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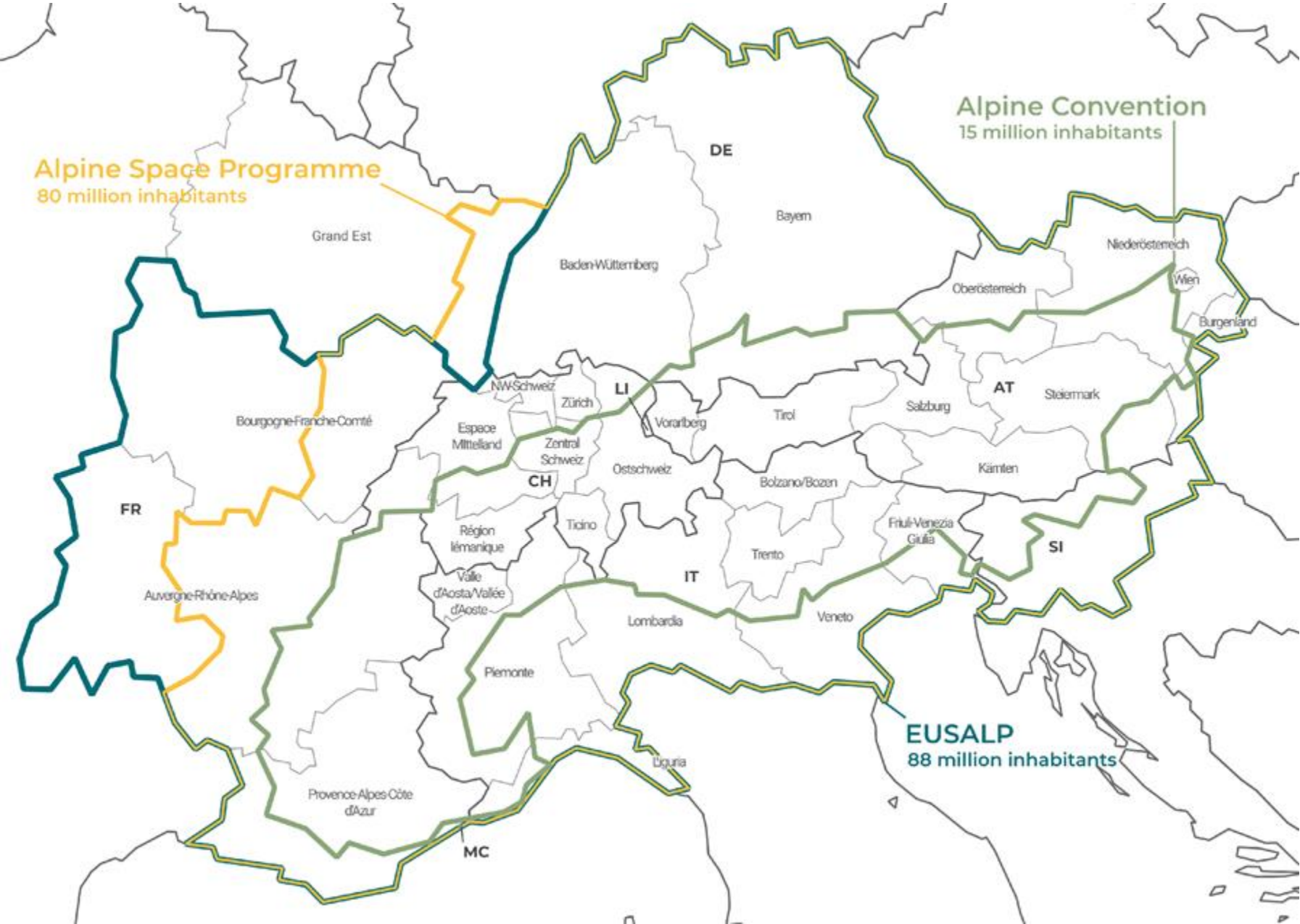
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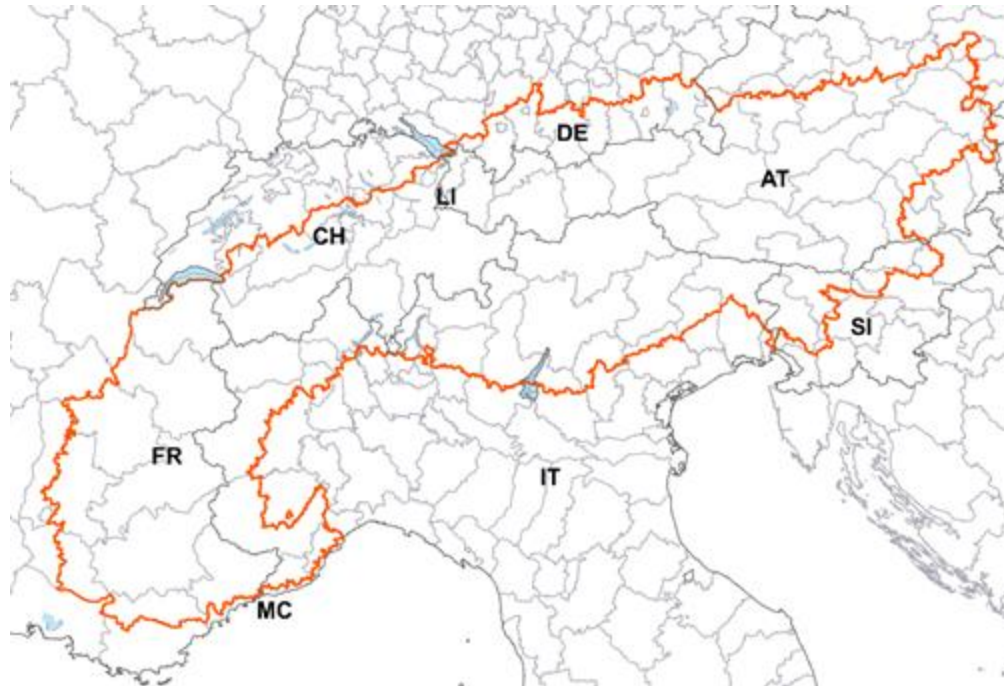
EUSALP – EU Strategy for the Alpine Region:
Macroregional strategy



