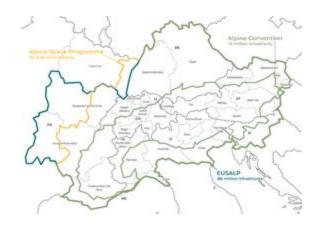
Alpine Convention - ASP - EUSALP



Alpine Convention: International Treaty Signed 1991 alpconv.org





Alpine Space Programme:
Interreg transnational
programme (ERDF)
Launched 2000
alpine-space.eu





EUSALP –
EU Strategy for the Alpine Region:
Macroregional strategy
Established 2015 alpine-region.eu



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EUSALP

88 million inhabitants

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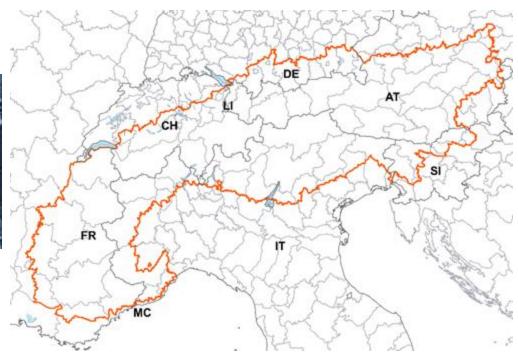
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Leading the way for sustainable life in the Alps



The Alpine Convention was signed in 1991



Signatories: Austria France Germany Italy Liechtenstein Monaco Slovenia Switzerland EU







- 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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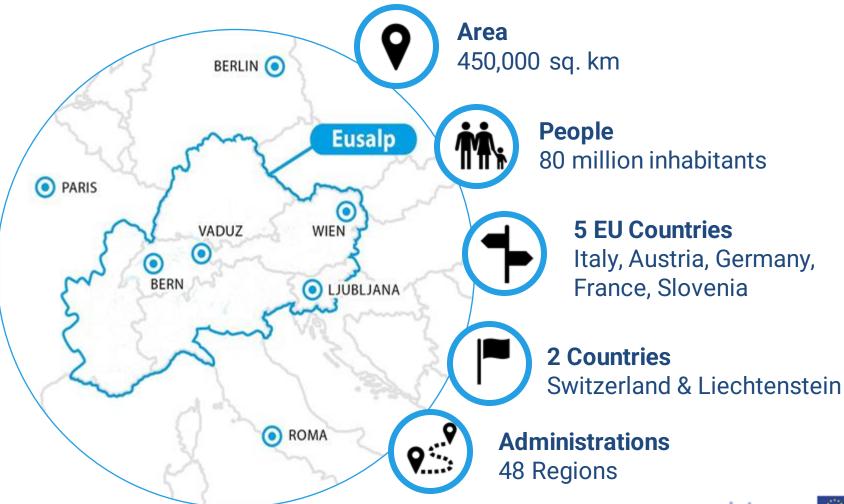




EUSALP



What is **EUSALP**?







STAKEHOLDERS

[Local / regional / national authorities; sectoral agencies; international organizations; civil society; academic, economic and social actors; interest groups and NGOs; and others]



HIGH LEVEL GROUP

[Official representatives from all States participating in the MRS]

Coordination and monitoring across all MRS / Policy orientation and strategic guidance

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

[Ministers from regional and national level / EC as facilitator and co-chair / Observers: EC-AC-ASP-YC]

Determines the overall direction of EUSALP

EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC)

[DG REGIO EUSALP team]

Observer / Srategic coordination and monitoring

EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB)

[NCs + representatives of the States and Regions (max. 3/country) / Observers: EC-AC-ASP-YC]

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- EB - BAGL - AGS

9 ACTION GROUPS (AGs)

[Experts from all participating countries from public, private, associative organisations]

> Executive bodies in charge of the day-to-day implementation

SUBGROUPS

Addressing specific topics or tasks within the AGs

IMPLEMENTATION

FINANCIAL DIALOGUE NETWORKS

[AGs and bodies managing fundings] Facilitating the connection between EUSALP activities and available funding

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT STRUCTURE (TSS) Supportive body

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YOUTH COUNCIL (YC)

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NATIONAL COORDINATORS (NCs)

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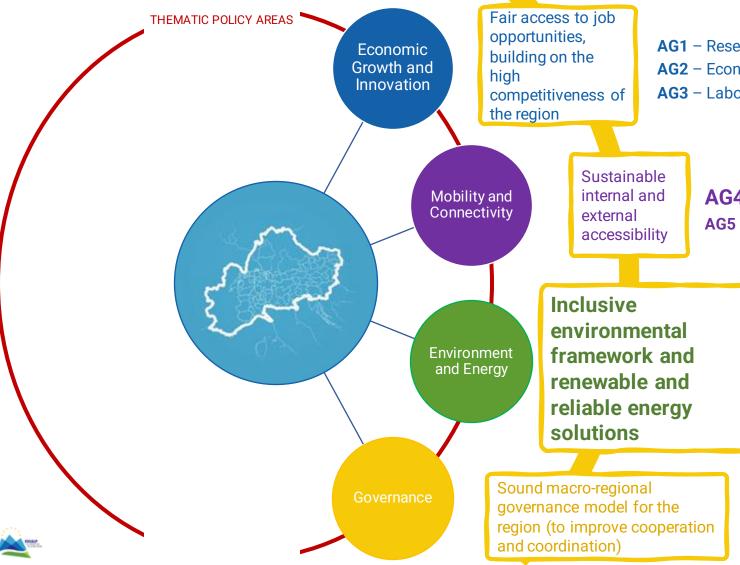
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EUSALP Thematic Objectives





AG1 – Research and Innovation AG2 – Economic Development

AG3 – Labour Market, Education and Training

AG4 – Mobility

AG5 - Connectivity and Accessibility

AG6 - Resources

AG7 - Green Infrastructure

AG8 – Risk Governance

AG9 – Energy







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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





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AG6 Work Plan 2023 - 2025

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 Work Plan 2023-2025

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 ERSAF, Italy)







EUSALP EU STRATEGY FOR THE ALPINE REGION

ACTION GROUP 7

TO DEVELOP ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY IN THE WHOLE EUSALP TERRITORY

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AG7 Work Plan 2023 - 2025

Main task: to elaborate and implement the AG7 Work Plan 2023 - 2025

Mac AG7 Work Plan was approved by the EUSALP Executive Board in June 2023

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
- Gl 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 programms 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







