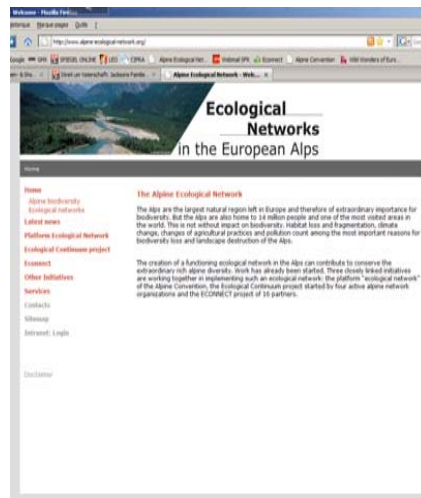


Key Areas of Work according to the Mandates

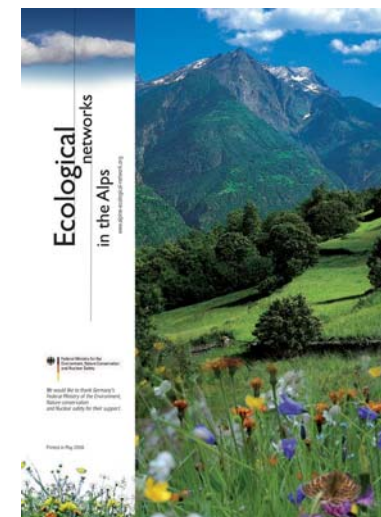
- **Scientific support** – fostering the development of methods, implementation mechanisms and a joint terminology
- **Project-oriented implementation** – support to pilot areas, testing of approaches
- **Communication and public relations**

Achievements and results

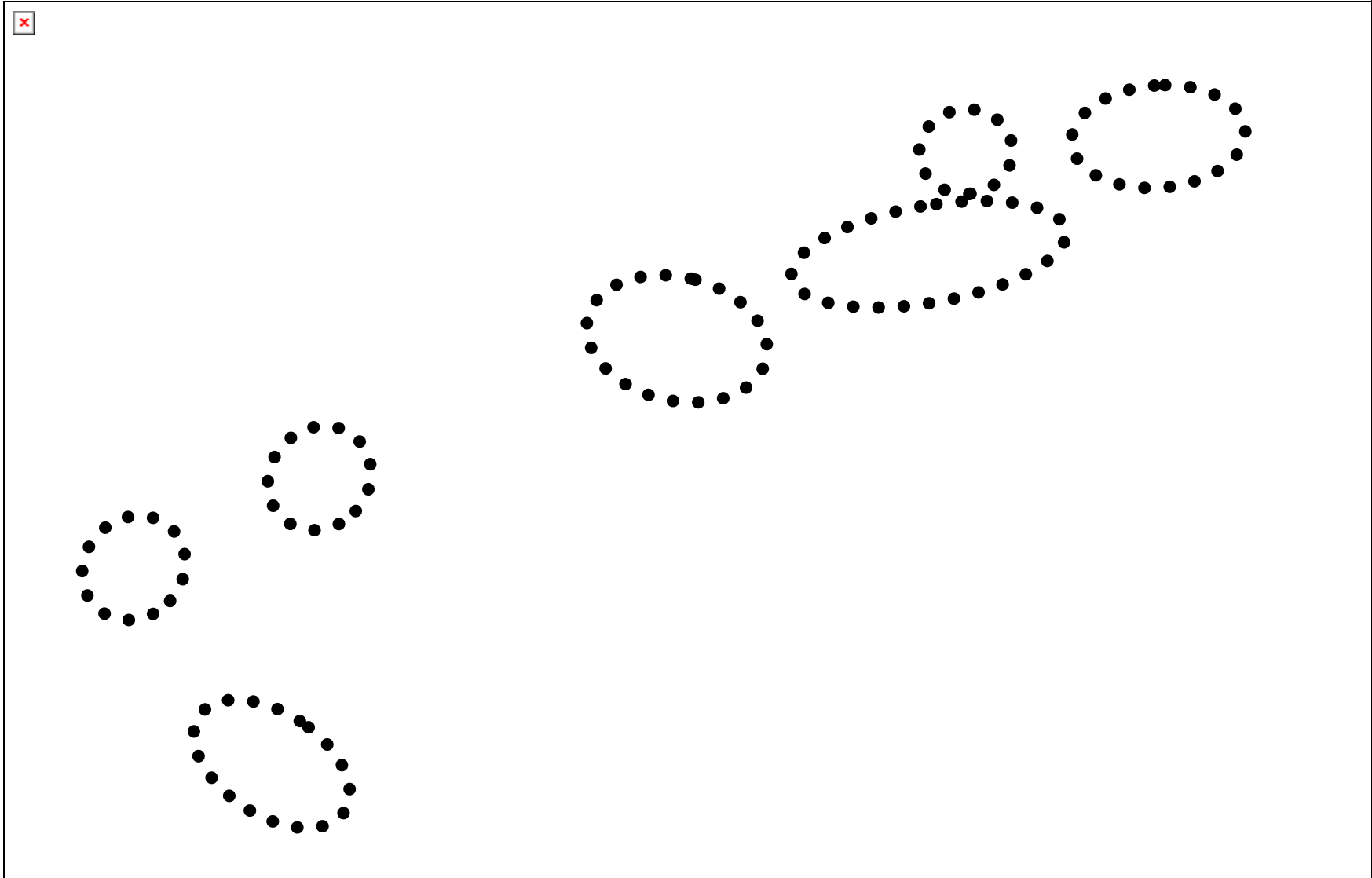
- **communication tools** (publication in the series BfN Skripten, brochure, internet homepage, communication strategy...)
- **close collaboration** with the main alpine initiatives (Ecological Continuum Project, ECONNECT) and conventions (Carpathians, CBD)
- preparation of the **nomination of official pilot regions** (methodology, criteria)