Leading the way for sustainable life in the Alps



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was signed in 1991



Signatories:

-  Austria
-  France
-  Germany
-  Italy
-  Liechtenstein
-  Monaco
-  Slovenia
-  Switzerland
-  EU



ASP Interreg Alpine Space Programme (ERDF)



- **Interreg:** series of programmes for cohesion of regions in and out of the European Union
- **ERDF: European Regional Development Fund** provides funding
- **Interreg Alpine Space Programme:** co-finances cooperation projects across the borders of seven Alpine countries
- Creation: **since 2000 179 projects** co-financed
- **Aim:** to tackle common challenges and improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the Alpine region
- **Objective of current period 2021-2027:** Alpine Region's transition to a unique, carbon neutral and climate resilient area
- **Redefined Objectives** every seven years: based on Alpine region' needs and on policy goals of the European Union
- Financed projects: **must contribute to the achievements of these objectives**



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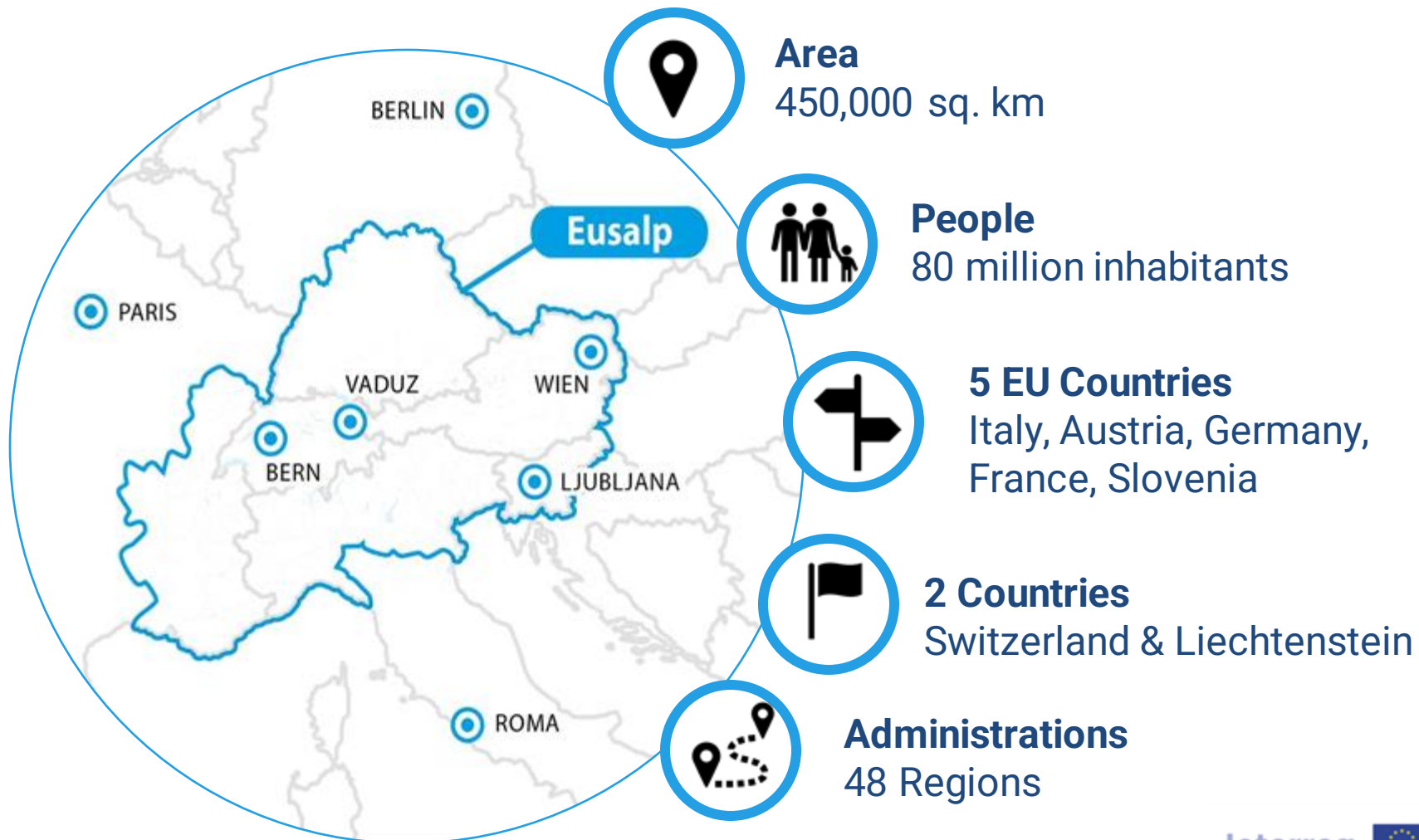
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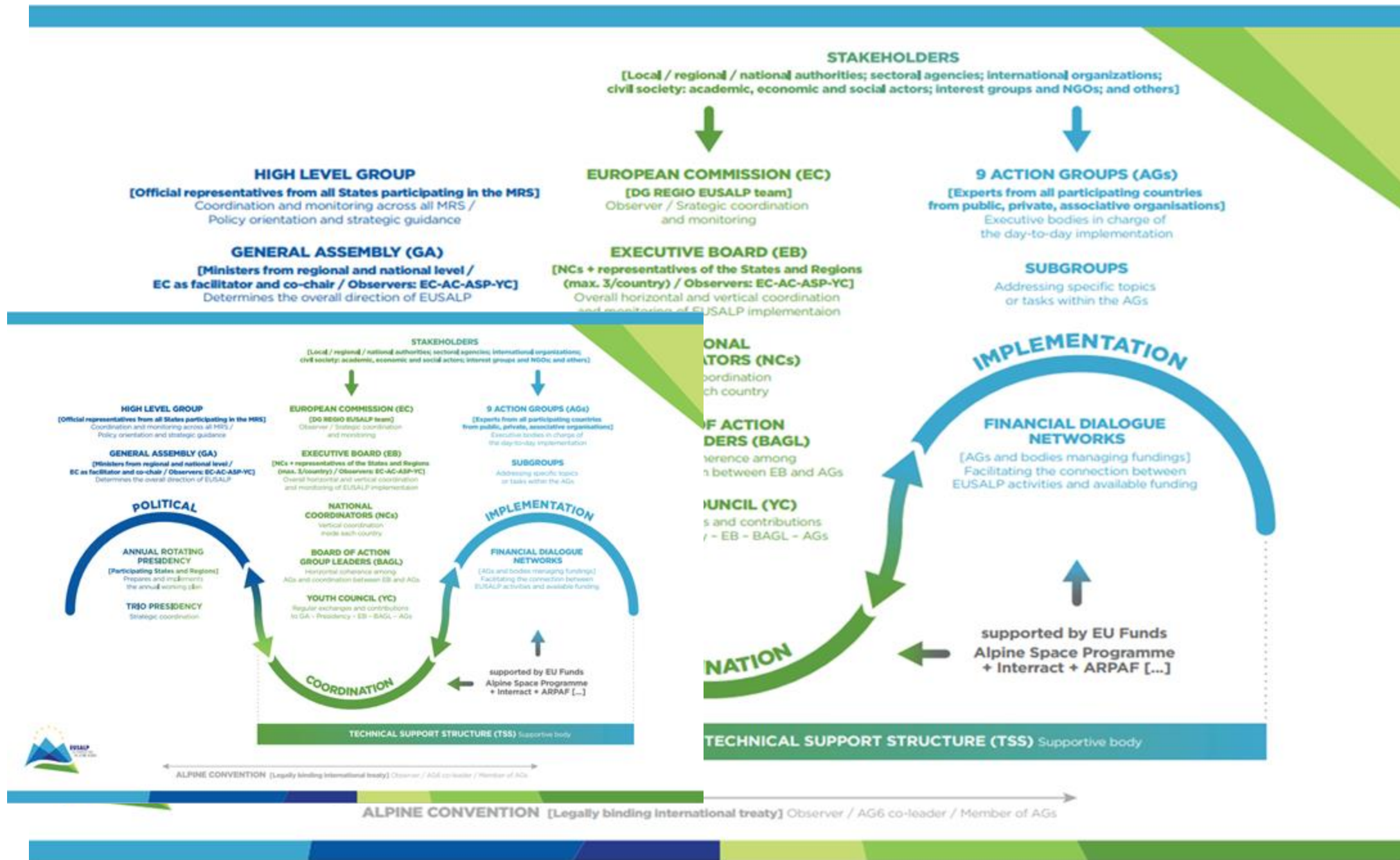
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What is EUSALP ?

