



**ALPENKONVENTION  
CONVENTION ALPINE  
ALPSKA KONVENC IJA  
CONVENZIONE DELLE ALPI**

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## What is the Alpine Convention

A pioneer of its kind: The first international treaty covering an entire mountain range that crosses several national borders.

Aim: Safeguard the Alps and their unique natural and cultural heritages – now and for the future.

More than 30 years of experience: The Alpine Convention was signed in 1991 and entered into force in 1995.



### Signatories:

-  Austria
-  France
-  Germany
-  Italy
-  Liechtenstein
-  Monaco
-  Slovenia
-  Switzerland
-  and the European Union





## Foundations of the Alpine Convention

### Framework Convention

Guiding principles for transnational  
cooperation in the Alpine region

### Protocols

Spatial planning  
and sustainable  
development

Tourism

Mountain  
forests

Nature protection  
and landscape  
conservation

Soil  
conservation

Mountain  
farming

Energy

Transport

### ... and six ministerial Declarations

- Population and Culture (2006)
- Climate Change (2006)
- Strengthening of Sustainable Economy in the Alps (2016)
- Climate-neutral and Climate-resilient Alps 2050 (2019)
- Integrated and Sustainable Water Management in the Alps (2020)
- Protection of Mountain Biodiversity and its Promotion at International Level (2020)

## *The Multi-Annual Work Programme 2023-2030*

### MULTI-ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ALPINE CONFERENCE

2023-2030



Priority area 1: Conserving and valuing  
Alpine biodiversity and ecosystems



Priority area 2: Taking ambitious  
climate action

Priority area 3: Enabling a good quality  
of life for the people in the Alps



## *Thematic Working Bodies*

- **Alpine Biodiversity Board (ABB)**
  - Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society Working Group – WISO
  - Mountain Agriculture and Mountain Forestry Working Group
  - Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development Working Group
  - Alpine Climate Board (ACB)
  - Soil Protection Working Group
  - Natural Hazards Working Group – PLANALP
  - Transport Working Group
- ... and various ad-hoc working groups ...



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## Objectives

## ABB Mandate 2023-2024

1. Contribute to the **awareness on and knowledge of mountain biodiversity and its specificity at the international and national level** and support its integration in international and national policies.
2. Contribute to the **achievement of the European biodiversity targets in the Alps and to the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 in the Alps.**
3. Contribute to **implementing the two Biodiversity Pathways of the Climate Action Plan 2.0**, elaborated between the ABB and the ACB: 1) *“Protection and management of vulnerable and Alpine-specific landscapes and ecosystems”* and 2) *“Enhance transboundary cooperation and ecological connectivity”*.
4. Support the **global ecosystem restoration efforts in the Alps** and raise the profile of the Alps as a model region in this field.

## Activities

- International knowledge exchange **workshops**
- Application for a **project** under the Alpine Space programme on **harmonising monitoring of the alpine biodiversity**
- **Outputs on climate** action in cooperation with the Alpine Climate Board
- Contribution to the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**

*Thank you for your attention*

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