



**REPORT OF THE
WG-MRS (Macro Regional Strategy)
on the 2016-2019 mandate**

1. Overview of 2016-2019 mandate or relevant decision of the Alpine Conference

Brief summary of the main activities according to the 2016-2019 mandate or relevant decision of the Alpine Conference

With reference to the core tasks as defined in the mandate 2016-2019, which have been concretized and put into more operational terms by the “multi-step cooperation model” developed by the WG MRS the working group promoted the coordination and the exchange of the Alpine Convention’s institutions, networks and contents with the EUSALP. Based on supporting tools (content matrix, actors map, combined calendar) various cooperation and cooperation activities were carried out. Those activities facilitated the input of the Alpine Convention in the EUSALP General Assembly and Executive Board provided by the AC Presidency and the Permanent Secretariat and fostered the exchange between the EUSALP and its Action Groups and the Alpine Convention’s institutions. The main activities regarding the exchange were two exchange workshops between the leaders of the EUSALP Action Groups, the Platform and Working Group leaders of the Alpine Convention as well as representatives of the European Commission (DG-Regio) and the Alpine Space Programme.

2. Meetings

Summary of the meetings

The Working Group held five meetings:

- 18.11.2016, Vienna (AT)
- 26.01.2017, Vienna (AT)
- 20.06.2017, Vienna (AT)
- 15.11.2017, Vienna (AT)
- 24.04.2018, Vienna (AT)

3. Activities carried out

Report on activities carried out (including meetings, conferences)

Provision of inputs of the Alpine Convention acting as Observer in the EUSALP General Assembly and the EUSALP Executive Board:

- 2017-02-14-17, EUSALP Executive Board and Action Group Meeting, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.
- 2017-07-03-04, EUSALP Executive Board Meeting, Brussels, Belgium, invitation to the first exchange workshop.
- 2017-11-24, EUSALP 5th Executive Board Meeting, Munich, Germany, presenting the results of the first exchange workshop.

Serving as an interface between the Permanent Committee and the leaders of EUSALP Action Group 6 (Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention and Land Carinthia):

- Within each of the seven WG-MRS meetings a dedicated topic ensured the mutual exchange between members of the WG-MRS and the leaders of AG-6.

Foster exchange between the EUSALP, its Action Groups and the Alpine Convention's institutions:

- 2017-01-30/31, Workshop of Chairs of Working groups (WGs) and Platforms (PFs), Vienna, Austria, introducing prepared supporting tools (content matrix, actors map, combined calendar) as basis for coordinated cooperation activities within the PFS and WGs of the Alpine Convention and between EUSALP and Alpine Convention.
- 2017-10-05-06 and 2018-09-10-11, 1st and 2nd Exchange Workshop Alpine Convention – EUSALP, Gmunden and Vienna, Austria.
- 2018-03-14-15: providing a discussion paper regarding the optimisation of working methods of the Alpine Convention at the Informal meeting of the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Convention.
- 2018-04-24: within this WG-MRS-meeting a proposal for future models/forms of cooperation between the Alpine Convention and other actors in the context of implementing the MAP was developed. These results were further discussed within the 2nd exchange meeting between Alpine Convention and EUSALP.

4. Results and outputs

Description of main results and outputs achieved

- Content Matrix: Incorporation of the work plans of EUSALP AGs in relation to the thematically corresponding contents (WG/PF) of the Alpine Convention completed with thematically relevant ASP projects and linked to the corresponding supporting documents; selective updating of contents (EUSALP + AC), where new information has become available (e.g., Alpine Climate Board). Content matrix formed the basis for the 1st exchange workshop of Alpine Convention and EUSALP.
- Actors Map (internet based platform of regularly updated collection of members of the individual working bodies of the Alpine Convention and the EUSALP).
- Alpine Convention/EUSALP combined calendar: to support the planning of meetings and conferences a combined calendar of relevant meeting and conference dates was regularly updated and distributed.
- Two exchange workshops between Alpine Convention and EUSALP (5th-6th October 2017 in Gmunden, Austria, and 10th-11th September 2018 in Vienna, Austria).

5. Cooperation

Description of cooperation initiatives and activities with other Alpine Convention Thematic Working Bodies and other relevant bodies and processes (e.g. EUSALP)

- 1st and 2nd Alpine Convention and EUSALP Exchange Workshop.

6. Attachments

List of the documents attached to the report

- Attachment 1: Content Matrix of the working programmes of Alpine Convention and EUSALP.
- Attachment 2: Actors Map of members of the WG/PF of the Alpine Convention and the AGs of EUSALP (also web-based).
- Attachment 3: Minutes 1st exchange workshop Alpine Convention and EUSALP.
- Attachment 4: Minutes 2nd Exchange workshop Alpine Convention and EUSALP.
- Attachments 5.1-5.6: Minutes of WG-MRS-Meetings.