Signature Memorandum of Understanding



Brochure



The Continuum
Project

Ecological Continuum Project

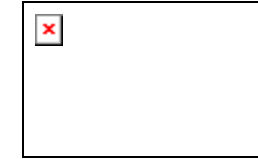
4 partners:



- 1) Development of a common methodology
- 2) Catalogue of measures
- 3) First activities in pilot regions
- 4) Communication tools
- 5) Further financing possibilities (further projects, ECONNECT)



ECONNECT



Improving ecological connectivity in the Alps

3 years (start Sept 08)

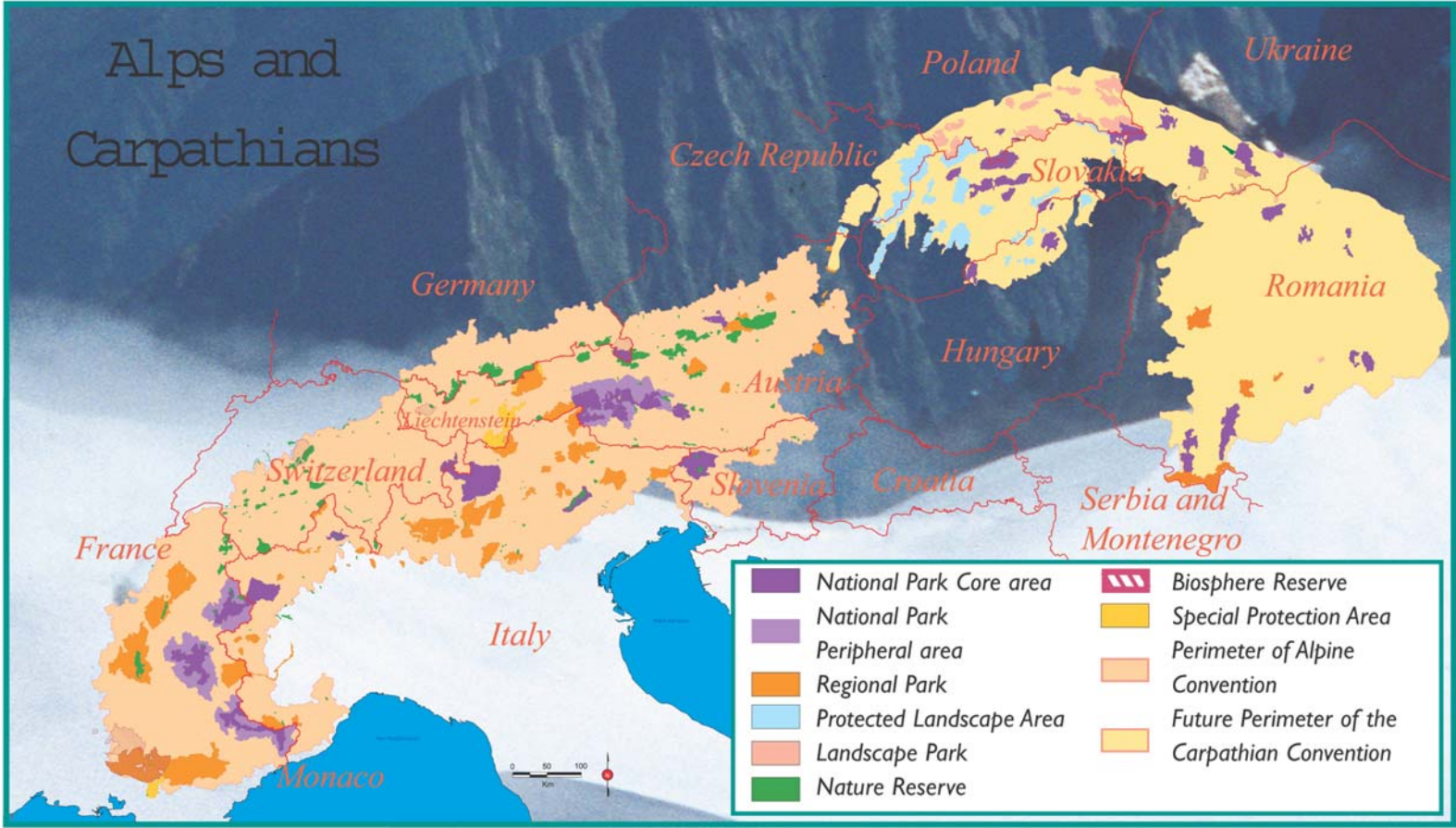
3,2 mio euro (76% Alpine Space EU)