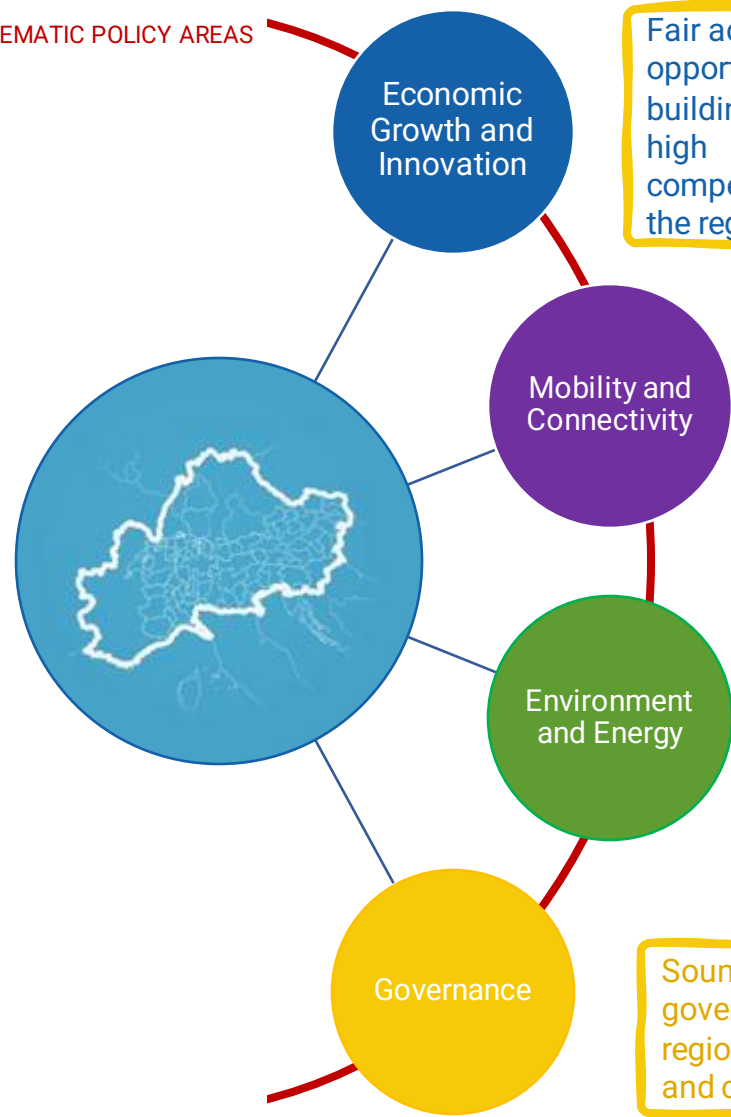




EUSALP Thematic Objectives



THEMATIC POLICY AREAS



Fair access to job opportunities, building on the high competitiveness of the region

- AG1** – Research and Innovation
- AG2** – Economic Development
- AG3** – Labour Market, Education and Training

Sustainable internal and external accessibility

- AG4** – Mobility
- AG5** – Connectivity and Accessibility

Inclusive environmental framework and renewable and reliable energy solutions

- AG6** – Resources
- AG7** – Green Infrastructure
- AG8** – Risk Governance
- AG9** – Energy

Sound macro-regional governance model for the region (to improve cooperation and coordination)



