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Strategy Development for the Alpine Space

Stakeholder Conference Turning Strategies into a Programme – Alpine Space 2014 - 2020

Milan, Italy, 21 February 2013

Seen from a wider European perspective, the Alpine Space is a group of prosperous regions with a number of thriving metropolitan areas, a world-class tourism industry and a high general level of socio-economic development. At a closer look, increasing pressure on small and isolated alpine settlements, a number of ecological challenges, demographic and economic polarisation come to light. The future of this region will depend on coordinated action to exploit the opportunities and tackle the challenges.

Which topics call for transnational co-operation? Does the Alpine Space need a European strategy? How can the Alpine Space Programme contribute to the development of the region?

An expert report, coupled with a series of Alpine-wide stakeholder workshops and consultations, has sought to identify the most relevant priorities as well as to define the role of the Alpine Space Programme in shaping the future of the Alpine Space. Now it is time to reflect upon this inclusive process, draw conclusions and assess options for action.

The Alpine Space Programme invites its stakeholders to

- + learn about results of the stakeholder dialogue which has taken place in the last months
- + match experts findings with practitioner's reality and needs
- + define the fields in which transnational cooperation is needed
- + discuss the role that the Alpine Space Programme 2014-2020 actors could take in Alpine governance.

PROGRAMME

Conference Facilitation: Victoria Jane Primhak

9.30 Registration & Coffee

10.00 **Welcome & Introduction**

- Councillor of Spatial and Urban Planning - Lombardy Region
- Christian Salletmaier, Managing Authority of the Alpine Space Programme

10.15 **A long term vision for the Alpine Space**

- Erik Gloersen, University of Geneva, Switzerland

10.45 **Challenges of multilevel governance in the Alpine Space**

Panel discussion

- Rossella Rusca, Ministry for Economic Development, Italy
- Katharina Erdmenger, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, Germany
- Armin Schabus, Department for EU-Programme Co-ordination, Government Office of Carinthia, Austria
- Marc Nitschke, Mayor of Übersee, President of Alliance in the Alps, Germany
- José Antonio Ruiz de Casas, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

11.30 **Transnational cooperation at work: successful actions for the Alpine Space**

Successful policy delivery through the Alpine Space Programme 2007 – 2013: selected projects present contributions to policy making from strategic development to explorative and piloting actions, to implementation.

- Rainer Kistler, Head of Environmental Protection Agency, Canton of Zug, Switzerland, representing *iMonitraf* – Monitoring of road traffic related effects in the Alpine Space

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- Markus Berchtold, heimatlen, Managing Director, Nena - Network Enterprise Alps, Austria, representing *Enerbuild* – Energy Efficiency and renewable Energies in the building sector
- Marianne Badura, blue! advancing european projects, Germany, representing *Econnect* – Improving ecological connectivity in the Alps
- Thomas Egger, Director of SAB, Switzerland, representing *Access* - Improving accessibility of services of general interest

Debate

12.30 Lunch

13.30 **A tailor-made programme for the Alpine Space: shared objectives and expected results**
Collecting views and expectations regarding potentials for transnational co-operation 2014+ along core themes: an interactive debate with a sequence of three panels responding to the audience.

Introduction

- Christian Salletmaier, Managing Authority of the Alpine Space Programme

1 - Innovation, economic development and social inclusion

- Frank Bau, HTW University of Applied Sciences, Chur, Switzerland
- Valérie Ayache, MEDIC@LPS, France
- Walter Haas, Government Office of the Region Salzburg, Department for Regional Development, Austria

2 - Environment, resource management and efficiency

- Guido Plassmann, Task Force Protected Areas, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention, France
- Riccardo Rigon, University of Trento, Italian Presidency of the Water Management Platform of the Alpine Convention
- Till Harum, Joanneum Research, Institute for Water, Energy and Sustainability, Austria

3 - Accessibility, services of general interest and territorial integration

- Stefan Marzelli, ifuplan, Institute for Environmental Planning and Spatial Development, Germany
- Cassiano Luminati, President of Regione Valposchiavo, Switzerland
- Naja Marot, Urban Planning Institute of Republic of Slovenia
- Lanfranco Senn, University Bocconi, Italy

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 **Joining forces: The Alpine Space Programme 2014 – 2020**

Interactive Panel Debate

- Paolo Angelini, Head of Delegation in the Alpine Convention, Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea – Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention
- Markus Theuersbacher, Bavarian State Chancellery representing Alpine Regions
- Nadja Kobe, Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Slovenia - Slovene Presidency of the Alpine Space Programme

16.30 **End of Conference**

Organiser

Alpine Space Programme 2007-2013 in cooperation with host

Host

Lombardy Region

Venue

Palazzo Lombardia - AUDITORIUM GIOVANNI TESTORI
Piazza Città di Lombardia n. 1 Milan - Italy
Award-winning Headquarters of Lombardy Regional Government with green design & operating practices.

Conference Language

English will be the conference working language. Simultaneous translation into French, German, Italian, Slovene will be offered.

Greening

All efforts will be undertaken to organise the conference in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner. Participants are encouraged to offset the carbon emissions from travelling.

Strategy-development for the Alps – An inclusive process

From May 2011 to June 2013, the EU Programme “Alpine Space” runs an inclusive process for the development of medium to long-term strategies for the Alpine region. Interim results of this process in the form of an [Expert Report](#) and [Key Statements](#) have been intensely discussed with key actors from participating countries in a series of stakeholder workshops across the Alps, accompanied by an online consultation. For further information see www.alpine-space.eu