

## European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)

### Annual Forum

#### CONCEPT NOTE

10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - SESSION 16:35-18:05

**The sustainable and resilient Alpine region is preparing in EUSALP action groups**

#### Session organisers

Lombardy Region in connection with the action groups and the coordinators of the strategic policy areas of AlpGov 2.

#### Title, topic, perimeter and target groups of the session

#### **The sustainable and resilient Alpine region is preparing in EUSALP action groups**

Better cooperation between Alpine regions and States is needed to tackle emerging challenges, such as climate change and the economic-related issues stemming from Covid-19 pandemic.

As a result, this session will focus on:

- Strategies and priorities of the nine action groups
- Climate change and health crisis in the Alpine Space
- EUSALP projects
- Mainstreaming and AlpGov 2

#### Origin and history of this session

EUSALP represents an opportunity to improve cross-border cooperation in the Alpine States as well as identifying common goals and implementing them more effectively through transnational collaboration.

As a result, AlpGov 2 project serves as the main tool to make the EUSALP effective, enhancing its governance structures and mechanisms in order to push the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region towards the embedding of mainstream policies for regional development and cohesion.

#### Timeline and agenda

16:35	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> <i>Christiane Barret, General Delegate of the French Presidency of EUSALP</i>
16:40	<b>EUSALP feeding European policies: priorities and perspectives</b> , <i>Giacomo Luciani and David Matzek, European Commission – DG Regional and Urban Policy</i>  How can the projects carried out with the action groups feed the policies at European level for a sustainable and resilient Alpine region?

16:45	<p><b>Work in progress: the EUSALP Action Groups present 2020 main achievements and 2021 planned activities</b></p> <p>The leaders or co-leaders of each Action Group present the main achievements and the program of action of the AGs in the context of the health crisis and its economic impacts, as well as the climate change and its sometimes-dramatic consequences which are more than ever present in the Alps.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Maria Grazia Pedrana</i>, Lombardy Region</p> <p><u>Speakers from the Action Groups:</u></p> <p><i>Anna Giorgi</i>, University of Milan, Leader AG1 – Research and Innovation  <i>Sylvain Guetaz</i>, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, Co-leader AG2 – Economic Development  <i>Mauro Casotto</i>, Trentino Sviluppo, Delegate of the Leader AG3 – Labour Market, Education and Training  <i>Patrick Skonieczki</i>, EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino, Co-Leader AG4 – Mobility  <i>Carlo Vigna</i>, Valle d’Aosta Autonomous Region Co-leader AG5 – Connectivity and Accessibility  <i>Helmut Serro</i>, Office of the Regional Government of Carinthia, Co-leader AG6 – Natural and Cultural Resources  <i>Michaela Künzl</i>, Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and the Consumer Protection, Co-Leader AG7 – Green Infrastructure  <i>Kilian Heil</i>, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism, Co-leader AG8 – Risk Governance and Climate Change  <i>Benjamin Auer</i>, KlimaHaus Agency, Co-leader AG9 – Energy</p>
17:25	<p><b>Policy dialogues: triple helix approach for a sustainable and resilient Alpine region</b></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Maria Grazia Pedrana</i>, Lombardy Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Innovation as a key for sustainable development</b>  <i>Philip Pfaller</i>, Bavarian Research Alliance (AG1 expert)  <i>Luca Mion</i>, HIT Trentino Hub Innovation (AG2 Member)  <i>Thomas Egger</i>, SAB Swiss Center for Mountain Regions (AG5 Co-Leader)</li> <li>• <b>Tackling climate change in the EUSALP</b>  <i>Tina Trampus</i>, Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation (AG7 Co-Leader)  <i>Wolfgang Lexer</i>, Environment Agency Austria (AG8 Member)  <i>Etienne Vienot</i>, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energy Environment Agency (AG9 Co-Leader)</li> </ul>
18:05	<p><b>Conclusions</b></p>

**Expected results and output for the future:**

This session aims at pointing out how we can better capitalize the results of projects in the Alpine region for the benefit of its territories and populations.