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ACTION GROUP 6

**TO PRESERVE AND VALORISE NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING WATER
AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

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AG6 Work Plan 2023-2025

Main task: to elaborate and implement the AG6 Work Plan 2023-2025

☒ **AG6 Work Plan was approved by the EUSALP Executive Board** in June 2023

Action Group 6 (AG6):

- focuses on most important challenges and opportunities concerning natural and cultural resources including water
- aims to provide sustainable and balanced models of resource management and production
- addresses sustainable development and preservation of rich natural and cultural heritage of the EUSALP Region

AG6 priority topics for 2023 – 2025:

Action Group 6 aims to realize its objectives through a series of activities in the following four main thematic clusters:

- **water**
- **forestry and agriculture**
- **soil and biodiversity**
- **cultural heritage**

AG6 Key Issues and Activities:

Forestry and Agriculture

- Coordination of and contribution to the activities of the **TF-MFSUT (Multifunctional Forests and Sustainable Use of Timber)** as the flagship initiative of AG6: focus on climate change impacts on forest and its different value chains (coordinated by Fondazione Edmund Mach and EURAC Research, Italy)
- Contribution to the **Forest EcoValue** ASP classic project and establish links to forest networks (coordinated by INRAE, France)
- Gathering and exchanging good practices on the recovery and innovation of **traditional agricultural techniques** and the dynamic management of Alpine biodiversity (including propagation of regional wildflowers, shrubs, and trees) (coordinated by Rete Semi Rurali, Italy)
- Exchange on **transhumance and pastoralism** in the EUSALP Region (coordinated by CIPRA France and AG6 Lead)

AG6 Work Plan 2023-2025

AG6 Key Issues and Activities:

Soil and Biodiversity

- **Exchange Plattform on soil**
- **Land recycling and unsealing** in the Alpine region: unsealing of sealed surfaces by using sealed/built/developed areas, awareness-raising event with political debates on land use/protection with involvement of citizens (coordinated by AG6 Lead and supported by Lower Austria, Austria and Plattform Land, Italy)
- Contribution to the **Life project "IP GESTIRE 2020"** to share its results in the framework of EU's biodiversity strategy for 2030 (coordinated by ERSAF, Italy)

AG6 Key Issues and Activities:

Water

- Establishment of a **EUSALP Task-Force Water Transition** dealing with a smart and sound management of water resources in times of the ongoing climate crisis (one of the four cross-cutting priorities of EUSALP)
- **Water security in EUSALP** in a changing environment – water scarcity: Development of a policy brief on Alpine permafrost dependant water resources and of guidelines on the qualitative monitoring of these water resources (coordinated by Edmund Mach Foundation, Italy)
- **Sharing of river contract processes** as an instrument to implement the European Water Framework Directive and the relevant political-legal framework of the non-EU Member States of the Alpine Region; (coordinated by ERSAP, Italy)



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ACTION GROUP 7

TO DEVELOP ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY IN THE WHOLE EUSALP TERRITORY

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AG7 Work Plan 2023 - 2025

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Action Group 7 (AG7):

focuses on developing ecological connectivity and thus to strengthen, improve and restore biodiversity, and ecosystem services to increase the degree of connection between natural and semi-natural landscapes in the EUSALP region

AG7 priority topics for 2023 – 2025:

Action Group 7 aims to realize its objectives through activities in the following main thematic topics:

- **Peatlands**
- **Rivers**
- **Multifunctional Forests**
- **GI Goes Business Award**
- **Nature Based Solutions**

EUSALP Cross-cutting Priority approved by the EB

EUSALP Task Force: Promoting a Joint Water Management Transition

Involved AGs: AG1, AG2, AG5, **AG6**, AG7, AG8



- RESEARCH (AG1): water in winter tourism
- CIRCULARITY: (AG2): supporting water management projects funded by the European programmes 21-27
- WATER QUALITY (AG6): sharing river contact processes, water scarcity and Alpine water management, traditional agricultural techniques
- DIGITALISATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT (AG5): ideas and good practices
- BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE (AG7): interconnection of green and blue infrastructures, investigating and understanding the capacity of GI, management of river corridors and link with nature restoration law and peatlands
- WATER SCARCITY and WATER MANAGEMENT (AG 8): weather extremes, including water scarcity, droughts, and heavy precipitation events to improve the management of these extreme events, natural hazard and risk management, nature-based solutions and development of policy recommendations

Goal: smart and sound management of water resources in the EUSALP Region, exchange of knowledge and experience to tackle conflicts, support joint interests and capitalize results on the political level