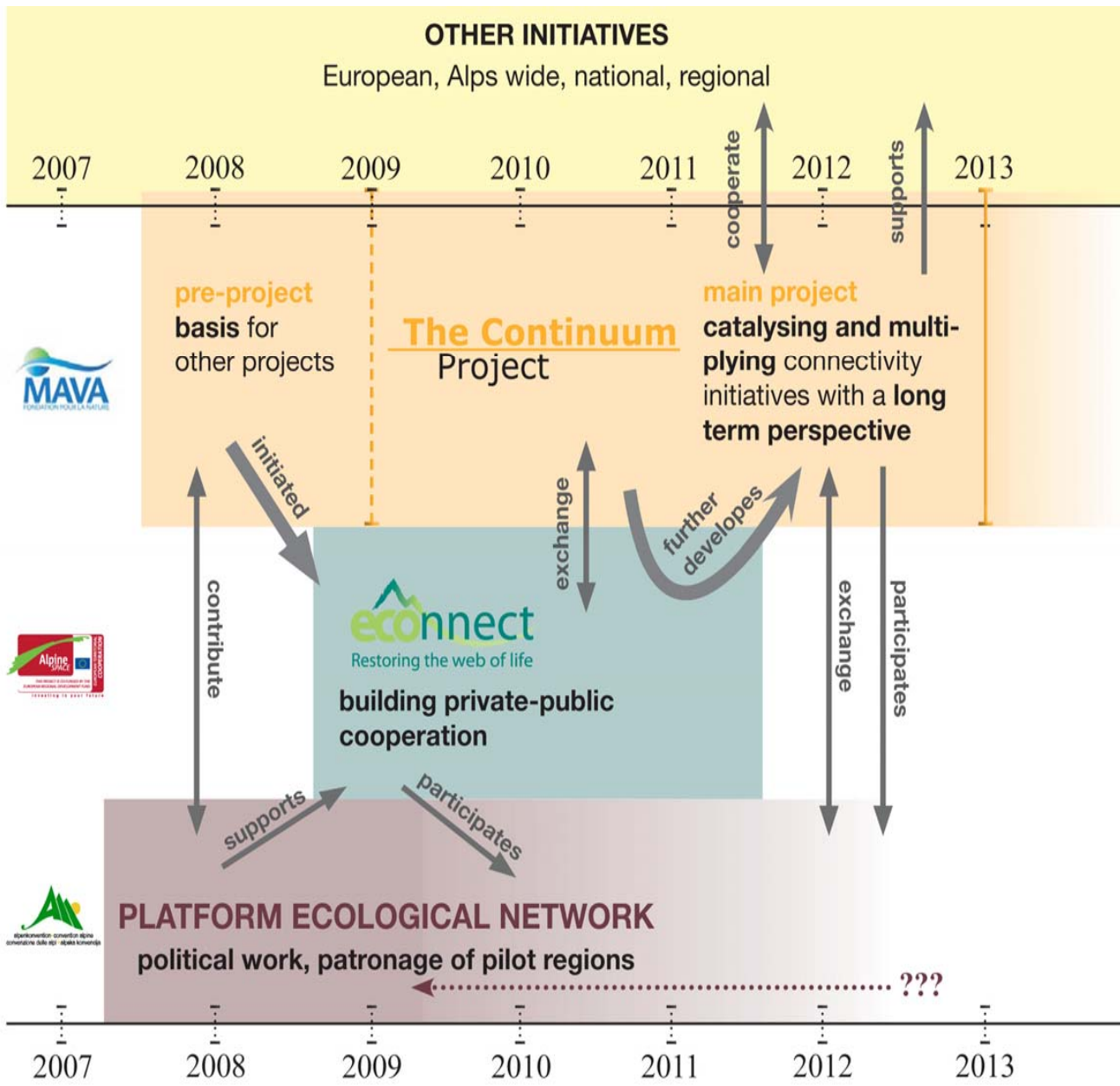
16 partners (+4 observers) from all Alpine countries

Lead: Vienna University wildlife ecology (Prof. C. Walzer)



Cooperation with other mountain regions





Cooperation possibilities:

- **Large carnivores and ungulates among the selected working species for implementation projects in the pilot regions (exchange of information, data, results)**
- **Experts welcome to the Platform and the other initiatives (Think Tank)**
- **Identification of research needs**

... Thank you for your attention!

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