

# Alpine Space Programme MidTerm Conference

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At the mid-way point of the programming period 2007-2013, partners from the seven countries cooperating under the EU transnational programme for the Alps come together at a major event to take stock of where the Alpine Space Programme stands today on its course for sustainable regional development:

- + **Inspiring:** Programme representatives, project actors and potential new partners as well as policy and decision makers are invited to learn from initial project outcomes, spread good practice and attract further stakeholders and users.
- + **Analysing:** With about 25 % of programme funds available for the last call for project proposals, how can we best capitalise on current projects and build synergies with complementary activities, including those beyond the Alpine region, and how can regional imbalances in the programme area be reduced?
- + **Looking ahead:** In view of ongoing discussion of a Macro Regional Strategy for the Alps, and with the EU's strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the conference will provide input to the ongoing debate on the future Cohesion Policy and discuss the perspectives for the Alpine Space Programme.

### Thursday - 16 June 2011

- 9.30 Registration & Coffee
- 10.00 **Welcome & Introduction**  
*By the Prefecture of the region Rhône-Alpes, the Rhône-Alpes Regional Council and the Alpine Space Programme*
- 10.30 **Future Cohesion Policy and Transnational Cooperation in the Alpine Space**  
*Insight from the European Commission.*
- European Territorial Policies versus Social and Economic Trends in the Alps**  
*Keynote speech putting social and economic trends in the Alps in perspective with European Territorial policies*
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.45 **Transnational Cooperation in the Alps – Status, Achievements and Challenges**  
*What has been the impact of the transnational programme in the Alps after ten years? National and regional stakeholders reflect on added value, perspectives and opportunities*  
*Question round with the audience*
- 12.45 Lunch and opening of the project fair
- 14.30 **Project Highlights**  
*Kaleidoscope of achievements presented by the beneficiaries*
- 15.30 **Alpine Space 2014+: Framework for the next programming period & macro regional strategy for the Alps**  
*Political panel on future perspectives for the Alpine Space Programme, reflecting on the macro region debate and EU2020 strategy*  
*Question round with the audience*
- 17.00 Coffee & Project Fair
- 19.00 *Welcome cocktail and guided visit of the exhibition "Tableaux" followed by a dinner reception offered by the Rhône-Alpes Regional Council and the Prefecture of the region Rhône-Alpes.*  
*"Le Magasin", National Centre of Contemporary Art*

## Friday - 17 June 2011

- 9.00 **Registration & Coffee**
- 9.30 **Perspectives for European Territorial Cohesion**  
*Making the case for transnational cooperation*

### 10.15 **Driving cooperation for the Alps - Workshops**

<b>WS1 Themes &amp; Priorities for next generation projects</b> (interpretation)	<b>WS2 Management for supportive delivery conditions</b>	<b>WS3 Governance towards a macro regional strategy</b>
<p><i>Considering the conclusions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Report and the EU 2020 strategy, what could be the main challenges after 2013 for the Alpine Space? Are the current thematic priorities appropriate for the future? How to build on recommendations of the programmes' thematic events? How to capitalise on already achieved project results to shape policies?</i></p> <p><i>Participants translate challenges into parameters for action – both for projects under this programme (Call 4) and the next programming period.</i></p>	<p><i>Looking the running programme, EU regulations, provisions for management, financial control and communication, how can delivery of the programme and its projects be enhanced?</i></p> <p><i>A constructive exchange between programme bodies and beneficiaries.</i></p>	<p><i>Reflecting on the previous day's panel debate, what is the added value of a macro regional strategy? Which potential impacts need to be considered and what would be the implications for governance?</i></p> <p><i>Roundtable debate.</i></p>

- 12.00 **Workshops Wrap Up**
- Closing**  
*Farewell by the Hosts & Organisers*

12.30 Farewell Lunch

### 13.30 – **Local Impact of a Transnational Programme**

- 16.00 Project Visits on site
- *Ecological connectivity: project partners will present the Alpine Space project ECONNECT and the local implementation site of the “couloirs de vie” project*
  - *Forest management to cope with natural hazards: project partners will present the Alpine Space project MANFRED and local implementation site of the “Forêts de protection” project*

### Organiser

Alpine Space Programme 2007-2013

### Participants

300 -350 partners from seven Alpine countries with a special focus on regions participating in the Alpine Space Programme

### Venue

World Trade Centre Grenoble

### Conference Language

English with interpretation into French, Italian, German and Slovene for plenary sessions and Workshop 1.

### Greening

All efforts will be undertaken to organise the Conference in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner.

Participants are encouraged to consider the environment when making their travel arrangements and to offset the carbon emissions from travelling.

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The **Alpine Space Programme** is the EU transnational co-operation programme for the Alps. Partners from the seven Alpine countries work together to promote regional development in a sustainable way. During the period 2007-2013, the programme invests 130 Mio EUR in impact-oriented projects. These focus on competitiveness and attractiveness, accessibility and connectivity, environment and risk prevention.

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