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Project

In the framework of the Alpine Space Programme (ASP) 2007-2013, a consistent number of projects directed their attention on the optimization of water resources use and the promotion of renewable energy production.

In this context, **hydropower is the most important renewable energy source** in alpine areas, but it also creates **serious environmental impacts**.



The **RES-e Directive** requires the enhancement of renewable energy but, at the same time, **the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD)** obliges member states to reach the “good ecological status” of water bodies.

This often leads to **conflicting issues**, e.g. between hydropower generation and preservation & restoration of (aquatic) ecosystems.

In fact, several projects addressed these important topics and significant outcomes have been achieved, but often it was not possible to create a direct link with key beneficiaries.

Therefore, the project **Alpine space In Movement (AIM)** aims at becoming a “**megaphone**” of the Alpine Space Programme (ASP) projects active in the field of renewable energy production, water resources management, & preservation of (aquatic) ecosystems.

In this context, strong emphasis is given to **dissemination actions** e.g. seminars involving key stakeholders, web communication, publications, etc. to address the relevant actors at EU, national and regional policy level.

Objectives

AIM will **capitalise the achievements of several ASP projects (2007-2013)** dedicated to renewable energy production, water resources management and the preservation of (aquatic) ecosystems (**SHARE, Alp-Water-Scarce, SedAlp, SEAPAIs, ECONNECT, recharge.green**).

The AIM project is based on the following three main objectives:

- **Tracking the accomplished results of the Alpine Space Programme projects (2007-2013)**, in the thematic fields of renewable energy production, water resources management and preservation & restoration of (aquatic) ecosystems and identify the transnational needs of the entire Alpine Space Region.

- **Valorising and capitalising the main ASP project’s achievements** in terms of policy & management development into effective dissemination and target the relevant policy level/actors to impact on national/regional policies.

- **Setting the scene for the 2014+ project generation**, by (1) crossing the achieved results with beneficiaries needs, (2) mapping the European/regional/transboundary/national programs with possible synergies and (3) by identifying key relevant policy actors and institutional competences to be addressed.



Partnership

The AIM partnership represents a well-balanced combination of institutions with recognized know-how and experience on renewable energy production, water resource management and preservation & restoration of (aquatic) ecosystems.



The consortium is composed by selected key institutions, in particular:

RSE - Research on Energy Systems

IzVRS - Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia

BOKU - Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management, University of Vienna

AEM - European Association of elected representatives from mountain regions

Furthermore, a permanent “**stakeholder panel**” integrated by representatives of **target groups** from the Alpine Space countries, plus twenty-four **Observer Partners** will be nominated at the beginning of the project and be involved in key decisions and meetings, to guarantee a concrete regional scale participation.