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# FOREST SUMMIT PROTECTION.FOREST. CLIMATE

**IN HARDLY ANY OTHER AREA** the consequences of climate change and social transitions are more evident than they are in the mountain areas. Therefore it is important to protect the Alpine living environment and economic area in the best possible way against natural hazards in order to ensure sustainable development.

The working group 8 of the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP), co-chaired by Austria and Bavaria, is dealing with risk of natural hazards and adaptation to climate change. Within the framework of this event stakeholders of the Alpine area and political representatives will discuss new ways of dealing with natural hazards as well as necessary adaptation strategies.

The results will contribute to the development of a political agenda for a Regional Risk Governance as well as to the implementation of the Austrian Forest Strategy 2020+.

## DATE

Monday 18 September 2017, 9.30 to 16.30

## LOCACTION

Landhaus/Office of the Provincial Government of the Tyrol  
Eduard-Wallnöfer Platz 3 | 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

## REGISTRATION

until 4 September 2017 at <http://bit.ly/waldgipfel-tirol>

# PROGRAMME

Moderator: Christa Kummer-Hofbauer

- 09.30 Registration
- 10.00 **Welcome**  
Josef Geisler, Deputy Governor (Tyrol)  
Gerhard Mannsberger, Director General Forestry (AT)  
Rolf Manser, Head of Forest Division (CH)
- Stakeholder Dialogue – World Café**
- Climate and natural disasters
  - Alps and protection forests
  - Urbanisation in Alpine areas - exposed population groups in rural areas
  - Fun park Alps – conflicting priorities of tourism and nature conservation
- 12.15 Lunch break
- 13.30 **Alpine areas in transition**  
Michael Mitter, Chairman Protection Forest Association (AT)  
Florian Rudolf-Miklau, Chairman EUSALP AG8 (AT)
- Coffee break
- 15.15 **Keynote speech**  
Markus Reiterer, Secretary-General of the Alpine Convention
- Panel discussion**  
Andrä Rupprechter, Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (AT)  
Dominique Gantenbein, Minister of Home Affairs, Education and Environment (LIE)  
Josef Geisler, Deputy Governor (Tyrol)  
Richard Theiner, Deputy Governor (South Tyrol)  
Ulrike Scharf, State Minister of the Environment and Consumer Protection (Bavaria)
- Summary**  
Gebhard Walter, Austrian Service for Torrent and Avalanche Control (AT)
- 16.30 Light refreshments